

THE ORDER FOR OUR WORSHIP

PRELUDE - 8:00 - "Savior of the Nations Come" tune Non Komm; setting Freudenburg
10:30 - Bell Choir plays "Let all Mortal Flesh Keep Silent" tune Picardy

HYMN 349 - we sing, standing

ADVENT WREATH ~ 2nd SUNDAY

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Dear friends in Christ, on this Second Sunday in Advent, our attention is turned to the great figure of John the Baptizer. John calls us out to the desert, proclaiming a time of repentance and renewal, for the day of the Lord is at hand. As we light the second candle on the Advent wreath, let us prepare ourselves through prayer and penance. Let us open a way for the Lord to come into our lives.

Lord Jesus, Your forerunner John calls us to repent for You are near. **Lord, have mercy.**

Christ Jesus, You bring us forgiveness for our sins and You baptize us with Your Spirit. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, You are the way, the straight path leading to the kingdom. **Lord, have mercy.**

May Almighty God have mercy upon you, forgive your sins, and bring you to everlasting life. **Amen.**

**O come, Thou Wisdom from on high,
Who ord'rest all things mightily;
To us the path of knowledge show,
And teach us in her ways to go.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

Let us pray. Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

(please be seated)

FIRST LESSON (bulletin back page)

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

PSALM 85 - congregation sings insert

SECOND LESSON (bulletin back page)

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

page 156 - **ALLELUIA VERSE** - all standing

GOSPEL (bulletin back page) - all standing

Before, all shout: **Glory to you, O Lord!**

After, all shout: **Praise to you, O Christ!**

HYMN 344 - we sing, seated

SERMON

NICENE CREED - hymnal, back cover

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Response: **Hear our prayer!**

OFFERTORY

During the gathering (8:00) the Bell Choir plays "Let all Mortal Flesh keep Silent" (10:30) "Savior of the Nations Come" tune Non Komm; setting Freudenburg

page 160 - **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT**

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LORD'S PRAYER

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SHARING OF PEACE

page 163 - **AGNUS DEI**

DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

During the Distribution we sing **HYMN 333 & 347** vs 1,3,4

All are invited to commune who have been baptized and instructed in the Faith; who repent of their sins; are committed to Christ and to the mission of his church; and believe with us that we receive and share our Jesus' very Body and Blood in, with, and under the bread and the wine of the Sacrament - which bring us his gift of forgiveness and make us one Christian family.

All who commune, kindly sign your names in our Communicant Register, which is located on the narthex shelf along side our Guest Register.

NEWS AND NOTES

Altar Flowers this morning are from Jeff and Kyong Mann in honor of their 43rd wedding anniversary.

Last Sunday Here

Attending: 141

Offering: \$10,224

page 165 - **POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE** - all standing

page 165 - **POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

page 166 - **BENEDICTION**

HYMN 348

POSTLUDE - "Rondeau" by Beethoven / arr. Simone

This Week Here

Cookie Sale today!

Wed - 1:30 PM - Bible Study
- 7:00 PM - Bell Choir
- 7:45 PM - Parish Choir

Fri - 3:00 PM - Christmas tree harvesting
Sat - 9:00 AM - Christmas tree decorating

Join us at our coffee hour (between services) this morning. Thank you to Karen Bailey for serving!

Please return your pledges and time/talent cards by next Sunday, Dec 17th!

A WORD ABOUT THE LESSONS

You Are Prepared through Repentance for the Coming of the Lord "The gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God" (Mark 1:1) begins when John the Baptist appears and comes "proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins" (Mark 1:4). As the prophet Isaiah had written, John is the messenger of the Lord, sent before His face to prepare His way. To this day, the ministry of the forerunner continues in the preaching of the Law and the Gospel and in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. By these ways and means, "the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together" (Is. 40:5), and the Good Shepherd "will gather the lambs in his arms" (Is. 40:11). He speaks "tenderly to Jerusalem," and He comforts His people by pardoning their iniquity (Is. 40:1-2). What is more, He promises "new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells" (2 Peter 3:13). Repent, therefore, and humble yourself as you wait for His coming in peace (2 Peter 3:14), because He "is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance" (2 Peter 3:9).