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Sunday, December 7, 2025

Second in Advent

WELCOME

PRELUDE and TOLLING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP, ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

In a weary and worn world, how do we begin again? Where do we start?

Let us begin together. Let us begin arm in arm. Let us begin by holding each other up, instead of tearing each other down. Let us begin with words of peace.

Yes, let us begin with peace. Today we light the candles of hope and peace.

May these lights remind us of what can be.

May these lights mark a new beginning.

May peace flow like a river, and may it start with us.

Arm in arm, hand in hand, side by side.

May we begin again. Amen.

HYMN #152 Prepare the Way, O Zion

CONFESSION:

Gracious God, as we enter the month of December, we admit that Christmas has too easily become a commercial event rather than a sacred time. We rush around making purchases and worrying about our finances and forget your Son who came to save us from all this. Have mercy upon us and forgive us our waywardness, for we ask it in Christ's name. Amen.

ASSURANCE:

The scriptures assure us that Jesus did indeed come to save us from ourselves and from the sin that binds us. In Christ we are set free to be God's true children. Amen.

MUSICAL RESPONSE:

**To God, all glorious heavenly Light,
To Christ revealed in earthly night,
To God the Spirit now we raise
Our joyful words of thankful praise.**

SCRIPTURE:

Isaiah 11:1-10
Matthew 3:1-12

MEDITATION "A Voice in the Wilderness"

HYMN #156 On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION (insert)

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

**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 debts as we forgive our debtors. 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

OFFERING RESPONSE:

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow:
Praise Him all creatures here below,
Praise Him above the heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION:

In the insanity of a gift-giving season, O Lord, we pause to give thanks for your many gifts and to ask you blessing on this small portion that we return for the work of your church. Bless us and our gifts to the proclamation of the Good News as we prepare the way for your coming. In Christ we pray this; Amen.

HYMN #458 O Jesus, I Have Promised

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION:

**Come now, O Prince of Peace, make us one body;
Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile your people.
Come now, Hope of unity, make us one body;
Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile all nations.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The altar flowers this morning are presented by Joyce & Bill Hodge in honor of their 63rd wedding anniversary.

BIBLE STUDY will meet on Thursday at 10 am.

LIBRARY HOURS-Every Saturday from 10 am until noon, first Wednesday of the month 9 am till 10:30 am and the third Wednesday of the month from 5:30 pm till 7 pm.

NO BIRTHDAYS OR ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

11/30/25 GIVING--\$547.00 GIVING THUS FAR--\$64,547.75