

Second Sunday of Advent - December 10th, 2017

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GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Advent Candle Lighting

Adam, Joni, Eden, Eloise, and Sophie Massie

**Centering Song:* “Come, Come Emmanuel”

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**Call to Worship: (based on Psalm 85:8-9)*

We come together to hear what God will speak,

God will speak peace to us, the people of God.

We turn our hearts to God,

knowing salvation is at hand for those who fear God.

Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet,

truth and justice will kiss each other.

**Opening Hymn:* “Show Us, O Lord, Your Steadfast Love”

#449

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

Faithful God, we come before you now seeking comfort. We seek your comfort because we have sinned. We are either too proud, or too meek. We are either too arrogant, or too humble. We are either too greedy, or too hospitable. We either love ourselves too much, or we do not love ourselves enough. We seek from you a path through the wilderness of our lives. Listen to our silent confessions of guilt.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon & Hope:

There is no one sin. There are many sins. And One God forgives them all. The way of the Lord is prepared for us. Through Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

**Sung Response:* “Angels We Have Heard On High”

(refrain only) **#113**

**Passing of the Peace*

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

THE WORD

Children's Message

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: Isaiah 40:1-11
Mark 1:1-8

God's People Are Comforted
Proclamation of John the Baptist

p. 667 OT
p. 34 NT

Sermon

Rev. Robert Drake

WE RESPOND

**Affirmation of Faith:* Second Helvetic Confession (ca. 1566)

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**Hymn of Faithfulness:* "Watchman, Tell Us of the Night"

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Invitation to the Offering & Prayer of Dedication

Printed prayer requests are gathered with the offering and shared during the Prayers of the People.

Offertory: "Comfort, Comfort Ye My People"

Lani Smith

**Doxology*

**Prayer of Dedication*

Faithful God, may these gifts help prepare your way. May they be put in the service of messengers far and wide who proclaim your Good News. May these gifts make straight paths in the world of your creation. Amen.

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer (debt and debtors)

SENDING OUT

**Closing Hymn:* "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

#119

**Our Church Mission Statement:*

(printed on back of bulletin)

**Benediction*

**Closing Sung Response:* "We Will Go Out with Joy"

(vs.1) #539

Postlude

The Second Helvetic Confession

(ca. 1566, composed by Heinrich Bullinger)

The Gospel is properly called glad and joyous news, in which, first by John the Baptist, then by Christ the Lord himself, and afterwards by the apostles and their successors, is preached to us in the world that God has now performed what God promised from the beginning of the world, and has sent, indeed, has given us God's only Son and in Jesus Christ reconciliation with the Father, the remission of sins, all fullness and everlasting life.

