

Worship Service ~ December 4, 2022, 10:30

Second Sunday in Advent

VISION: Be the body of Christ:

welcoming all, inspired by God, and sent out to live our Faith.

MISSION: Led by the Spirit to share God's grace.

Today's Worship Broadcast sponsored by Sharon Messelt and family in memory of Noel Messelt.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

OPENING SONG

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

HOLY BAPTISM OF CHARLIE FROST

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

LITANY FOR ADVENT

L: The Lord is coming! Is everything ready?

C: We are preparing our hearts to receive Him.

L: Are the paths clear for the whole human race to see God's salvation?

C: We will make the path straight for Him to travel; we will do our part to clear every stumbling block.

SONG *Prepare the Way*

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

L: "A voice cries out: 'Prepare in the wilderness a road for the Lord! Clear the way in the desert for our God!

Fill every valley; level every mountain.

The hills will become a plain, and the rough country will be made smooth'."

C: As we wait in darkness, our hope is rekindled by the light of the Lord shining in the dark.

L: Last week we lit the first candle in our Advent wreath—to watch for the coming of the LORD.

Today we lit the second candle— the candle to prepare. We want to learn to be builders of a highway for our God. Stir our hearts, O God, to prepare the way for your Son. May we always be ready to welcome Him.

C: Lord God, your Church joyfully awaits the coming of its Savior, who awakens our hearts to overcome the despair of our ignorance and sin. Pour forth your blessings upon us in this season of waiting. May their light reflect the splendor of Christ, who is Lord, forever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER LAB MINUTE

R: A Gospel reading from the 3rd chapter of Matthew.

Matthew 3:1-12

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, ²“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” ³This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, “The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.’” ⁴Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, ⁶and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

⁷But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruit worthy of repentance. ⁹Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ¹⁰Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ¹¹“I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹²His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

MESSAGE Pastor John Klawiter

MUSICAL OFFERING “*God With Us*” Worship Band



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OFFERTORY PRAYER

L: We pray, **Eternal God,**

C: you make the desert bloom and send springs of water to thirsty ground. Receive these gifts and make us messengers of your mercy and love for all in need of your healing and justice. We ask this through Christ our Savior. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BLESSING

L: May the LORD bless us and keep us; May the LORD's face shine upon us and be gracious unto us, May the LORD look upon us with favor, + and give us peace.

C: Amen.

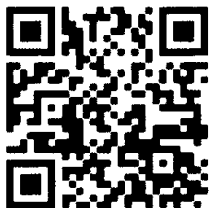
SENDING SONG

Let Everything (Praise the Lord)

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.



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