

## **Worship for December 6, 2020**

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING**

#### **HYMN** One Candle is Lit vs 2 #128

Come quickly, shalom, teach us how to prepare  
For a gift that compels us with justice to care.  
Our spirits are restless till sin and war cease.  
One candle is lit for the reign of God's peace.

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

God of Surprising Generosity and Unexpected Grace,  
We have come to witness a miracle;  
to prepare our hearts for a new invasion of Your Light;  
**We have come once again to open our souls  
and our lives to the divine birth.**  
And in this sacred moment we ask for  
Your gentle Presence to captivate and challenge us.  
**For Jesus' sake. Amen.**

### **INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER**

Holy and righteous God, before you we can only admit our own unrighteousness and our world's deep brokenness. In gratitude, we praise you for giving your Son to be our Savior. In humility, we pray you will guide us now, by your Spirit, to live more fully and freely as your forgiven people, saying...

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.

#### **HYMN** Come, O Long-expected Jesus #125

Come, O long-expected Jesus,  
born to set your people free.  
From our fears and sins release us;  
Christ, in whom our rest shall be.  
You, our strength and consolation,  
come salvation to impart;  
dear desire of every nation,  
joy of many a longing heart.

Born your people to deliver,  
born a child, and yet a king,  
born to reign in us forever,  
born your gracious realm to bring.  
By your own eternal Spirit  
rule in all our hearts alone;  
by your all-sufficient merit  
raise us to your glorious throne.

### **PASTORAL PRAYER**

## **CALL TO COMMUNION**

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND PRAYER**

## **OBSERVANCE OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

**SCRIPTURE READING** Isaiah 40: 1– 11

**SERMON TITLE** Peace and Sheep; A Gift Giving Guide

## **HYMN Good Christian Friends, Rejoice #164**

Good Christian friends, rejoice  
with heart and soul and voice!

Listen now to what we say:  
News! News!

Jesus Christ is born today.  
Ox and ass before him bow,  
and he is in the manger now.  
Christ is born today!  
Christ is born today!

Good Christian friends, rejoice  
with heart and soul and voice!

Now you hear of endless bliss;  
Joy! Joy!

Jesus Christ was born for this!  
He has opened heaven's door,  
and we are blest for evermore.  
Christ was born for this!  
Christ was born for this!

Good Christian friends, rejoice  
with heart and soul and voice!

Now you need not fear the  
grave:

Peace! Peace!  
Jesus Christ was born to save!  
Calls you one and calls you all  
to gain the everlasting hall.  
Christ was born to save!  
Christ was born to save!

## **BENEDICTION**

L: Go, as preparers of the way.

**P: We go, knowing that the wilderness is still with us; that instead of fleeing it, we are called to be sustained within it.**

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