



This 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.'
Matthew 3:3

December 4, 2016
Second Sunday of Advent

Celebration of Worship

* If you are able, please stand.

Prelude

Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme, BWV 645
Kevin Graf, organ

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Lighting of Advent Candles

Deborah, Dwayne, Megan and James Glover

*** Call to Worship** (*responsively*)

The Reverend David Smazik

Leader: This is the season of holy waiting.

People: We wait for the One on whom the Spirit of the Holy God rests.

Leader: We watch for the One who judges with righteousness.

People: We wait while the night begins to glow with the glory of God.

All: Come let us walk in the light of God!

*** Hymn 93**

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

Truro

Confession and Pardon

Rev. Sarah Green

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

God our Maker, we confess that we are not ready to meet you. You call us to repent, but we turn away from you. You wait patiently for us, but we fail to watch and wait for you. Forgive us, God of grace. Embrace us with tender mercy so that we may be at one with you when all your glory is revealed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Kyrie: Hymn 84, v. 2

Creator of the Stars of Night

Conditor Alme Siderum

Silent Prayer

Assurance of Pardon (*responsively*)

Leader: We have confessed our sins; now it is time to forget the past and to live new lives in the present. Our hope is that we can start anew, following a new life of loving, forgiving, and caring.

People: In the newness of this moment we acknowledge that our sins are forgiven and look forward to the future God has given us.

* **Response: Hymn 113, *refrain*** Angels We Have Heard on High

Gloria

* Passing of the Peace

A Time for Young Christians

Alexandra Mead

Prayer for Illumination (*unison*)

Gracious God, we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from your mouth. Make us hungry for this heavenly food, that it may nourish us today in the ways of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen.

First Scripture Reading

Isaiah 11:1-10

(Old Testament, page 602)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Comfort Ye...Every Valley (*Messiah*)

G. F. Handel (1685-1759)

Jayson Greenberg, tenor

Kevin Graf, organ; Matthew Webb, harpsichord; Amy Visscher, cello

Comfort ye my people, saith your God. Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem and cry unto her that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned. The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness: prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

*Every valley shall be exalted and every mountain and hill made low,
the crooked straight, and the rough places plain.*

Second Scripture Reading:

Matthew 3:1-12

(New Testament, page 2)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Those Who Say What We Need to Hear”

Rev. Smazik

*** Hymn 96**

On Jordan’s Banks the Baptist’s Cry

Winchester New

Greeting/Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

(Please sign and pass the friendship pad, found in the pew, to the person next to you. Offering envelopes and prayer request cards are located in the pew pockets for your convenience. Prayer cards will be collected with the offering. Offerings can also be made online through our website.)

Offertory

And the Glory of the Lord (*Messiah*)

G. F. Handel

The Chancel Choir

Kevin Graf, organ; Matthew Webb, harpsichord; Amy Visscher, cello

*And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together,
for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.*

*** Doxology (Hymn 606)**

Old Hundredth

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*** Prayer of Dedication**

Sacrament of Communion

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The leader continues...

...Therefore with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven,
we worship and adore your glorious name, praising you forevermore.

Sung Response *(Music for Response S4, Glory to God Hymnal, p. 9)*
**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full, are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The leader continues...
... Great is the mystery of faith:

Sung Response *(Music for Response S5, Glory to God Hymnal, p. 10)*
Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

The leader continues...
... Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever.

Sung Response *(Music for Response S6, Glory to God Hymnal, p. 11)*
Amen, amen, amen.

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

(To signify our oneness in Christ, please hold the bread until everyone has been served. You may drink the cup as soon as you receive it, indicating your individual relationship with Christ.)

Communion Prayer and 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.

* Hymn 87 Comfort, Comfort Now My People *Genevan 42*

* Benediction

Postlude

Tocatta and Fugue in C Major Anonymous – 18th Century Italy
Kevin Graf, organ

Participating in the service today are the Reverends Sarah Green and Dr. David J. Smazik; Alexandra Mead, Director of Christian Education; Matthew Webb, Director of Music; Kevin Graf, Organ Scholar; and the Chancel Choir.
The acolytes are Isabella Galinkin and Sarah Valenti.

