

Order of Service, Readings, and Prayer

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 08, 2024

THE GATHERING

Welcome

Parish Announcements

"Light of Light"

The Choir

Responsive Litany by All

Pastor- Advent is a time to turn away from meaningless distractions

Cong.- Prince of Peace, clear our minds and calm our hearts.

P. - Advent is a time to notice and count our many blessings.

C. Prince of peace, help us to recognize all that is good in our lives.

P. Advent is a time to let go of bitterness and resentment.

C. Prince of Peace, make us slow to anger and quick to forgive.

P. Advent is a time to spread peace to the world around us.

C. Prince of Peace, open our eyes to the needs of others.

Lighting of the Second Advent Candle

Closing Prayer

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| *Confession and Forgiveness | p. 94 |
| *Hymn <i>"Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding"</i> | No. 246 |
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PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

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| Psalmody (read responsively) | Luke 1:68-79 |
| Second Reading | Philippians 1:3-11 |
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RESPONSE TO THE WORD

The Message

Rev. Tim Kneuss

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*Blessing of Offerings

*The Prayers of Intercession p. 143

P: Lord, in your mercy

C: receive our prayer.

*The Lord’s Prayer – Traditional p. 145

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*The Blessing p. 146

*Sending Song *“Joy to the World”* No. 267

*The Dismissal p. 146

Psalmody, continued

⁷⁸In the tender compassion ¹ of our God
the dawn from on high
shall ¹ break upon us,

⁷⁹to shine on those who dwell
in darkness and the shad- ¹ ow
of death,
and to guide our feet
into the ¹ way of peace.

Second Reading

Philippians 1:3-11

I thank my God every time I remember you, ⁴constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, ⁵because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense

and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. ⁹And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight ¹⁰to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, ¹¹having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Gospel

Luke 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, ²during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, ⁴as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.

⁵Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill
shall be made low,
and the crooked shall be made
straight,
and the rough ways made
smooth;

⁶and all flesh shall see the
salvation of God."

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