

MORNING WORSHIP

December 5, 2021

Half past Ten O'Clock

Second Sunday of Advent

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

TIME OF MEDITATION AND REFLECTION

+WELCOME AND NOTICES

PRELUDE *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* arr. Michael Burkhardt

INTROIT *Savior of the Nations Come* arr. Cathy Mocklebust
Selwyn Handbells

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE Cothran Muldrew Family

+*HYMN 87 "Comfort, Comfort Now My People" GENEVAN

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

God of every blessing, we live in an achievement-driven age, and often forget what You have done for us. Life is more than a series of efficient tasks or quips on social media. We have more than we could ever use, yet like squirrels, we store up more and more. Our faith is often pushed to the back of the closet, to make room for all the judgements, obligations and fears we wear so easily.

Forgive us. As You clothe us with Your grace and mercy, may we share. As our hearts overflow with Your love and wonder, may we offer them as gifts. As You feed us with Your joy and hope, may we welcome those who suffer. As we gather with family and friends, may we give thanks for the gift of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON Isaiah 12:2-6

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel!

Congregation: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

+*HYMN 132 "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" IN DULCI JUBILO

**Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
now ye hear of endless bliss: Jesus Christ was born for this!
He has opened heaven's door, and we are blest forevermore.
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!**

**Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all to gain the everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!**

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

A MESSAGE FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

*Immediately following Message for Young Disciples, elementary children are invited to the Chapel.
Younger children are invited to the Chapel with a parent anytime.*

SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 21:25-36 and Isaiah 9 (selected verses), pew Bible, p. 960 and 624

SERMON "If Only" Lori Archer Raible

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE CONCLUDING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND CALL TO OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

In the Bleak Midwinter
Selwyn Handbells

arr. Cathey Mocklebust

*DOXOLOGY (HYMN 606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

*LITANY OF DEDICATION (UNISON)

Leader: We turn to the Lord who is coming and ask Him to bring His light,
to end this world's dark night of longing.

Come, Lord Jesus, break the chains of warfare and fighting.

Congregation: The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon.

Leader: Come, Lord Jesus, break the chains of poverty, hunger and homelessness.

Congregation: The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon.

Leader: Come, Lord Jesus, break the chains of oppression, persecution
and the denial of human rights.

Congregation: The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon.

Leader: Come, Lord Jesus, break the chains of anxiety and unhappiness.

Congregation: The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon.

Leader: Come, Lord Jesus, break the chains of sickness, disease and death.

Congregation: The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon.

Leader: In Christ, God draws near. God loves the lost, the neglected, the unseemly, the excluded,
the weak and broken. May gifts of our time, talent, and treasure bring forth God's Glory.

Congregation: Come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 93

"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"

TRURO

*BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE

What Child is This?
Selwyn Handbells

arr. Cynthia Dobrinski

*POSTLUDE

Tell Out My Soul

arr. Paul Manz

*Those who are able please stand.

+Ushers may seat late worshipers

SELWYN AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WARMLY WELCOMES ALL WHO VISIT

Please take a moment to fill out a pew card and place it in the offering plate. Membership is by one of three paths: 1) profession of faith in Jesus Christ (for those who have never been part of a Christian church); 2) re-affirmation of faith (for those who formerly were part of a congregation but have not been involved in recent times - for example, you were baptized and/or confirmed but moved and never engaged with a new congregation); or 3) transfer of membership from another congregation (your membership is with another church).

New members and prospective members are invited to participate in Orientation Classes, which are scheduled several times a year, and are a wonderful way to meet others and learn about our church and all the opportunities here. We always stand ready to be in communication with you about your particular situation. The contact information for all staff members is in the bulletin each week.

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