

# Second Sunday of Advent

## Preparation of Peace

December 9, 2018

Color: Violet

Advent is a season to prepare. We prepare our homes for our family celebrations. We prepare hearts for the coming of the Lord. *Let every heart prepare him room.*

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

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS



**OPENING SONG OF WORSHIP:** *O Come All Ye Faithful*  
*The Processional and Illumination*

**CALL TO WORSHIP:** (responsively)

Leader: Get ready, people of God! The time of hope and peace is at hand.

**All: We are called to action rather than reaction.**

Leader: Open your hearts to God's word and God's will.

**All: Help us to be workers for God rather than observers.**

Leader: Come, draw near to God in faith.

**All: Let us prepare our hearts to receive the wondrous gifts of God. AMEN.**

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**SONGS OF WORSHIP:** *Jesus Name Above All Names;*  
*Emanuel*

**PRAYER OF INVOCATION:**

Pastor Cal

**OUR GIFTS TO GOD ARE CALLED FORTH**

Invitation

Offerings to God

Offertory: **Soloist Piper Dienst**



Doxology # 95



Prayer of Dedication

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH** See Insert

Today we welcome the Ames family to light the second candle, the candle of Peace.

**CHILDREN'S PRAYER**

**HYMN OF MEDITATION:** *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

Hymn # 240

**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**

Old Testament Lesson: **Isaiah 40:3-5**

Pew Bible 619

New Testament Lesson: **Matthew 3:1-12**

Pew Bible 836

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

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**



**GLORIA PATRI:**

Hymn # 71

**ADVENT SERIES: Hope is on the Way**

Pastor Cal

**TODAY'S MEDITATION:** *Managing Un-expectations*



**CLOSING HYMN:** *Go, Tell It On The Mountain* Hymn # 251

*The Recessional*

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**



**All who are able, please join us when we stand.**

Thank You for turning off your cell phones and bringing only water into the sanctuary ☺



**Merry Christmas and may Peace be with you!**

**Thank You to this weeks Volunteer Worship Leaders!**

**December 9, 2018**

Greeters: CHERI COMER &  
ROBERT DUVAL  
Ushers: JOHN & JAMES JOSLIN  
Co-leader: MARTHA DIENST

**December 16, 2018**

Greeters: SCOTT & HEATHER  
NASIATKA  
Ushers: ADAM & JENNIE  
LEBLANC  
Co-leader: CINDY CARVILL

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**Pastor:** F. Calvin Miller

**Senior Deacon:** Marvin Bernstein

**Fellow Deacons:** Cindy Carvill, Katrina Fleming, Robert Duval, Martha Dienst, Ian Bussiere, Deb Scortico, Dan Baxter & Pat Neville

**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 25, 2018**

General \$1,920.50 Missions \$100.50 Loose Offering \$582.00  
Thanksgiving Offering \$582.00

Total \$2,720.00 Thank you for giving & God Bless!

**Offering for the week of December 2, 2018**

General \$957.50 Missions \$208.50 Loose Offering \$336.10  
Poinsettia \$48.00 Upper Room Devotionals \$20.00  
Communion \$26.00

Total \$1,596.10 Thank you for giving & God Bless!