



***The order of service is subject to change at the leading of the Holy Spirit.**
Bold print invites congregational response in unison.

*Means you are **invited to stand** if able and comfortable.

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WE GATHER TOGETHER

Light the Candle	Gabriel Lora
Welcome	Pastor Lee
Welcoming Statement	Together
Announcements	Kay Jones
*Praise and Worship	"How Great Is Our God" Screen "Emmanuel" UMH #203 "In His Time" TFWs # 2203

Light the second candle of Advent Pat Tripp, Janet Parsons

Reader 1: O God, we light the second candle of Advent.

Reader 2: We seek your comfort. Both mighty and tender, you come. Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you.

People: Saving God, look upon your world and heal your land and your people. Prepare us to be changed. This Advent, teach us to be tender and just, as you are. Amen.

Words to Ponder Kay Jones
By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us – giving light to those who sit in darkness, comforting those who dwell in the shadow of death, and guiding our feet in the way of peace.

Call to Worship Kay Jones
A messenger calls, "Prepare the way of the Holy One. Make a pathway for God straight into your hearts".

Blessed be the Holy One, who brings light into the deepest shadows.

A prophet proclaims, "Make way in the desert for the coming of God to lie in our midst."

Blessed be the Holy One, who comes to live among us in peace.

Are you ready for the coming Day of God?

Let us worship the one who calls us into light.

Opening Prayer Together
Redeeming Keeper of Promises, your messengers remind us that you are the source of peace, justice, mercy, and loving kindness. As we prepare for your coming in your Son Jesus, help us shine as the radiant body of Christ, that we may be light for a gloomy, broken world. Amen.

Lord's Prayer	Together
*Hymn of Praise	"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" UMH # 196
*Passing of the Peace of Christ	Kay Jones
Children's Sermon	Pastor Lee

WE HEAR THE WORD

Words of Illumination Kay Jones
Hear the good news: When we cannot find our way through the gloom, God gives light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.

***Scripture Reading** **Luke 3:1-6** Kay Jones
3 In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, ²during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, ⁴as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight. ⁵Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth, ⁶and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.' "

Reader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Reflecting on God's Message	"Prepare the Way of the Lord" Pastor Lee
Prayers of the People	Pastor Lee

We Respond to the Word

Invitation to the Offering Pastor Lee
Indwelling Light of our hearts, we have heard your voice in the words of your messengers. We give thanks that you are Immanuel, God with us. **Amen.**

Offertory Anthem "Whatcha Gonna Call That Baby?" Chancel Choir
By: Phyllis Wolfe-White

*Doxology

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Praise God, from Whom all blessing flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, Ye heavenly Host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

UMH #95

*Offering Prayer

Immanuel, God with us, in gratitude for the mercy you showed our ancestors in faith, and in thanksgiving for your holy covenant with all your people, we offer you these gifts and offerings. Amen.

Together

We Reach Out to the World

*Sending Hymn

“Blessed Assurance”

UMH # 369

*Benediction

Go forth sanctified in the love of God.

God has turned our weeping into laughter.

Go for the, clothed in the garments of salvation and the robes of righteousness.

Christ has turned our sorrow into joy.

Go with God.

Amen.

Together

Postlude

Harlan Otter

Event Announcements:

- **Poinsettia Order for Christmas Altar:** Orders due TODAY December 8.
- **Church Directory:** family pictures including pets are due to the church office TODAY December 8.
- **Love Baskets:** assembly December 10 at 9:30 in the church kitchen.
- **Christmas Concert:** Sunday December 15 at 11:30am
- **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service:** Tuesday December 24 at 7:00pm

Second Sunday of Advent

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12.08.2024 | 9:30 am

You are invited to worship with us in the quiet of prayer, in the joy of song, and in the desire to grow in the grace and knowledge of our LORD Jesus Christ. Part of our mission is to be a place for all people. All are welcome here! Whatever your gender identity, age, race, religious background, economic status, sexual orientation or condition of ableness, we greet you as a beloved child of God.

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