

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Second Sunday of Advent

Welcome Rev. Dr. Kathryn Kimmel

Prelude *Bring a Torch* arr. Howard Helvey
David Córdoba Hernandez and Jimmy Jones, *piano*

Introit TRADITIONAL ENGLISH
Come Let us Dream
The Sanctuary Choir
*Come, let us dream God's dream again
Come, one and all let us go to
the manger scene where those of old
saw God's new day on earth unfold.
The lame shall walk, the blind shall see,
the doors swing wide, all prisoners free,
the lowly raised, the proud brought low,
this is God's dream; let justice flow.*

Call to Worship Clay Wilson
Leader: Come, let us dream God's dream again.
All: Come, one and all, let us go to the manger scene where those of old saw God's new day on earth unfold.
Leader: Come let us dream a dream of peace.
All: Let us journey to Bethlehem where peace is found as a new family is formed in the mystery of God's salvation.

Invocation Clay Wilson

* Hymn of Praise 77 HYFRYDOL
Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Lighting of the Peace Candle: Mark and Sally Smith
Leader: On the second Sunday of Advent, we remember the Holy Family who sought a place of peace.
All: May our words and our lives reflect the peace of Jesus.

Advent Hymn *O Coming Lord* COMING LORD
O coming Lord who forgive us now; before your throne we humbly bow. You often lead us to repent, fill us with peace on this Advent. O coming Lord, O coming Lord, fill us with peace on this Advent.

Children's Sermon Rev. Holly Hatton

Moment of Gratitude Rev. Ray Hatton

Choral Worship *The Winter Rose* arr. Joseph Martin
The Sanctuary Choir

In the silence of the winter while stars shown high above, God sent from heaven's garden a Rose to show His love. It opened in the dark of night while the world was fast asleep. So perfect was its beauty, it made the heavens weep. The angels paused to wonder upon that winsome sight. And kings and shepherds gathered to worship in its light. They all breathed in its beauty, a precious, sweet perfume. And in the bleak midwinter the Rose began to bloom. O let us now remember when God put on the thorn. . . and Love restored the garden and the winter Rose was born.

* Congregational Response *Doxology* VENI EMMANUEL
***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ all creatures here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God whom we adore.
Rejoice, Rejoice, Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel. Amen.***

Gospel Reading Rev. Dr. Kathryn Kimmel
Matthew 1:18-25
(page 833 in the pew Bible)
Leader: For the Word of God in Scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us . . .
All: Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Preparation Rev. Dr. Kathryn Kimmel
Almighty God, to You all hearts are open, all desires known, and from You no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You, and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Message Rev. Dr. Kathryn Kimmel
Little Law, Big Dream

Worship in Song arr. Ernest MacMillian
Joseph Heard the Troubling News
Cathy Wilhelm, *soprano*

Communion Rev. Dr. Kathryn Kimmel and Rev. Holly Hatton

Leader: God has made us a people,
All: We have been shaped by God's will.

Leader: Jesus calls us together,
All: We meet in Jesus' name.

Leader: The Spirit binds us together,
All: And leads us into truth.

Prayers of the People Skip Howard

The Lord's Prayer Skip Howard
**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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

* Congregational Response 252 GLORIA PATRI
Gloria Patri
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

* Invitation to Discipleship Rev. Dr. Kathryn Kimmel

* Hymn of Response 94 *Angels, from the Realms of Glory* REGENT SQUARE

The Welcoming of New Members
In response to your decision, we pledge ourselves to be the family of God for you in this place; we offer you our love, our care, our kinship, and our hopes. We hope to learn from you, give to you, and receive from you, by God's grace.

* Commission and Blessing Clay Wilson
Leader: Come, let us dream God's dream again . . .
All: Come, let us dream a dream of peace.

* Benediction Rev. Dr. Kathryn Kimmel

* Hymn of Prayer 387 *Blest Be the Tie* DENNIS

* Postlude *Angels from the Realms of Glory* R. Thygerson
Aaron Foster, *organist*
An offering will be received at the doors for our Benevolence Fund.