



Order of Worship

December 9, 2018
Second Sunday of Advent (Purple)

Prayer Focus: That all may see the salvation of God

GATHERING The people come together in the Lord's Name.

PARISH CONCERNS

(The service of worship begins. The prelude is offered on behalf of the entire congregation. Quiet meditation and private prayers are encouraged.)

OPENING VOLUNTARY Michael Burkhardt
Chorale Prelude "Savior of the Nations, Come"

*CHIMING OF THE HOUR

(*The asterisk signifies that all who are able to are invited to stand.)

*GREETING

Leader: Blessed be the God of Israel

People: Who has redeemed us.

Leader: God has raised up a mighty savior for us

People: And remembered the holy covenant.

*HYMN IN PROCESSION 567 NATIONAL HYMN

Heralds of Christ

*ADVENT WREATH LITANY (from Jeremiah 33:14-16)

After a reflection is offered, the liturgist will lead:

Liturgist: See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, says the Lord of hosts.

People: The light of hope has awakened our spirits.

Liturgist: A voice cries out in the wilderness, "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."

People: Renew in us your covenant, O God, that we may be ready for the dawn of your salvation.

The first Advent candle is lit.

Liturgist: We light a second candle to bring light to every darkness, and to guide us in the way of peace.

All: With gratitude for your light, O God, we will prepare to welcome a new birth of your love.

*RESPONSE (sung by all) WINCHESTER OLD

Re - deem - ing grace re - veals God's care and mag - ni - fies the
Lord, in - vit - ing peo - ple to pre - pare to wel - come Christ the Lord.

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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 881 The Apostles' Creed

*GLORIA PATRI 70 MEINEKE
RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS 38 (9:00) Todd and Rebecca Campbell
Derrick, Henry, Anna, Ashby

PROCLAMATION God's word is shared.

EPISTLE LESSON Philippians 1:3-11

Leader: The Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM (9:00) Carol McClure

Prepare the Way, O Zion

Prepare the way, O Zion, your Christ is drawing near. Let every hill and valley a level way appear. Greet him who comes in glory, whom prophets did proclaim. O blest is Christ who comes to us in God's most holy name. He brings God's rule, O Zion, he comes from heaven above. His rule is peace and freedom, and justice, truth, and love. Lift high your praise resounding, his grace and joy proclaim. O blest is Christ who comes to us in God's most holy name. Fling wide your gates, O Zion, your Savior's rule embrace. His tidings of salvation proclaim to every place. All lands will bow before him, their voices will proclaim: O blest is Christ who comes to us in God's most holy name.

ANTHEM (11:15) David Ashley White

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free; from our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee. Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the world thou art; dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart. Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a king, born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring. By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone; by thine all-sufficient merit raise us to thy glorious throne.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON..... Malachi 3:1-4

Leader: The Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

*ACT OF PRAISE 208 Luke 1:68-79

Canticle of Zechariah

CHILDREN'S TIME

(Children are invited to the chancel. An offering will be received from the children during children's time. After Children's Time is finished, children ages 2nd grade and older will return to their seats and children ages 3K to 1st grade will go with a leader and may be picked up in room #145 or #147 after the service.)

*HYMN 202..... BESANÇON

People, Look East

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 3:1-6

Leader: The Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON Rev. Will Malambri

Leave the Dirt Alone

RESPONDING IN FAITH We respond to God's word in worship.

PRAYER IN RESPONSE

OFFERTORY SOLO..... George Frideric Handel
Comfort Ye/Every Valley (from "Messiah")

Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God. Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned. The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness; prepare ye the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Ev'ry valley shall be exalted, and ev'ry mountain and hill made low; the crooked straight and the rough places plain.

*DOXOLOGY 95 OLD 100TH

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SENDING FORTH We respond to God's grace with our lives.

*BENEDICTION

*HYMN IN PROCESSION 203 ELLACOMBE
Hail to the Lord's Anointed

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY J. S. Bach
Chorale Prelude "Savio of the Nations, Come" BWV 599

Assisting In Worship

Liturgist	..... Rev. Tom Pietila. Rev. J. Derrick Cattenhead
Organist/Choir Director	..... Dr. Donald J. Grice
Preacher	..... Rev. Will Malambri
Children's Time	..... Rev. Tom Pietila
Choir Accompanist	..... Beverly S. Hazelwood
Flutist (9:00)	..... Betsy Johnson
Soloist	..... Christopher Moore
Advent Wreath Liturgists (9:00)	..... Pete and Marti Hoogendonk
Advent Wreath Liturgists (11:15)	..... High School Seniors
Lay Readers	..... Nicole Hupfer, Leon Wagnon
Acolytes	..... John Roland Dawkins, Simmons Hanna
Banner Bearers	..... Ashley Dawkins, Alexander Knight
Crucifers	..... Ella Dawkins, Mary Hodges Knight
Youth Choir (9:00)	..... Chancel Choir (11:15)

Music Note

Copies of the anthem sung at 11:15, *Come, Thou Long-Expect Jesus* by David Ashley White, were given by Cynthia White in memory of Howard Starks.