

# *Celebration of Worship*

*Sunday, December 10, 2023*

*10:00 a.m.*

*\*Indicates the Congregation is asked to stand*

## *Second Sunday of Advent*

*Welcome to worship! The 10 a.m. service is recorded and streamed live online.  
The first nine rows of seats may occasionally appear in the recording.*

**Prelude**      *Twos in the Moon of Wintertime*      French Folk Melody  
arr. by Jim Wharton

**Choral Introit**      *Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord*      Jacques Berthier  
*Prepare the way of the Lord. Prepare the way of the Lord,*      (Taizé Community)  
*and all people will see the salvation of our God.*      (from Isaiah 40)

**\*Opening Hymn – No. 196**      *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

### **\*Call to Worship**

**Leader:** In the wilderness, a voice calls: "Prepare the way."

**People:** **We gather, hearts open, responding to the call.**

**Leader:** As Advent deepens, we continue to watch for the coming of our Lord.

**People:** **Our journey is one of hope and expectation.**

**Leader:** In this sacred season, let us embrace the promise of Christ's peace.

**People:** **Together, in faith and joy, we await the dawning of God's new beginning.**

### **\*Opening Prayer**

**Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **\*Gloria Patri – No. 70**

### **Welcome and Announcements**

#### **Lighting of the Second Advent Candle**

*Following the lighting of the candles and a reading from Luke 1:76-79, the congregation prays:*

**Leader:** God of hope, Prince of Peace, You speak peace into the world in the Way of the Christ child. Help us embody your peace and live as peacemakers that we may called children of God.

**All:** **God of hope, God of peace, into our darkness come.**

#### **Sung Response - No. 211 v. 2**

*O come, thou Wisdom from on high, and order all things far and nigh; to us the path of knowledge show and cause us in her ways to go. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

#### **Anthem**

#### *Lift Up Your Voice*

Stan Pethel

*Lift up your voice with strength, lift it up with gladness. Lift up your voice in praise. Behold the Lord your God. Lift up your voice with fullness of heart. The Lord will come with a strong hand and the strength of the Lord shall reign. He shall feed His flock like a shepherd. He will carry the young lambs in His bosom. His reward is good, and His work is before Him. The Lord will lead us.*  
(from Isaiah 40:9-11)

#### **Morning Prayer**

**Merciful God, you sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation. Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

#### **Quiet Prayer**

#### **Lord's Prayer**



**Welcome to the Brass Reflections!**

Chris Bennett, trumpet  
Ginger Turner, trumpet  
Leslie Wharton, French horn  
Michael Wirtanen, trombone  
Jim Wharton, tuba

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***Christmas Week Services***

Blue Christmas Service on December 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

One Morning Service on December 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

Children's & Family Service at 5:00 p.m.

Traditional Service at 7:00 p.m.

Candlelight Service at 10:45 p.m.

One Morning Service on January 31<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

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## **Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus**

1. Come, thou long expected Jesus,  
born to set thy people free;  
from our fears and sins release us,  
let us find our rest in thee.  
Israel's strength and consolation,  
hope of all the earth thou art;  
dear desire of every nation,  
joy of every longing heart.
2. Born thy people to deliver,  
born a child and yet a King,  
born to reign in us forever,  
now thy gracious kingdom bring.  
By thine own eternal spirit  
rule in all our hearts alone;  
by thine all sufficient merit,  
raise us to thy glorious throne.

## **Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming**

1. Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming  
From tender stem hath sprung!  
Of Jesse's lineage coming  
As those of old have sung.  
It came, a flower bright,  
Amid the cold of winter,  
When half-spent was the night.
2. Isaish 'twas foretold it,  
The Rose I have in mind:  
With Mary we behold it,  
The Virgin Mother kind.  
To show God's love aright  
She bore to us a Savior,  
When half-spent was the night.
3. This Flower, whose fragrance tender  
With sweetness fills the air,  
Dispel in glorious splendor,  
The darkness everywhere.  
True man, yet very God,  
From sin and death now save us,  
And share our every load.

## Angels From the Realms of Glory

- 1 Angels from the realms of glory,  
wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
ye who sang creation's story  
now proclaim Messiah's birth:

Refrain:

Come and worship, come and worship,  
worship Christ, the newborn king.

- 2 Shepherds, in the field abiding,  
watching o'er your flocks by night,  
God with us is now residing;  
yonder shines the infant light: [Refrain]
- 3 Sages, leave your contemplations,  
brighter visions beam afar;  
seek the great Desire of nations;  
ye have seen his natal star: [Refrain]
- 4 Saints, before the altar bending,  
watching long in hope and fear;  
suddenly the Lord descending,  
in his temple shall appear. [Refrain]