

THE ORDER FOR OUR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

“Comfort, Comfort These My People” tune  
Freu Dich Sehr, setting by Pachelbel.

HYMN 343 - 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 Sun-  
day 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 can-  
dle on the Advent wreath, let us prepare our-  
selves 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 ever-  
lasting 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 72:1-7 - Women speak Odd verses  
and Men speak the Even.

SECOND LESSON (bulletin back page)

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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  
all standing

OFFERTORY During the gathering, the  
Parish Choir sings “Prepare the Way Of the  
Lord” by Darian Krumm (10:30).

Prepare the way of the Lord, A voice cries out in  
the wilderness, "Prepare the way of the Lord"  
O come little children, and light the candle of  
Hope, for Jesus is coming, as prophets foretold.  
O come, little children, and light the candle of  
Love. For Jesus is coming from heaven above.

Prepare the way of the Lord ! Make straight in  
the desert a highway A Highway for our God.  
O come, little children, and light the candle of  
Peace, For Jesus is coming, so have faith and  
believe. O come, little children, and light the  
candle of Joy, For Jesus is coming, a dear baby  
Boy.

page 160 - SERVICE OF THE  
SACRAMENT

page 161 - SANCTUS

LORD’S PRAYER

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SHARING OF PEACE

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DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT  
During the Distribution we sing HYMNS  
347 & 342.

All are invited to commune who have been  
baptized and instructed in the Faith; who repent  
of their sins; who are committed to Christ and to  
the mission of his church; and who believe with  
us that we receive and share our Savior’s Body  
and Blood in, with, and under the bread and the  
wine of the Sacrament - which gives us His  
forgiveness and makes 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.

Page 165 - POST-COMMUNION  
CANTICLE - all standing

page 166 - POST-COMMUNION  
COLLECT

page 166 - BENEDICTION

HYMN 346 - we sing, standing

POSTLUDE - “Rejoice Greatly in the Lord”  
by Rex Koury.

NEWS AND NOTES

Altar Flowers this morning are from the Jon  
Rowold family in celebration of Michael’s  
5th Birthday!

Last Sunday Here

Attending: 105      Offering: \$3,647.84

This Week Here

Wed - 1:30 PM - Bible Study  
- 7:00 PM - Bell Choir  
- 7:45 PM - Parish Choir  
Sun - 10:30 AM - Christmas Pageant

All are Welcome to join us at our Advent Ju-  
bilee Luncheon following this morning’s  
10:30 service.

Dec. 19 - 3:00 p.m.. - Christmas Tree Cutting  
Dec. 20 - 9:00 a.m.. - Christmas Tree Decorating  
Dec. 24 - 7:00 p.m. - Christmas Eve Family Service  
- 10:00 p.m. - Christmas Eve Candlelight  
Service  
Dec. 28 - 8:00 a.m.. - Service of Lessons & Carols  
- 10:30 a.m. – Service of Lessons & Carols