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The Second Sunday in Advent

December 9, 2018

VISITORS – WE WELCOME YOU to this house of prayer this morning. May you feel at home among friends as we worship together. We invite you to sign your name in the guest book in the back of the church and hope you will return again soon.

Prelude Ringing of the Bell Welcome

Opening Hymn: #344, "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"

Advent Sentence

P: The Lord is at hand. Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

An Act of Adoration

- P: Let us adore our heavenly Father, who created us, who sustains us, who loves us with an everlasting love and gives us the light of the knowledge of His glory in the face of Jesus Christ.
- C: We praise You, O God; we acknowledge You to be the Lord.
- P: Let us glory in the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, who, though He was rich, yet for our sakes became poor; who in every respect was tempted as we are, yet without sinning; who went about doing good and preaching the Gospel of the kingdom; who became obedient unto death, even death on a cross; who died and is alive forevermore; who has opened

the kingdom of heaven to all believers; who is seated at the right hand of God in the glory of the Father; who will come again, as Judge and King.

- C: You are the King of glory, O Christ.
- P: Let us rejoice in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of life, by whom we are born into the family of God, and made members of the body of Christ; whose witness confirms us, whose wisdom teaches us, whose power enables us to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think.
- C: All praise to You, O Holy Spirit.

Introit of the Day, chanted responsivelyworship insert

The Confession of Sin

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him to grant us forgiveness in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

(silence for quiet reflection and personal confession)

- P: We now confess together.
- C: O most merciful God, who has given Your only-Begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us, and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will, and true obedience to Your Word, that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
- P: The Almighty and merciful God grant unto you, being penitent, pardon and remission of all your sins, time for amendment of life, and the grace and comfort of His Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen.

Collect of the Day, spoken by Pastor

Old Testament Reading: Malachi 3:1-7b

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Epistle: Philippians 1:2-11

Response

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel: Luke 3:1-14

Response

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 3rd chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

(The Gospel is read.)

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ!

Children's Message: "Are You Ready For Christmas?"

The Apostles' Creedback cover of the hymnal

Choral Anthem: "Hark! A Herald Voice is Calling" Arr. Richard Shephard

Hymn of the Day: #346, "When All the World Was Cursed"

Sermon: "The Annual Advent Check-Up"

Offering

Prayer of the Church

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayerback cover of the hymnal

Blessing

Closing Hymn: #343, "Prepare the Royal Highway"

Silent Prayer/Chimes Announcements Postlude