

December 5, 2010 SERVICE OF WORSHIP

11:00 am

Second 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.*

\*Passing of the Peace

Chiming of the Trinity

MaryAshlynn Perkey

Prelude

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

setting by John Ferguson

\*Call to Worship

Ann West, Worship Committee Chairperson

Leader: Rejoice together, people of God. Let all the earth praise our Creator.

People: **We have gathered to honor our God. In awe and reverence, we seek God's Word.**

Leader: Welcome one another as Christ welcomes you. Let each other know of Christ's presence.

People: **Surely Christ has come to change us. Christ is coming still to redirect us.**

Leader: This is a time to take delight in the Spirit. This is the hour to seek knowledge and counsel.

People: **We are ready to learn what the Spirit teaches. We are awakening to the Spirit's gifts.**

\*Hymn No. 203

*Hail to the Lord's Anointed*

Ellacombe

\*Call to Confession

The Reverend Terry C. Martin

We, who have neglected the instruction of the scriptures, are called to repent, for God's realm is at hand. How can we help prepare the way if we are caught up in sin or fascinated by wickedness? Let us confess all that isolates us from the source of life.

\*Unison Prayer of Confession

**Awesome God, we have disregarded your Word, failing to inquire after your will for us. We have ignored the needy, defended our advantages, and neglected our prayers. We have not appreciated or witnessed to your sustaining love. Instead we destroy the resources of the earth with little regard for those who follow us. We value our prosperity more than the harmony you envision for your people. O God, we do not like ourselves this way. Deliver us, we pray. Amen.**

Lighting of the Advent Candles

Lee and Alice Dorn and children, Caroline, Robert, Ruthanna, Margaret

**All: O God, come travel with us through Advent. Give us courage to spread peace in the world. Amen.**

Advent Candle Hymn

*A Candle is Burning*

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Anthem

*Before the Marvel of This Night*  
Chancel Choir

Carl Schalk

Pastoral Prayer

The Reverend Terry C. Martin

Lord's Prayer (In Unison)

**Our Father who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

Offering

Offertory

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

Charles Callahan

\*Doxology 238 (refrain only)

*Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!*

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

## Children's Message

The Reverend Terry C. Martin

*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. 221

*In the Bleak Midwinter*

Cranham

### †\*Gospel Reading

Matthew 3:1-12

Page 3 (NT) in pew Bibles

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

### Sermon

"Bearing Advent Fruits"

The Reverend Terry C. Martin

### The Banquet of Hopeful Expectations Holy Communion for the Advent Season

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### Communions Hymns

Hymn No. 211 *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

Hymn No. 216 *Lo, How a Rose, E'er Blooming*

### \*Hymn No. 219

*What Child Is This*

Greensleeves

### \*Benediction

Leader: Return now to the places of work and leisure, of tension and release, of demand and achievement.

People: **We will return, glorifying and praising God for all that we have heard and seen.**

Leader: God's peace and goodwill go with you all.

People: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

### \*Benediction Response No. 204

*Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel.*

*God with us, revealed in us, his name is called Emmanuel*

### \*Postlude

### †Sermon Text

*\*Please stand if you are able*

*Nursery Provided*