

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:30AM

DECEMBER 5, 2021

This morning's altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Jewell Hook by the Robert Hook family. Thank you!

*RINGING OF THE BELL

GATHERING *(please take a moment to sign the attendance pad and pass it on to your neighbor)*

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE (UMH#272) *Sing of Mary, Pure and Lowly* S. Chauvez-Melo

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively):

L: This Advent, we hope and pray for ...

P: JOY ... AS WE JOURNEY TOGETHER;

SIGHT FOR THE BLIND AND HEALING FOR THE SICK;

FREEDOM FOR THE PRISONERS AND GOOD NEWS FOR THE POOR;

RELEASE FOR THE OPPRESSED WITH JUSTICE FOR ALL;

AND LOVE FOR EACH OTHER!

L: This Advent, we hope and pray for the coming of God's topsy-turvy, inside out, upside down Kingdom.

ALL: COME, LORD JESUS, COME!

*OPENING HYMN OF PRAISE UMH#98

To God Be the Glory

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

Terrie and Mike Morrison

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN

Heather Connor/Video – 8:30am

*ACT OF PRAISE – AN ADVENT CREED (responsively):

L: Jesus has taught us to speak of hope for the coming of God's Kingdom.

P: WE BELIEVE THAT GOD IS AT WORK IN OUR WORLD, TURNING HOPELESS AND EVIL SITUATIONS INTO GOOD.

WE BELIEVE THAT GOODNESS AND JUSTICE AND LOVE WILL TRIUMPH IN THE END, AND THAT TYRANNY AND OPPRESSION CANNOT LAST FOREVER.

WE BELIEVE THAT ONE DAY ALL TEARS WILL BE WIPED AWAY, AND THE LAMB WILL LIE DOWN WITH THE LION.

WE BELIEVE THAT TRUE PEACE AND TRUE RECONCILIATION ARE NOT ONLY DESIRABLE, BUT THEY ARE ASSURED AND GUARANTEED.

L: This is our faith and our hope. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI #71

WITNESS TO THE WORD

*Spend Less ...
But On What and Whom?*

Rev. L. Kim Eanes

A SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE UMH#12-14

- THE INVITATION

- CONFESSION AND PARDON

- THE PEACE

- OFFERING

Come, O Redeemer, Come

F. Ortega

- *THE DOXOLOGY *(to the tune of: Angels from the Realms of Glory)*

ALL CREATION JOIN IN PRAISING, GOD THE FATHER, SPIRIT, SON;
EVERMORE YOUR VOICES RAISING, TO TH' ETERNAL THREE IN ONE.
COME AND WORSHIP, COME AND WORSHIP,
WORSHIP CHRIST THE NEWBORN KING!

- *PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

- THE GREAT THANKSGIVING # 13-14

- PASTORAL PRAYER

- THE LORD'S PRAYER #895

- BREAKING THE BREAD

- *GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

*CLOSING HYMN OF PRAISE UMH#87

What Gift Can We Bring?

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

*POSTLUDE (UMH#475)

Come Down, O Love Divine

R. V. Williams

*Please stand as you are able