

Second Sunday of Advent

Peace

December 8, 2019

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS AND THANKSGIVINGS

PRELUDE

OPENING PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER.....Pastor and Congregation

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH..... Butch and Nancy Jenkins

CHORAL RESPONSE... "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" Congregation

ADVENT LITANY ... *from John 1:1-5 and Galatians 4:4-5*Pastor and Congregation

PASTOR: The time has come...God's church begins the retelling of the story we inhabit.

PEOPLE: It is God's story! It is our story!

PASTOR: The story of **ADVENT** as the Church yearns for the Christ...

PEOPLE: of CHRISTMAS as we receive Him...

PASTOR: of **EPIPHANY** as we follow Christ's light...

PEOPLE: of LENT as we share His struggles...

PASTOR: of **EASTER** as we behold Christ, risen and coming again...

PEOPLE: of PENTECOST as we receive His fire to live His life anew.

PASTOR: And so we begin with **ADVENT**...waiting for the Messiah, the Promised One.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God

PEOPLE: And the Word was God.

PASTOR: He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him,

PEOPLE: and without him not one thing came into being.

PASTOR: What has come into being in him was life,

PEOPLE: and the life was the light of all people.

PASTOR: The light shines in the darkness,

PEOPLE: and the darkness did not overcome it.

PASTOR: But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son to redeem us that we might become his sons and daughters.

ALL: See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God!

HYMN ... "O Come, All Ye Faithful" ... *vs. 1, 3 and 4* 103

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE..... Rebecca Blake

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord God, as we begin to prepare our hearts to receive the One whom you are sending, forgive us for all the times we have missed seeing you in our midst, for all the times we have doubted your presence, and for all the times we have failed to help others find their way. Forgive us, in the name of Jesus, the One who is coming. Amen.

Hear the Good News, in the name of Jesus, you are forgiven.

In the name of Jesus, you are forgiven.

MORNING PRAYERPastor

OFFERTORY HYMN ... "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" 83

OFFERTORY PRAYER Usher

OFFERTORY

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON...*Isaiah 40:1-11*..... Molly Abbott and Reggie Jackson

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God.

Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her

that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid,

that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins.

**A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD,
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.**

Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low;

the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.

**Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together,
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."**

A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?"

All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field.

**The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it;
surely the people are grass.**

The grass withers, the flower fades;

but the word of our God will stand forever.

Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings;

lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,

lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!"

See, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him;

his reward is with him, and his recompense before him.

**He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms,
and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.**

SPECIAL MUSIC ... "In the Bleak Midwinter"John Beard

SERMON.....Rev. Josh Powers

CLOSING HYMN ... "Child in the Manger"...*vs. 1 and 3*..... 112

BENEDICTION Pastor

SHARING LOVE AND PEACE

POSTLUDE

CALENDAR

TODAY

4:00 PM..... Planning meeting for Live Nativity
5:00 PM..... Nominating Committee Meeting
6:00 PM..... Choir Practice

WEDNESDAY

11:30 AM..... Leave for lunch and movie in Asheboro
Lunch at K &W Cafeteria ... Movie – *A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood*
6:00 PM..... **PIZZA SUPPER**
6:30 PM.....CHRISTMAS CAROLING

THURSDAY

11:00 AM.....Community Meal

FRIDAY

5:00 – 7:00 PM..... LIVE NATIVITY

NEXT SUNDAY

5:00 PM..... NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEETING
6:00 PM.....Choir Practice

USHERS

TODAY.....Dwight Saunders’ Team
NEXT SUNDAY Nancy Ruppert’s Team

CHILDREN’S CHURCH

TODAY.....Chris and Barbie Blake and Jessica Burris
NEXT SUNDAY Sharon Blake, Jean Maness, Barbara Buckland

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Dec. 17: Community Christmas Concert at 7 PM
Dec. 18: Bob Timberlake Museum and lunch in Lexington
Dec. 22: Church Christmas Concert & Party at 6 PM
Dec. 24: Christmas Eve Service at 5:30 PM

FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekly budget needs ... \$2,398.00 Monthly budget needs\$10,393.00
Last week’s offering\$3,816.00 November offering\$8,810.00
Deficit to date...\$8,674