

Second Sunday of Advent

The Bethlehem Candle


December 8, 2019

Color: Violet

This is the wonderful season of Advent. This is a time to prepare for the coming of the Lord. The greens in our sanctuary to remind us that life never ends for the believer. We prepare our hearts, souls and minds for the coming of our Lord. Come Lord Jesus, come.

PRELUDE: Come and enter the presence of God and prepare yourself for worship. Join us in enjoying God's presence as Marcia Desilets and the worship team lead us in songs of praise.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

 **OPENING HYMN:** *O Little Town Of Bethlehem* HYMN # 230
The Processional and Illumination

 **CALL TO WORSHIP:** (responsively)

Leader: The birthplace of Jesus is the fulfillment of the first coming of Christ the Messiah.


All: He was born in the place where King David was born, the little insignificant town of Bethlehem.

Leader: Lets us join with the heavenly host and worship our savior and Lord.

All: We lift our hearts and voices in praise to our Lord and prepare our hearts to make room for Him.

Leader: How do we prepare our hearts?

All: Through prayer, reading scripture and in faith; looking and waiting for His second coming. *Come Lord Jesus Come. Amen*

 **SONGS OF WORSHIP:** *I Could Sing Of Your Love Forever;*
People Need The Lord & How Deep The Father's Love For Us
PRAYER OF INVOCATION: Pastor Cal


OUR GIFTS TO GOD ARE CALLED FORTH

Invitation

Offerings to God

Offertory: Soloist Sophia LeBlanc "*I Wonder as I Wander*"

 Doxology # 95

 Prayer of Dedication

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Today we welcome Forrest & Rachel McPherson and Jean White.

CHILDREN'S and YOUTH PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER (trespasses)

Pastor: The Lord is with you.

Congregation: And also with you

Pastor: Lord have mercy.

Congregation: Christ have mercy.

Pastor: Let us pray

SCRIPTURE READING

Old Testament Lesson: **Micah 5:2**

Pew Bible 805

New Testament Lesson: **Matthew 2:1-6**

Pew Bible 835


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

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

 **GLORIA PATRI:** HYMN # 71

ADVENT SERIES: Come Savior


TODAY'S MEDITATION: *Feeling Insignificant?* Pastor Cal

 **CLOSING HYMN:** *Jesus Is All The World To Me*
HYMN # 469

The Recessional

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

 All who are able, please join us when we stand together as one.

Thank you for not bringing food or beverage, except water, into the Sanctuary as well as turning off your cell phone during the service ☺

Thank You to this weeks Volunteer Worship Leaders!

December 8, 2019

Greeters: CHERI COMER
Ushers: WAYNE & JANE CRESPO
Co-leader: MARVIN BERNSTEIN
Worship Leaders: Alex, Lauren,
Brandy, Deb & Paul

December 15, 2019

Greeters: DAN MCLEAN & CHUCK
SCHRAWDER
Ushers: SCOTT & HEATHER
NASIATKA
Co-leader: ALEX LUHTJARV
Worship Leaders: Cheri, Brandy,
Paul & Bonnie

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Director of Music: Marcia Desilets

Children's Ministry: Brandy Wood

Youth Minister: Jennie LeBlanc

Office Administrator: Cheri Comer

Church Sexton: James Lemmer

Nursery Attendant: Kayte Richtarcsik

Offering for the week of November 24, 2019


General \$1,773.50 Missions \$238.50 Loose Offering \$197.00
Altar Flowers \$337.00 Communion \$3.00 Holly Bazaar \$2,547.75

Total \$5,096.75 Thank you for giving & God Bless!

Offering for the week of December 1, 2019

General \$3,959.00 Missions \$83.00 Loose Offering \$146.00
Steeple Lighting \$40.00 Communion \$33.00 Thanksgiving \$692.00

Total \$4,953.00 Thank you for giving & God Bless!

 *May Peace be with you always!*