



Second Sunday
in
Advent

Preparation for Worship

from the stump, from this dried out log, from a family tree that has lost all integrity...

...there comes the shoot of David, the lifeline of salvation, the promise of justice, the longing for transformation, the word of life, the expectation of Messiah

from the stump of Jesse comes a covenant reborn

— Roddy Hamilton, *Mucky Paws*

Prelude

Lo How a Rose E'er Blooming
Rob Passow

Bradley Nelson

We Gather in God's Name

Welcome and Announcements

Please sign the friendship register

† Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Song of Praise

Offering

Praise Band

Call to Worship (*Adapted from Psalm 72 and Isaiah 11*)

One Voice: Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.

Many Voices: Blessed be God's glorious name forever.

One Voice: May God's glory fill the earth.

Many Voices: May there be peace in all God's holy mountain.

One Voice: Let us worship God.

† Hymn #109

Blest Be the God of Israel

† Prayer of Confession

Gracious and welcoming God, have mercy on your people. We confess that we do not live in light of your incarnation. We do not heed your word each day in all that we say and do. We do not see our neighbors, families, and friends as beloved children whom you have made. In your mercy, forgive us, for we repent of our ways and look to your power to heal us and raise us up, so that at the last, you will gather us to you and give us peace. Amen.

† Response #103 *Come Now, O Prince of Peace (verses 1 and 4)*

† Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: Hear the good news! The reign of God has come near; all who repent will be granted mercy. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Be filled with hope, and be at peace. Amen.

We Proclaim God's Word

Anthem

Little Drop of Heaven
Chancel Choir

Chopin



IF YOU ARE VISITING TODAY - We are very glad you chose to worship with us! Please sign our friendship register so that we can greet you by name and call on you if you desire.

ALL CHILDREN ARE WELCOMED IN WORSHIP - Please ask an usher for a Worship Bag; for infants through 3-year-olds, our Nursery is downstairs in Room 5.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP - Children through 3rd grade have their own worship time following the lighting of the Advent wreath. Please pick children up following worship—K-3rd graders will be in Room 14, and younger children in Room 5.

SUNDAY SCHOOL/YOUTH - Classes for 5-year-olds through adults are offered at 9:15 a.m. Please check the bulletin boards in the main level hallway to see the Youth schedule.

PLEASE ASK ANYONE FOR HELP OR DIRECTIONS!

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