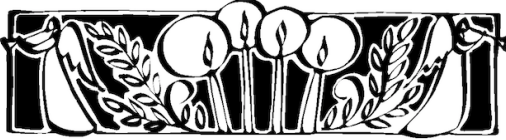


December 10, 2023 11:00 a.m.

Second
Sunday
in Advent



PRELUDE

Variations on PUER NOBIS

M. Burkhardt

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

ADVENT INTROIT

Prepare the Way, O Zion BEREDEN VÅG FÖR HERRAN
Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn REJOICE, REJOICE

CALL TO WORSHIP

***PROCESSIONAL CAROL**

#156 On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry PUER NOBIS

***INVOCATION AND 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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (cpatlanta .org)

Loving God, you are the light of our world.
In the beginning. . . darkness,
but you brought comfort and illumination
to your creation.
Through your mercy you nurture and care for us,
yet we stray from your ways.
Forgive us for falling too easily for temptations
in these hard times that we face.
Lord, give us the strength to rise up as your disciples
and grant us the wisdom to understand
the power of your healing light in the world.

(Silence for personal confession and reflection)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***GLORIA PATRI**

R. Goodson

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and
Ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

ANTHEM

Invocation for Advent

D. Besig

Conducted by Katie Lam

FIRST READING

Isaiah 40:1-11 Page 740, 1st half of the NRSV Bible
Response to the reading: **"Thanks be to God"**

ADVENT CANDLE-LIGHTING (The Candle of Peace)

CAROL (remain seated as children come forward)
#178 Emmanuel, Emmanuel B. McGee
(sing with the choir before and after the litany)

LITANY

Let your Spirit burn in our hearts;
let your Light shine in our world;
as we wait through the Advent season
**let your ribbon of peace draw us together into a circle of
love where the Christ can be born today. Amen**

***CAROL OF PRAISE**

#174 Prepare the Way of the Lord Taizé Community

SECOND READING

Mark 1:1-8 Page 35, 2nd half of the NRSV Bible
Response to the reading: **"Thanks be to God"**

SERMON

Rev. Jeremy Keay

***CAROL OF APPROACH**

#153 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus HYFRYDOL

GATHERING AT THE TABLE

***The Passing of the Peace**
***Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed**
I believe in God, the Father almighty,

Maker of heaven and earth:
And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sits on the right hand of God the
Father Almighty
from there he shall come to judge the quick
and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic* Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

**catholic means the church universal or the church for all time*

The Bread

The Cup

All who seek God and the presence of Christ are welcome to participate

CELEBRATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

All Earth Is Hopeful arr. D. Cherwein

***Offertory Response**

So, bring him incense, gold and myrrh,
come peasant, king, to own him;
the King of kings salvation brings,
let loving hearts enthrone him.
This, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud,
the babe, the son of Mary!

***CAROL FOR THE JOURNEY**

#158 Blessed Be the God of Israel MERLE'S TUNE

***THE BLESSING OF THE COMMUNITY**

Leader: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of
God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.
People: And also with you.

***Choral Benediction**

Rejoice! Rejoice! VENI EMMANUEL

***The Sending of the Community**

***Congregational Amen**

The service of the church into the world - - begins again this week

POSTLUDE

Veni, Veni Emmanuel arr. J. Behnke

***Please stand, as you are able**

We are grateful for those who serve with us today:
Writing Prayers - Debbie Benson;
Scripture Readers - Carter Bergen, Emilie Roussis;
Communion Preparation - Jack Lepine, Twyla Fletcher;
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— FBC Council