

December 4, 2022

Order of Worship Second Sunday of Advent

10:00am

An asterisk () indicates times when you are invited to stand. Selections in BOLD are responses spoken by the congregation.*

Welcome and Announcements

Deacon

Prelude

Polish Carol
David Paxton (based on a traditional melody)

Norman McFarlane

Lighting of the Advent Wreath The Peace Candle

The Lawton family

Leader: All around us days shorten and nights lengthen, but we are told that the night is almost over, and a light is drawing near.

People: We wait on God's light together.

Leader: Chaos surrounds us as the busyness of the season approaches, but we are called along pathways of peace.

People: We wait on God's peace together.

Leader: In this season of friends and family, we dearly miss the faces that are absent this year.

People: We wait on God's comfort together.

Leader: Though the world can seem dark and chaotic both within and without, we are told that God will build a house among us.

All: We wait on God's presence together. Amen.

*Gathering Hymn

All Earth is Waiting

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Joy and Concern cards will be collected by the Deacons

First Annual Noel Awards

Sarah Pradhan, Youth & Others

Carol

Jingle Bells

Carol

Away in a Manger

Prayers of the People for the World

Deacon

Lord in your mercy

All: hear our prayers.

The Lord's Prayer

Deacon

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, now and forever. Amen.

***Benediction**

Deacon

**Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness;
Be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good;
Render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted;
Support the weak; help the afflicted;
Honor all people; love and serve God;
Rejoicing through the power of the Holy Spirit.
The grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God,
And the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen**

***Parting Song** *God Be With You 'Till We Meet Again (modified)*

**God be with You till we meet again.
By God's counsels guide, uphold you.
God will place arms all around you.
God be with you till we meet again.**

Postlude

A Little Song of Praise
Todd Kendall

Norman McFarlane
