

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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December 5, 2021 Service for the Lord's Day Second Sunday in Advent

Bolded words indicate where you may join in speaking.

*Those who are able are asked to stand.

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PRELUDE

“Emmanuel Shall Come”

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Welcome today at this time of preparation.

P: Although we have been preparing for celebrations, we come seeking to prepare our hearts to receive God's Good News.

L: Get ready! The Lord is bringing us Hope and Peace.

P: How wonderful it is that the Lord is showering us with Peace.

L: Open your hearts and let your spirits be quieted. Be at peace with the Lord.

All: Lord, prepare our lives and bring us peace. AMEN.

*HYMN NO. 106

“Prepare the Way, O Zion”

*OPENING PRAYER

We have prepared our homes, and our gifts, Lord, but we need help in preparing our spirits to receive your message of Peace. Free us from the stresses and strains of this time and place your peace, which passes all our understanding, in our hearts. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE ~ PEACE

RENE FUANTA, CHARLES KONGYUI AND FAVOUR GEMUH

CHILDREN'S SERMON

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Refining God, it is not easy for us to admit we are not a blameless people. We expect You to be who we want You to be and not seek to see who You really are. We find ourselves captive to emotions and lusts which stun us, but doubt you can save us. We prefer the shadowy streets of the world, rather than walking in your Light. Help us to put aside expectations and open us up to Your peace so freely offered to us. Amen

~Moment for Silent Reflection~

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.

World without end, amen. Amen.

HYMN NO. 508

“Come to the Table”

THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT

Job 42:1-9 (Pg. 488)

NEW TESTAMENT

Luke 1:68-79 (Pg. 58)

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 2:1-8 (Pg. 166)

L: Word of God for the people of God

P: Thanks be to God

SERMON

“Great Expectations”

Pastor Nikki

*HYMN NO. 92

“While we Are Waiting, Come”

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

P: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

P: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

L: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise,...joining our voices with all the faithful of every time and place who forever sing to the glory of Your name:

P: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

L: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Indeed blessed are you, O Christ, our Lord...Great is the mystery of faith.

P: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

THE LORDS PRAYER

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BENEDICTION

SENDING

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

“Prepare the Way”

THIS WEEK AT E.S.P.C.

WE WELCOME all who worship with us today. Members, friends and visitors are all invited to share in the ministries and activities of our congregation.

PRAYER REQUESTS: Please use the blue prayer request cards in the pews for your prayer requests. Place them in the offering plate so Pastor can include them in the Pastoral Prayer.

LAY READER for today is Linda Schaller.

GREETER for today is Sandy Rydell.

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS this week are Ann Healy, Gregory Menio Jr., Larry Desko.

THE FLOWERS this week are sponsored by Bill Cramer to the Glory of God.

THE DEACON of the month is Linda Schaller.

Church Staff

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THIS WEEK AT E.S.P.C.

Today ~ Adult Education Class, 9:00 a.m.
~ Worship, 10:00 a.m.
~ Fellowship Hour in the lounge following worship
Tuesday ~ Mission Committee meeting, 1:00
Wednesday ~ Men’s Luncheon, noon, in the lounge

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