



“John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness...”
- Mark 1:4

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OUR CHURCH AT WORSHIP

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Second Sunday of Advent

PRELUDE

Althea Waites

CALL TO WORSHIP

adapted from Psalm 85

Leader: Let us hear what the Lord will speak,

People: For God will speak peace to the people.

Leader: Surely your salvation is at hand for those who revere you.

People: In you, love and faithfulness meet; righteousness and peace will kiss.

Leader: Faithfulness springs up from the ground,
righteousness looks down from the sky.

People: Righteousness will go before the Lord, and make a path for his steps.

HYMN #211

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

Charles Dickerson

**O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

**O come, thou Wisdom from on high, and order all things far and nigh.
To us the path of knowledge show and cause us in her ways to go.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

**O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by thy justice here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND RENEWAL

Unison: Merciful God, you sent your prophets to preach repentance and to prepare the way for our salvation. Give us grace to hear their words, words of warning and hope, so that we may turn toward your love. Help us to wait with awe and wonder for the fulfillment of your promise to all the nations, the coming of Jesus Christ to be with us. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Lisa Pope

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee.
Holy, holy holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Jonathan Chute

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN - Lighting the Candle of Peace

**A candle is burning, a candle of peace,
A candle to signal that conflict must cease:
For Jesus is coming to show us the way;
A message of peace humbly laid in the hay.**

ANTHEM

“Wade in the Water / Take Me to the Water”

Charles Dickerson

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

April Herron

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass 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.**

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

OFFERTORY

Althea Waites

DOXOLOGY

Charles Dickerson

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures, here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

Mark 1:1-8

John baptizes in the wilderness

Lisa Pope

SERMON

“Familiar Territory”

Jonathan Chute

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

April Herron

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

BLESSING AND SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

Jonathan Chute

HYMN #196

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

Charles Dickerson

**Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee.
Israel’s strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;
Dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.**

**Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a king,
Born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
By thine all-sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne.**

BENEDICTION AND CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

There’s a Spirit in the air, telling Christians everywhere:

Praise the love that Christ revealed, living, working, in our world.

POSTLUDE

“Sing-a-Lamb”

3rd service ensemble

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Paula Kuno – guitar/mandolin/vocals, *Teresa James* – piano/flute/vocals

Michael Starr – guitar/violin/mandolin/vocals, *Zach Provost* – piano/vocals

Cory Tramontelli – bass/vocals, *Jack Sollecito* – percussion/guitar/piano

Rev. Jonathan Chute, Senior Pastor
Rev. Dr. Martha Rowlett, Senior Pastor Emeritus
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Annette Matsuda, Parish Nurse
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Althea Waites, Organist
Paula Kuno, 3rd Service Music
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