

1. Light one can-dle to watch for Mes - si - ah:  
 2. Light two can-dles to watch for Mes - si - ah:

let the light ban-ish dark - ness. He shall bring sal -  
 let the light ban-ish dark - ness. He shall feed the

va - tion to Is - ra-el, God ful-fills the pro - mise.  
 flock like a shep - herd, gent - ly lead them home - ward.

CALL TO MISSION.

D.C.E. Mylika Slaughter

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Eternal God,  
 in whom we live and move and have our being,  
 whose face is hidden from us by our sins,  
 and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts:  
 Cleanse us from all our offenses,  
 and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires,  
 that with reverent and humble hearts  
 we may draw near to you,  
 confessing our faults,  
 confiding in your grace,  
 and finding in you our refuge and strength;  
 through Jesus Christ, your Son.

*Time for silent confession.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

One: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:  
 All: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST:

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.  
 All: **And also with you.**

\* PEACE RESPONSE:

Peace, peace, peace, till war and vio-lence cease. For

God has made us sis-ter, brother, so that we may love each other.

Peace, peace, peace, till war and vio-lence cease.

### PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME.

*Children who go to Godly Play can follow the teachers  
 to their room. When you pick up your children at 11:10 am  
 from the second floor Godly Play room, please sign them out  
 or provide other pick up instructions.*

\* HYMN #92: "While We Are Waiting, Come" *Waiting*

THE PROPHETS: Isaiah 11: 1-10 p. 640 OT

THE GOSPEL: Matthew 3: 1-12 p. 2 NT

One: The Word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE: "A Shoot from the Tree of Jesse"

*"A shoot shall come up from the stump of Jesse;  
 a branch shall come out from his roots."  
 - Isaiah 11:1*

\* GLORIA PATRI:

Glo - ri - a

in ex-cel-sis De - o! Glo -

ri - a in ex-cel-sis De - o!

### RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

\* RECEIVING TITHES AND OFFERINGS:

One: As wise ones of old gave their gifts,

All: **we present to the Christ child our tithes and offerings.**

OFFERTORY. "Zion Hears the Watchmen Singing" *Bach/arr. Leavitt*

\* DOXOLOGY:

Praise God, from whom all bles - sings flow; praise Christ, all

crea - tures here be - low! Praise Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er -

more; praise Tri - une God, whom we a - dore!

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION.

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *from Philippians 2.*

Let the same mind be in us that was in Christ Jesus: who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited; but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself, and became obedient to the point of death - even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him, and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.

\* HYMN #495: "Thee We Adore" *Adoro Te Devote*

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

*We invite you to come forward down the center aisle to receive communion, holding out an open palm to receive bread and leaving your cup in the cup racks at the back of each pew. If you wish to have communion brought to you, please indicate this by raising a hand to the servers walking in the aisles. All are welcome to receive communion at Christ's table.*

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FOLLOWED BY 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever, Amen.

\* HYMN #314: "Longing for Light" *Christ, Be Our Light*

\* BENEDICTION.

\* CHORAL AMEN.

POSTLUDE. Praeludium in C Major, BWV 545 *J.S. Bach*

*Please join us for fellowship time in the narthex following the service - serving snacks and coffee, but most of all friendship.*

## CALENDAR OF CHURCH EVENTS

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4: COMMUNION SUNDAY

9:00 am Youth Group  
9:30am-12:30pm Nursery  
10:00 am Worship and Children's Church (Godly Play)  
11:00 am Fellowship Time  
11:20 am Adult Education—Dodds Hall  
11:30 am Youth Choir—Choir room, lower level  
12:30 pm Deacons Meeting—Dodds  
5:00 pm Living Hope Fellowship—Dodds Hall

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 5:

3:00 pm Kendal Communion  
7:00 pm Monday Evening Study Group (Zoom)

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6:

6:30 pm Tai Chi - Narthex  
7:00 pm AA Meeting  
7:00 pm Contra Dance Music—3rd Floor

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7:

2:00 pm Women's Bible Study (Zoom)  
6:30 pm Finger Lakes Pipe Band—3rd floor

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8:

9:00 am B & P Committee Mtg  
6:30 pm Community Game Night—Dodds  
7:00 pm Piperventilators (YFN) - 3rd Floor  
7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9:

7:30 pm Theology on Tap—Brewers Taproom and Kitchen

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10.

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11: LESSONS AND CAROLS

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DECEMBER 4, 2022: THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## PREPARATION FOR THE WORD OF GOD

*This service is being livestreamed! You can view services on our website. Please write your name in the Friendship Pad, and if you need a nametag, put a star next to your name and one will be waiting for you in the narthex.*

PRELUDE: Partita on 'Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen' *J. Kriebel*

WELCOME: Rev. Kirianne Weaver

\* CALL TO WORSHIP: Liturgist: Glen Dowell

One: I was glad when they said to me,

All: "Let us go to the house of the Lord!"

One: Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,

All: that we may learn God's ways and walk in God's paths.

One: We give you thanks and praise, O God,

All: that you have built us up in faith

One: and bound us together in love.

All: Let your Word ring out from the mountains

One: and your Spirit shine forth in the earth,

All: so that all may hear your teaching.

One: Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.

All: Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

*Our acolyte today is Jonah Minas*

\* HYMN #105: "People, Look East" *Besancon*

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE:

One: We light this candle for peace:

All: that from our hearts to our world, Christ's peace may be established forever.

*(Sung response on overleaf)*

\* Sitting or standing is a matter of custom and preference but not a requirement. You are invited to participate in whatever way makes you most comfortable.