

Westminster Presbyterian Church

2110 Sheridan Blvd. Lincoln, NE

December 6, 2020

Second Sunday of Advent

Prelude

John Ross, organ

Welcome

Rev. Chris Peters

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Call to Worship

Deacon Faye Moulton

One: John the Baptist said, "Prepare the way." So family of faith, how do we prepare our *minds* for worship?

All: We silence the inner critic. We let go of busy thoughts. We make space for God to speak.

One: How do we prepare our *hearts* for worship?

All: We bless all emotions. We feel what we feel. We open ourselves to be moved.

One: How do we prepare our *bodies* for worship?

All: We take in the sights of the season. We breath in God's mercy and exhale God's love.

One: Wherever we worship, however we worship, God is here.

Advent Wreath Candle Lighting

Marybell Avery and Stan Campbell

Hymn #87 *Comfort, Comfort Now My People

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (*first silently, then together*)

God of peace, we often wish that peace was something we could buy, found on a map, ordered online, or voted for in a ballot. We wish that peace was an easy one-time choice, rather than the path you call us to walk our entire lives. We confess that we need your forgiveness this Advent season. We ask for your Spirit's way of preparation in our minds, hearts, bodies, and souls. Prepare the way for greater peace, and teach us how to be a part of your peaceful kingdom. Amen.

Response to the Confession

#88 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel v. 2

***O come, thou Wisdom from on high, who ordered all things mightily
To us the path of knowledge show; and teach us in her ways to go.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel***

Assurance of Forgiveness

... Believe and share the good news!

In Jesus Christ, we are a new creation!

**You are invited to stand in body or spirit.*

***Response of Praise**

#113 Angels We Have Heard on High v.1

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains

And the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains.

Glo-o-o-ria in excelsis Deo!

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Children's Chat

Rev. Chris Peters

Special Music

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Prophets Isaiah 40:1-11

Gospels Mark 1:1-8

Holy Words to awaken us. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

"Those Who Dream... Prepare the Way"

Rev. Chris Peters

***Hymn #96**

On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry

The Lord's Supper

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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 debts as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Communion of the People

Prayer After Communion

Prayers of the People

Deacon Faye Moulton

***Charge & Benediction**

Postlude

John Ross, organ