

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Northside Presbyterian Church – December 6, 2020

GATHERING MUSIC – *“God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen”*

WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

INTROIT – *“Prepare the Way, O Zion”*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Exalt the Almighty and worship at God’s holy mountain,
for the Lord our God is holy.

Look! The Lord draws near; come into the presence of the Holy One.
Let us behold the glory of our God.

HYMN – *“Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming”* (129, v. 1-2)

**1 Lo, how a rose e’er blooming from tender stem hath sprung,
of Jesse’s lineage coming, by faithful prophets sung.
It came, a floweret bright, amid the cold of winter, when half spent was the night.**

**2 Isaiah ‘twas foretold it, the rose I have in mind;
with Mary we behold it, the virgin mother kind.
To show God’s love aright she bore for us a Savior, when half spent was the night.**

ADVENT CANDLELIGHTING – Kay and Joe Hunnings

God calls us to worship today as followers of his Son, Jesus Christ. We light these candles as a symbol of the coming light of our Messiah.

*Jesus asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Christ.”
Each day the world asks us the same question Jesus asked Peter: Who is coming?*

With Peter, we declare that Christ, the Son of God, is coming.

When Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, “Tell us, when will this be, and what will be that sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?” (Mark 13:3-4)

With the disciples, we wonder when Christ will come.

As we wait, we celebrate his first coming as a baby and his life of sacrifice.

But even more, we look forward to his glorious second coming when he will make all things new.

CHIME RESPONSE

GOSPEL – Mark 1:1-8 – Mary Lough

OFFERING OF MUSIC – *“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”*

OLD TESTAMENT – Isaiah 40:1-11
SERMON – “*Tidings of Comfort and Joy*”

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER/LORD’S PRAYER

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.

... with all creation we sing your praise, saying,

**Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

... We declare the mystery of faith,

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Lord’s Prayer

Sharing of Bread and Cup

Prayer: **Gracious God, you have gathered us at this table with all your people in heaven and on earth. We have been nourished by the living bread, Jesus Christ, and we have been refreshed by the power of your Holy Spirit. May we now go out as glad disciples of our Lord, following in his way, proclaiming his truth, and living his love for the world. Amen.**

HYMN – “*Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*” (347, v. 1-2)

**1 Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;
ponder nothing earthly minded, for with blessing in his hand
Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.**

**2 King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture, in the body and the blood,
he will give to all the faithful his own self for heavenly food.**

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG (92)

**While we are waiting, come; while we are waiting, come.
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.**

Please be in prayer for:

Revathi Balakrishnan
Susan Dickerson
Bonnie Church
Hazel Hale

Drew Taylor
Edd Stoops
Rev. Brian Miles
Mary Lough

Doug Rathjen
Deborah Long

Today’s musicians: Marya Katz, Charles Bostian, Ann Marie Conner, Jack Webster, Pat Fullen
Video Technician – Marshall Chaney