

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent 2017**  
December 10, 2017

## **Welcome & Announcements**

### **Votum & Salutation**

"The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all."

### **Call To Worship: Isaiah 40:1-11**

"Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries: "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. And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken." A voice says, "Cry!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades when the breath of the LORD blows on it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever. Go on up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!" Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms; he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young."

### **Lighting of the Advent Candle**

Acolyte - Brennan McCoy,  
Son of Jared and Dovie Cruz

### **Prayer of Adoration**

## Special Music

### Welcome to Our World

Soloist: Gary Crabtree

### Confession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended to heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.  
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic\* church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

*\*that is, the true Christian church of all times and all places*

## Congregational Singing

### Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Hark the herald angels sing, glory to the newborn king  
Peace on earth and mercy mild, god and sinners reconciled  
Joyful all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies  
With th'angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
Hark the herald angels sing, glory to the newborn king.

Christ by highest heav'n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord!  
Late in time behold him come, offspring of the virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the godhead see; hail th'incarnate deity  
Pleased as man with men to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.  
Hark the herald angels sing, glory to the newborn king.

## **O Come, All Ye Faithful**

O come, all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem.  
Come and behold Him, Born the King of Angels!

### **(Refrain)**

O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
Christ the Lord!

God of God, Light of light, eternal;  
He who abhors not the Virgin's Womb  
Very God, begotten, not created

### **(Refrain)**

Yea, Lord we greet Thee, Born this happy morning:  
Jesus, to Thee be all glory given;  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing

### **(Refrain)**

## **Reading of the Law: The Ten Commandments**

And God spoke all these words, saying, "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

"You shall have no other gods before me.

"You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

"You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

“Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

“Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

“You shall not murder.

“You shall not commit adultery.

“You shall not steal.

“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

“You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's.”

Exodus 20:1-17

## **Prayer of Confession**

### **Assurance of Pardon: 2 Peter 3:8-9**

"But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance."

## **Worship God By Giving**

### **Tithes & Offering**

\*Children 4 and younger are dismissed to nursery

## **Reading of Scripture: Luke 1:26-38 & Various Texts**

## **Pastoral Prayer**

## **Sermon: “Mary: The Virgin Mother of Christ”**

## **Closing Hymn: The Doxology (unaccompanied)**

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

## **Benediction**