

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

PRELUDE: What is this Lovely Fragrance	arr. Daniel Burton (Allisen Willet, violin)
The Angel Gabriel	arr. Robert J. Powell
All My Heart Again Rejoices	arr. William Beckstrand (Kelly Nivison, flute)
Wexford Carol	arr. Michael Barker

WELCOME & GREETING

* CALL TO WORSHIP/LIGHTING OF ADVENT WREATH Clifford/Winslow Family

One: At every beginning there is a yearning.

All: O Emmanuel, prepare us for your coming.

One: Transform our hearts and comfort us with your peace.

All: O Emmanuel, prepare us for your coming.

One: We welcome your presence now with the lighting of these candles, whose flames bring warmth to winter and fill this place with the glow of hope and peace.

* CHORAL INTROIT: “A Processional for Advent” by Rachel Aarons

* HYMN #105 *"People, Look East"* BESANÇON
Verses 1, 4, 5

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and welcoming God, have mercy on your people. We confess that we do not believe in your incarnation. We do not heed your word each day in all that we say and do. We do not see our neighbors, families, and friends as beloved children whom you have made. In your mercy, forgive us, for we repent of our ways and look to your power to heal us and raise us up, so that, at the last, you will gather us to you and give us peace. Amen.

* SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

* SUNG RESPONSE: *“Tidings of Comfort and Joy”* GOD REST YE

*Prepare your heart, lift up your voice, join in this Advent song;
Walk in the light of God’s own Son to whom we all belong.
A little child shall lead us all, his love will make us strong!
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy, O tidings of comfort and joy!*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:

Congregation: *The Lord be with You.* **Children:** *And also with you.*

Children 4-years-old through Second Grade are invited to stay with their families in worship today rather than going out for Children's Chapel.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Matthew 3: 1-12

This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SERMON: "Bearing Fruit Worthy of Repentance" Rev. Frank Mansell III

OFFERING OF OUR LIVES AND OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" arr. Richard Shepherd
Kelly Nivison, flute and Allison Willet, violin

*DOXOLOGY: "Advent Doxology" by R.G. Huff

Unison

Praise to God, the One who made us. Praise to Christ, the new - born Son.

Praise the Spir - it, ev - er___ with us. Praise the God - head, Three in___ One.

Clear a path! Pre - pare the way! Ad - vent leads to Christ - mas Day!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

* HYMN #504 *"We Come as Guests Invited"* WIE LIEBLICH IST DER MAIEN

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & LORD'S PRAYER

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right and a good and joyful thing always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God . . .

And now with the confidence of the children of God, let us pray the prayer our Savior taught us, saying together:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD & BLESSING OF THE CUP

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE *(Today, all of the bread for communion is gluten-free)*

Music During Communion: "Greensleeves" arr. Dennis Janzer
Kelly Nivison, flute

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

* HYMN #96 "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry" WINCHESTER NEW

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: "Improvisation" Davis-Everhart

* *Please stand as you are able*

"Advent Doxology" by R.G. Huff, tune of IRBY, © WorshipRx.

Welcome to Western Boulevard – We are glad that you are here! We hope you find in this service an encounter with the living, loving God. If you have any questions about what's happening here, please feel free to talk to our pastor or a member who is wearing a nametag. Please take a minute and sign the fellowship pads which are located on the center aisle of each pew.

Worship Notes

Pastor: Rev. Frank Mansell III
Liturgist: Kate Trimble

Organist: Dr. Elizabeth Davis-Everhart
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