

December 6, 2009 SERVICE OF WORSHIP

11:00 am

2nd Sunday of Advent

Liturgical Color: Purple

Preparation for Worship and Announcements

Dr. Mary Lynn Polk, Lay Leader

*Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim, till all the world adore his sacred name.*

Chiming of the Trinity

Prelude

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

Callahan

\*Call to Worship

Richard Pinckney, Webservant

Leader: Listen! Listen for a messenger from God. The way is being prepared for Christ's coming.

People: **We are here to listen for a word from God. We have gathered to prepare for Christ's advent.**

Leader: Come with your joys and sorrows, laughter and tears. There is a place for you in the company of seekers.

People: **We thank God for our acceptance in the church. We rejoice to offer the love of Christ to others.**

Leader: We are partners in the gospel of Jesus Christ. Claim anew today this opportunity and responsibility.

People: **We are glad God is doing great things among us. We want to rejoin ourselves to God's work in the world.**

\*Hymn No. 203

*Hail to the Lord's Anointed*

Ellacombe

Invocation

The Reverend James D. Dennis, Jr.

In obedience and trust, we approach you, God of the covenant. Day by day, your promises are fulfilled among us. Our redemption is drawing near. Help us to prepare ourselves and our communities for Christ's coming. Equip us now to worship you with all the saints, past and present, nearby and far away. Amen.

Lighting of the Advent Candles

The Tolley Family

All: **O God, come, travel with us through Advent.**

**Give us the courage to spread joy in the world. Amen**

Advent Wreath Hymn

*A Candle Is Burning*

see insert

Missions Moment

Karen Dent, W.A.R.M. Project Chairperson

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Emma Pearl Gentry

Anthem

*Before the Marvel of This Night*  
Chancel Choir

Carl Schalk

Pastoral Prayer

The Reverend James D. Dennis, Jr.

Lord's Prayer (In Unison)

Offering

Offertory

*Meditation on "Of the Father's Love Begotten"*

Callahan

\*Doxology No. 238 (refrain only)

*Gloria in excelsis Deo*

Gloria

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

## Children's Message

Alice Balentine

*All children are invited to the front of the Sanctuary for a special message. Following Children's Time, 3-year-olds through Kindergarteners may leave the Sanctuary for Extended Session.*

### \*Hymn No. 206

*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

Houston

### †\*Gospel Lesson

Luke 3:1-6

Page 72 (NT) in pew Bibles

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

### Sermon

"Get Ready"

The Reverend James D. Dennis, Jr.

## The Sacrament of Holy Communion No. 12

INVITATION

CONFESSION AND PARDON

THE PEACE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (Musical setting A, page 17)

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

*(All are welcome to share in communion served by intinction. Please come forward using the center aisle as directed by the ushers. After receiving the elements, you are invited to the altar rail for prayer, commitment, recommitment to Christ, confession and comfort, or you may return to your seat using the side aisles.)*

### \*Hymn No. 220

*Angels from the Realms of Glory*

Regent Square

### \*Benediction

### \*Benediction Response 251 (refrain only)

***Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;***

***Go tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.***

### \*Postlude

†Sermon Text

*\*Please stand if you are able*

*Nursery Provided*