

2 Advent Order of Worship

Prelude - Ringing of the bells
Welcome

Call to Worship (Based on Isaiah 11:1-2,5)

P: Isaiah prophesies the coming of one who will renew people's faith. He wrote:
A shoot will come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

C: The spirit of the Lord will rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.

P: Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

Gathering Hymn # 241: O Lord, How shall I meet you

P: Today - the second Sunday in Advent - we hear about Isaiah's vision of a new and transformed world.

C: A world where all creatures live together in harmony and peace.

P: We wait with hope for this vision to become reality.

C: The God of hope fills us with joy and peace in believing.

P: We light the candle of hope. (*The first candle is relit*)

C: We proclaim our belief in God's faithfulness in keeping promises, as we light the candle of peace. (A second candle is lit)

Children's message

Hymn # 240, 1 & 2: Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah

Kyrie p. 165 - 166

Hymn of Praise p. 167 - 168

Prayer of the Day

Lesson from the Old Testament: Isaiah 11: 1 – 10 (The Peaceful Kingdom)

Psalms 72: 1 –7, 18-19

Lesson from the Epistles: Romans 15, 4 – 13 (Please Others, Not Yourself)

Gospel acclamation: p. 171

The Gospel is announced. **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

The Gospel: Matthew 3, 1 - 12: The Proclamation of John the Baptist

After the reading congregation responds: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Hymn # 249: On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

Sermon

Hymn of the Day # 250: Blessed Be the God of Israel

The offering is gathered

Offertory Prayer:

Receive and bless these gifts, O God, as we offer them in the name of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, keep us connected to you, so that the fruit we bear grows out of our faith in you. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen

The Creed p. 105

Announcements

Prayers of Intercession - **Lord's Prayer**

Blessing

P: Go in Peace, share the good news

C: Thanks be to God

Sending Hymn # 543: Go My Children

Sermon: Pastor Markus Wilhelm; Liturgy: Pastor Ingrid Doerschel,

Organ/piano: Cherie Larson ; Lector: Leaf Group; Music Director: Jordan Van Biert;

TIE (Trinity Instrumental Ensemble)