



## *Second Sunday in Advent*

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*~~ Second Sunday in Advent ~~*

*"This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it" Psalm 118:24*

### **We Celebrate the Good News**

#### **The Gathering of God's People**

Time to speak with each other

#### **Greeting**

"The Lord be with you...  
And also with you."



*Please fill out and pass the Friendship Books.*

*Visitors, please fill in your address as well. Thank You!*

### **Prelude**

Gabriella Fryer

### **The Call to Worship**

*Elder Liz Miedowski / Congregation*

Advent is a journey to the stable.

**Advent is a journey to our own Bethlehem  
where something new waits to be born.**

Advent is responding to a deep yearning  
within our hearts and minds.

**Advent is following a star to a place of wonder and joy.**

**All: So, come one and all, let us continue our Advent journey.**

**Gathering Hymn: "Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming"**

**#163**

### **The Welcoming Prayer/God's Greeting**

*Rev. Keith Tamlyn*



## Children's Dismissal to Sunday School

(Children 3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade leave for Sunday school)

(Children ages 3yrs - 2<sup>nd</sup> grade are attending Children and Worship in room 9)

# *The Lighting of the Advent Candle*

Leola Mason

**~PEACE~**



**Leader:** The season of Advent continues.

**People:** **We join with a hopeful throng in the lighting of the Advent candles, symbols of our faith and signs of God's love.**

**Leader:** We are a people of hope. Last Sunday the frail light of a single candle dared to pierce through the darkness of desolation and sin.

**People:** **Hope lives in us and will abide with us.**

**Leader:** Today we light the candle of peace.

This light, too, must brave great darkness.

**Unison:** **Peace on the earth and good will to all people.**

*~ Light Second Advent Candle ~ The Candle of Peace ~*

**Advent Hymn    "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"    (vs 2) #133**

## The Call to Confession

*Elder Liz Miedowski*

## Prayer of Confession

**Hidden deep inside us, O God, is a yearning to see your face, to feel your love, to know your acceptance. Yet we cover up this desire and think we can make it on our own. We try success and submerge our best**

selves in work. We try activity and pride ourselves on full calendars and busy lives. Then along come the darkened skies of Advent, and the longing in our hearts rises to the surface. We want to be loved by God, for only God's love makes us whole, loosens us from frantic searching and grants us a peace beyond understanding. Holy God, let us enter into the mystery of your coming and find ourselves loved and forgiven. Amen.

## Words of Assurance / The Law

*Elder Liz Miedowski*

### **“Glory Be to the Father”**

**Anthem**

#### **“The Prayer”**

*Arranged by Mark Hayes*

Matthew Rizzo – soloist

Gabriella Fryer – accompanist

## *We Proclaim the Good News*

Prayer of Illumination

### Scripture

Isaiah 11: 1-6

Romans 15: 4-13

*This is the Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

### The Message

**“Advent...God's Journey Toward Us”**

*Rev. Keith Tamlyn*

**Sermon Hymn: “Long Ago, Prophets Knew” #142**



## *We Respond to the Good News*

*(Please print your prayer request on the blue card in the pew rack and deposit in offering plate.)*

The Offering  
The Doxology  
The Offertory Prayer

These gifts we offer today are but tokens of our gratitude. They are reminders to us that you are Giver and Sustainer of all life. We ask that you receive these gifts as promises from us of a deeper commitment of our total selves. Amen.

Prayer Hymn:                    “Emmanuel, Emmanuel”                    #140

**Prayers of Thanksgiving (Pastor)**

**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.

Sending Hymn:                “O Little Town of Bethlehem”                #155

Benediction  
Postlude