

Communion Prayer of Thanksgiving

God of new beginnings, you have drawn near to us in word and sacrament this day.
May we be renewed by what we have heard and what we have tasted.
And may we sing and live your songs of promise this Advent so that others
may hear and rejoice. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

✠ Sent Out to Spread the Light

*Closing Hymn

Prepare the Way *blue*, #13

*Charge & Blessing

Postlude

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry *setting by Bruce Neswick*
You are invited to be seated for the postlude. Soli Deo Gloria! Glory to God Alone!

Worship Participants

Pastors: Rev. Bob W. David + Rev. Kyle R. Otterbein

Music Directors: Matthew Penning, Laura Kastens, Erin Moore, Lee Rabe

Music Participants: (8:30) Logos Choir + Resound!, Mary Hausler + Tessa Walz, vocalists
(11:00) Agape Singers + kingsringers

Lay Leaders: Allan Mebus, James Hemsley

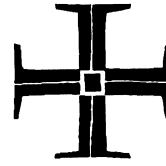
Ushers + Greeters: Elders

Announcements

- Children are welcome and encouraged to participate in our worship services.
- Children's bulletins and worship bags are available in the Narthex as you enter the Sanctuary.
- Nursery care is provided for 2-year-olds and younger during both worship services.
- Children's Time is for ages 3 years through Kindergarten and meets in the Castle Room in the East Wing. Children who wish to participate will be dismissed from worship as noted in the bulletin. This is a time of unstructured play, special activities, and continuing worship, led each week by a Children's Time leader.
- Seating, sound, and worship hymnals are available in the Narthex.
- Large print hymnals and Bibles are available from the ushers.
- The flowers are given by Jerry and Susan Szczech in celebration of their 39th wedding anniversary.
- Interested in the ministry opportunities of St. Andrew? Our weekly *Mini-Messenger* and monthly *Messenger* newsletters are available online at: www.saintandrew-ic.org (under the "News" heading) or in paper version in the rack near the Welcome Table and on the table outside the main office.
- Join us for Christian Education for all ages at 9:45 am:
Children ages 2 - kindergarten meet in the East Wing. Children in grades 1-6 meet in Fellowship Hall.
Adults and Youth in grades 7-12 meet in classrooms in the North Wing.

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THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

DECEMBER 6, 2009 ♦ 8:30 + 11:00 AM

✠ Gathering

Our music is offered to the glory of God; if you wish to express a response, a spoken "Amen" or "Praise God" is welcomed. May the first note of the prelude be to you a call to silent prayer and preparation for worship. Hymns and songs may be found in The Presbyterian Hymnal (blue) or Sing! A New Creation hymnal (green).

Welcome + Announcements

Introit

(8:30) Advent Message *by Martin How*

Logos Choir

(11:00) People, Look East *setting by Tom Mitchell*

Agape Singers

*Call to Worship

Let us wait and prepare, for a messenger is coming.

We are ready to receive some good news

Friends, this is the best of news. It is a promise to all generations.

God is sending the One who will heal and save us.

We await with eagerness for this day

Make your hearts and lives ready to receive the promises of Jesus Christ.

Lord, prepare our spirits for this blessed event.

Lord, help us ready our world for this sacred entrance. Let us worship God.

*Opening Hymn

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry *blue*, #10

✠ Voices in Crisis

*Psalm Reading

Psalm 40

*Prayer of Confession

We can be an impatient people, O Lord.

We want everything immediately.

We want to skip over Advent and this holy season of waiting, this slow movement from desolate to dynamic.

We are too eager for the parties and celebrations.

Bold print - speak together in unison

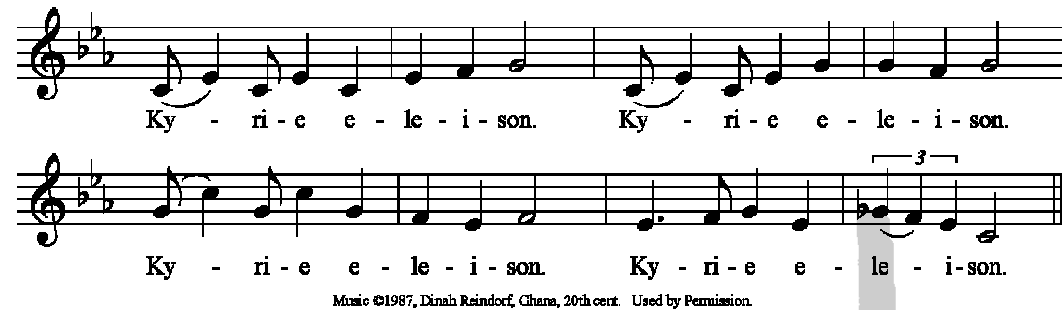
**please stand as you are able*

Songs of Promise to All Generations

But God, may we not overlook the Advent tasks you have set before us —
**The tasks of caring for those in need, listening to the troubled,
reaching out in compassion to the hurting, singing your songs of salvation
and preparing our world for the coming of the Savior**
Forgive us for our need to speed through this season.
**And soothe us, slow us, center us, so that we may fully share and live
in the light of Jesus Christ.**

time for silent prayers of personal confession

*Kyrie



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✝ Signs of God's Promises

Old Testament Reading

Malachi 3:1-4
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

- OT Bible, pg. 889

Song of Promise

Trust in the Lord *green, #190*

✝ Light in the Midst of Darkness

Words of Assurance

Isaiah 40:1-11

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Sung:

The Lord is my light and my salvation, of whom should I be afraid, of whom should I be afraid?

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Parents who would like to have their children participate in Children's Time in the Castle Room are welcome to accompany their children to the East Wing during the Song of Light.

Song of Light

(8:30) I Will Lead You Home *by Amy Grant + Chris Eaton*

Mary Hausler + Tessa Walz, duet

(11:00) He Came Down *green, #92*

1. *Hope* 2. *Light*

Gospel Reading - songs of God's salvation

Luke 3:1-17

- NT Bible, pg. 60

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

John the Baptist – Song of Promise to All Generations *Rev. Bob David + Allan Mebus*

Sung Response

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates *blue, #8*

✝ Offering Ourselves for God's Purposes

Worship in Tithes and Offerings

If you have a prayer request, please fill out a prayer card from the pew rack and place it in the offering plate.

Offertory

(8:30) O Day of Peace (see text at *blue, #450*) *setting by Lee J. Afdahl*

Resound!

(11:00) Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus *setting by Luran Delancy*

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Words of Faith *Mark Hausler*

✝ Receiving God's Grace - The Eucharist

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and Prayer Concerns

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 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.

The Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements/Music During Distribution

(8:30) Shades of Zechariah's Song *setting by Timothy Waugh*

Resound!

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry *setting by Bruce Neswick*