



“Hope”

In that day the wolf and the lamb will live together;
the leopard will lie down with the baby goat.

Isaiah 11:6

December 4, 2022, 10:30 a.m.

Second Sunday of Advent

Order of Worship

(*Please rise in body or in spirit.)

PRELUDE “Divinum Mysterium” (Purvis) Henry Repp

GREETING Rev. Todd Lattig

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE — “Hope”

Readers: Evelyn Cornwell, Kathleen Meredith

Responsive Hymn: “From God on High”

Sung following the lighting:

The choir will sing it through,

then the congregation will

repeat it.

Hope came down from God on high,

As the star shone in the sky.

Hope came down on Christmas morn

In the form of a baby born.

*CALL TO WORSHIP Kathleen Meredith

This is a time for resting in God’s presence.

Spirit of wisdom and understanding, rest on us.

This is a time for being shaped as followers of Jesus.

Spirit of counsel and might, rest on us.

This is a time for releasing what holds us back.

Spirit of knowledge and awe, rest on us.

ALL: God, as we attend to you, fill us with hope. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN “Come Thou Long Expected Jesus” UMH 196

*OPENING PRAYER (unison) Kathleen Meredith

**Dear God, the world feels overwhelming at times. Pain, violence,
and hatred are easy to see and cloud our vision. Restore our sight,
O God, to witness the hope you have promised. Renew our hearts
to trust you more fully. Inspire us anew this day. Amen.**

ANTHEM “An Advent Credo” (Martin) Chancel Choir

COMMUNITY PRAYER Rev. Lattig

CHORAL RESPONSE TO PRAYER Chancel Choir

KIDS ROCK CHILDREN’S SERMON Rev. Lattig

SCRIPTURE READING Kathleen Meredith

Isaiah 11:1-10

11 Out of the stump of David’s family will grow a shoot—
yes, a new Branch bearing fruit from the old root.

² And the Spirit of the LORD will rest on him—

the Spirit of wisdom and understanding,

the Spirit of counsel and might,

the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

³ He will delight in obeying the LORD.

He will not judge by appearance
nor make a decision based on hearsay.

⁴ He will give justice to the poor
and make fair decisions for the exploited.

The earth will shake at the force of his word,
and one breath from his mouth will destroy the wicked.

⁵ He will wear righteousness like a belt
and truth like an undergarment.

⁶ In that day the wolf and the lamb will live together;
the leopard will lie down with the baby goat.

The calf and the yearling will be safe with the lion,
and a little child will lead them all.

⁷ The cow will graze near the bear.
The cub and the calf will lie down together.

The lion will eat hay like a cow.

⁸ The baby will play safely near the hole of a cobra.
Yes, a little child will put its hand in a nest of deadly snakes
without harm.

⁹ Nothing will hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain,
for as the waters fill the sea,
so the earth will be filled with people who know the LORD.

¹⁰ In that day the heir to David's throne
will be a banner of salvation to all the world.

The nations will rally to him,
and the land where he lives will be a glorious place.

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God for this Word.

SPECIAL MUSIC "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" Kathleen Meredith

SERMON IMPOSSIBLE: "Hope Made Possible" Rev. Lattig

HOLY COMMUNION (see insert)

OFFERTORY "Advent Song" (Butler) Henry Repp

You may leave your offering in the plate in the narthex or scan one
of the QR codes on the back of this bulletin to make your offering
electronically.

*DOXOLOGY UMH 95

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison) Kathleen Meredith

**We humbly lift up our offerings on this second Sunday of Advent,
seeking your blessing upon them for multiplication and guidance
for faithful stewardship. Bless us the givers as well as those who
will receive. Surround us with the hope of this Advent season, we
pray in Jesus' holy name. Amen.**

*CLOSING HYMN "O Little Town of Bethlehem" UMH 230
*BENEDICTION Rev. Lattig
POSTLUDE "Postlude — Vom Himmel hoch" (Pachelbel) Henry Repp

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Silly Sweater Sunday

Next Sunday, December 11th

Wear a silly shirt or sweater to service!!!

Today's Worship Leaders

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Organist/Music Director
Advent Candle Lighting/Readers

Greeter
Camera Operator
Soundboard Operator

Rev. Todd Lattig
Kathleen Meredith
Henry Repp
Evelyn Cornwell
Kathleen Meredith
Fred Fox
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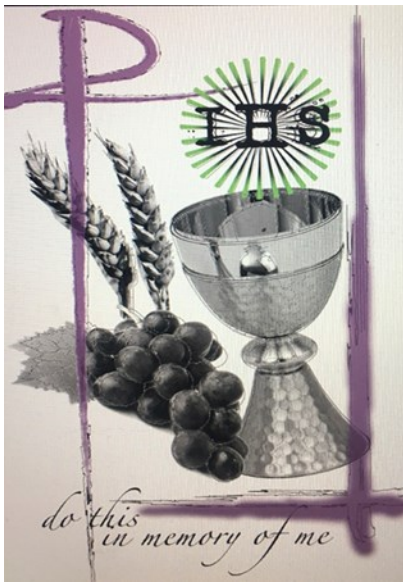
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Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin, and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin to God and one another.

Merciful God,
we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will; we have broken your law; we have rebelled against your love; we have not loved our neighbors; and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hear the Good News: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
Glory to God. Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy are you, O God, and blessed is your son Jesus Christ.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which our Lord gave himself up for us he took the bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: “Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: “Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in unison with Christ’s offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

