

# Second Sunday of Advent

December 6, 2015 ♦ 11:00 a.m. Worship

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## **GATHERING**

### **Welcome & Announcements**

**Prelude**                      *Star in the East*                      arr. Vicki Courtney  
   Sanctuary Choir  
   Breanna Gromicko, clarinet

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

Leader: Upon hearing the news that his son would be a prophet of the Most High Zechariah broke into a song of praise.  
"And you, child, will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, to give knowledge of salvation to his people by the forgiveness of their sins."

Light the first and second candles.

We light the second Advent candle as an act of praise that by God's mercy, the Messiah will come to give light to those in darkness, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Come, Lord Jesus.

**All: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Amen.**

**\*Hymn #211**    *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

### **Opening 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; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

**\*Gloria:** *Mass of Light*

## **PROCLAMATION**

**Old Testament Reading** – Malachi 3:1-4

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

**\*Hymn #209**    *Blessed Be the God of Israel*

**\*Gloria Patri #70**

**Epistle Reading** – Philippians 1:3-11

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

**\*Hymn #207**    *Prepare The Way of the Lord*

**\*Gospel Reading** – Luke 3:1-6

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

**Children's Message**

**Sermon** – "Prepare the Way of the Lord"                      Pastor Alan

## **RESPONSE**

**\*Affirmation of Faith #881** – The Apostles' Creed

**Prayers of the People**

*The Pastor will lift up a series of petitions. After each petition:*

Leader: Lord in your mercy

People: Hear our Prayer.

**Invitation**

**Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon**

**\*Passing the Peace**

**Offering & Offertory**                      *Every Valley*                      Handel  
   Lynn McConahy, tenor

**\*Doxology** (UMH #95)

## **THANKSGIVING & COMMUNION**

**\*The Great Thanksgiving** (UMH, pg. 17, Setting A)

**\*The Lord's Prayer**

**Sharing of the Bread & Cup**

**Prayer After Receiving** (UMH, pg. 11)

## **SENDING FORTH**

**\*Hymn** (insert)    *The King Shall Come*

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

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*\*For those who are able, please stand*