

Prayer of Consecration

(All believing Christians are invited to share in the Lord's Supper, regardless of church affiliation.)

Communion Music

One: The bread which we break is our communion in the Body of Christ.

**All: The cup of blessing for which we give thanks is our Communion
in the blood of Christ. Amen.**

Benediction

Postlude

A Joyous Carol
arr. Léon Roques
Dee Dee Gain, organ

French carol



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ORDER OF WORSHIP
Second Sunday of Advent
Sharing Christ. Changing Lives. Delivering Hope

GATHERING

Prelude *'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime* French carol
arr. John Ferguson
Dee Dee Gain, organ

Introit *Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord (from Godspell)*

Opening Music
Comfort, Comfort You My People (vs. 1, 2) No. 122

***Responsive Reading**

Leader: I am sending my messenger ahead of you;

People: Prepare the way of the Lord!

Leader: This messenger will prepare the way for you;

People: Prepare the way of the Lord!

Leader: His voice will cry out in the wilderness;

People: Prepare the way of the Lord!

Leader: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.

People: Prepare the way of the Lord!

***Invocation**

***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.

*Gloria Patri No. 35

Advent Wreath Liturgy
O Come, O Come Emmanuel (vs. 2) No. 119

Children's Message

PRAYER

Prayer Hymn *People, Look East (vs. 1, 2)* No. 142

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer Response

PROCLAMATION

Offertory Invitation

Special Music *Comfort Ye, Every Valley (from Messiah)* G.F. Handel
David Williams, tenor

Scripture Reading Isaiah 40:1-5, 8-11; Mark 1:1-4

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon *You Are Not Forgotten*

RESPONSE

Invitation to Discipleship

Communion Music *Blessed Be the God of Israel (vs. 1, 2)* No. 135
(In Christ's name we welcome all persons into membership into the church by confession of faith and baptism or by transfer of membership. Please step to the front pew during the singing of this Hymn of Communion.)

Meditation Brett Swallow/Paul Gorden

Words of Institution

Questions for Reflection

What experiences do you have of being in a desert? Wilderness? What images come to mind when you think of the word “desert?”

(Read Isaiah 40:3)

What does it mean to you that the way of the Lord is prepared in the wilderness (desert)? How would the story be different if that way of the Lord was prepared in a city? Or on a mountaintop?

Do you have a favorite Nativity Scene you get out every year as part of your Christmas decorations? Is there a story behind it?

Have you ever seen a Nativity Scene with John the Baptist in it?

(Read Mark 1:1-4)

What does repentance mean to you?

And why would Mark think it essential to being the story of salvation with John the Baptist and his call to “repent?”

Notes:



Isaiah 40:1-5, 8-11 (NRSV)

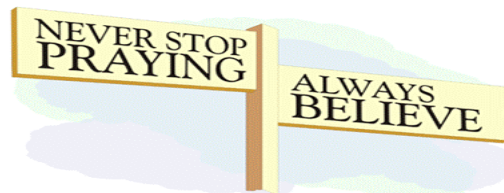
¹ Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. ² Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the LORD’s hand double for all her sins. ³ A voice cries out: “In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. ⁴ Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. ⁵ Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”

⁸ The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever. ⁹ Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; ^[a] lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, ^[b] lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, “Here is your God! ¹⁰ See, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. ¹¹ He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

Mark 1:1-4, NRSV

¹ The beginning of the good news ^[a] of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. ^[b] ² As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, ^[c] “See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, ^[d] who will prepare your way; ³ the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,’” ⁴ John the baptizer appeared ^[e] in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

Prayer List



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We Pray for Those in the Military:

Rob Aikman, Bobbie Backes, Noah Burkham,
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