GREETERS: Betty and David Darcy, and Marcia and Ken Heiden

FELLOWSHIP HOUR today is hosted by the Annis family.

The **FLOWERS** in the Sanctuary are given in loving memory of
Mr. & Mrs. Earl Visscher by their family.

The **FLOWERS** in the Narthex are given in loving memory of
W. Sheldon Bennett by his family.

Thank you to our Sound Team that faithfully works every Sunday.

OPEN MEETINGS THIS WEEK: *For a full schedule of meetings, go to our website.*

Sunday, Dec. 4 Second Sunday of Advent

- 7:45 a.m. Worship with Communion (Chapel)
- 8:30 a.m. Sunday Morning Seminar
- 8:45 a.m. Parent Lecture Series
- 8:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 8:45 a.m. Advent Study
- 10:00 a.m. Worship with Communion (Sanctuary)
Technology Help Desk
- 11:15 a.m. Inquirers' Class
- 6:00 p.m. Big Band Holiday Concert

Monday, Dec. 5

No open meetings today.

Tuesday, Dec. 6

- 8:00 a.m. Small Group (D. Lisco)
- 10:00 a.m. Tai Chi
- 7:00 p.m. Advent Study
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir *rehearsal*

Wednesday, Dec. 7

- 10:30 a.m. Bible Study
- 12:00 p.m. Worship (Chapel)
- 4:15 p.m. Middle School Youth Group
- 4:15 p.m. Midweek
- 4:30 p.m. Bel Melodia (COG)
- 5:05 p.m. Bel Canto (COG)
- 6:00 p.m. Midweek Family Dinner (Sheffield Hall)
- 6:05 p.m. Tower Choir (COG)

Wednesday, continued

- 6:30 p.m. Small Group – N. Verhoef
- 7:00 p.m. Advent Study
- 7:00 p.m. High School Youth *Group*

Thursday, Dec. 8

- 9:15 a.m. Christian Yoga (Parish House)
- 7:00 p.m. Advent Study
- 12:00 noon Circle 11 (away)
- 7:00 p.m. PW Christmas *Dessert*

Friday, Dec. 9

Office closes at noon.

- 9:00 a.m. AAA
- 9:30 a.m. Volunteers (Bulletins)

Saturday, Dec. 10

- 10:00 a.m. Tower Musical Rehearsal

Sunday, Dec. 11 Third Sunday of Advent

- 7:45 a.m. Worship with Communion (Chapel)
- 8:30 a.m. Sunday Morning Seminar
- 8:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 8:45 a.m. Advent Study
- 10:00 a.m. Worship
- 11:00 a.m. ROGs Cookie Sale
- 6:00 p.m. Carol Sing/Tower Musical with
ROGs Cookie Sale before and after

All Operation Love gifts must be returned by today.

WELCOME

We are a historic church, part of a historic denomination, and we celebrate this history while exploring ways to bring passion and freshness to our worship and congregational life. Join us as we seek to discover Fresh Traditional ways to **proclaim, gather, and nurture**, all toward continuing Jesus Christ's earthly ministry of building God's Kingdom.

Visitor's Information brochures are in the stands at the entrances to assist you in finding your way around our campus.

Visiting with Children?

- **Activity materials** for young worshippers are in the drawers of the literature chests in both vestibules.
- **Infant and child care** is provided during the service in Howard House, the building to the right of the sanctuary.
- **Restrooms:** Please accompany children (under age 10) to the restrooms. (Located through the left door by the bell tables.)

Special Needs?

- **Feel free to ask** ushers and greeters for assistance if you have any questions or special needs. **Large print bulletins and hearing assistance devices** are available from the ushers in the narthex at the back of the church.

Please come again

- **Sunday Worship Schedule:**
7:45 a.m. Worship with Communion
10:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
- **Wednesday Morning Bible Study, 10:30 a.m., in the Choir Room**
- **Wednesday Worship Service at Noon in the Chapel**



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