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*Our Mission...*

*to be an accepting Christian community dedicated to living, sharing and teaching the Word of God.*

*We respect all aspects of people including race, ethnicity, gender expression, sexual orientation, socio-economic background, age, religion, mental wellness, and ability.*

## The Second Sunday of Advent December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021

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*\*The asterisk invites all to stand, if they are able, and the double asterisk \*\* indicates when to be seated;  
**Bold** print indicates a congregational response.*

### **WE GATHER IN COMMUNITY**

#### WELCOME

#### CHORAL INTROIT #1 VU – **“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”**

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*~translation: John M. Neale*

*~Joanne Diplock*

#### LIFE and WORK of the CONGREGATION

#### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT of the LAND

*We acknowledge that we meet in Treaty 1 land, the traditional lands of the Anishinaabe, Cree and Dakota peoples, and the homeland of the Metis nation.*

*We are thankful for these first inhabitants, and we commit to working together towards justice, truth and reconciliation.*

#### PRELUDE

*~Joanne Diplock*

#### GREETING

*The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

**And also with you.**

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**God of faithfulness and truth,  
you sent your servant John the Baptist  
to preach in the desert  
and summon the people to repentance.**

**Make us and all things new,  
that in the wilderness of our hearts  
we too may prepare a way  
over which your Son may walk. Amen**

**\*HYMN: #20 VU – “On Jordan’s Bank”**

*~words: Charles Coffin; translation: John Chandler*

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*~Joanne Diplock*

- 1 On Jordan's bank, the Baptist's cry  
announces that the Lamb is nigh;  
awake and hearken, for he brings  
glad tidings of the King of Kings.**
- 2 Then cleansed be every life from sin;  
make straight the way for God within;  
and let each heart prepare a home  
where such a mighty guest may come.**
- 5 All praise to you, eternal Son,  
whose advent has our freedom won;  
and praise to God whom we adore,  
with Holy Spirit evermore.**

**THE WORD OF GOD**

**LEARNING TIME AND LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**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,  
the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.**

**\*HYMN: #7 VU – “Hope Is a Star”**

*~words: Brian Wren*

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*Joanne Diplock*

- 1 Hope is a star that shines in the night,  
leading us on till the morning is bright.  
When God is a child there's joy in our song.  
The last shall be first and the weak shall be strong,  
and none shall be afraid.**
- 2 Peace is a ribbon that circles the earth,  
giving a promise of safety and worth. R**

Scripture Reader: *Kim Shaw*

The First Lesson:       **Malachi 3: 1-4**

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

The Gospel:               **Luke 3: 1-6**

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

"Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight.

Every valley shall be filled,

and every mountain and hill shall be made low,

and the crooked shall be made straight,

and the rough ways made smooth;

and all flesh shall see the salvation of God." '

RESPONSE:       *Your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path.*

**Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM:           **"Even So, Lord, Quickly Come"**

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*~words: Charlotte Lee*

*~Joanne Diplock*

SERMON:           *~Rev. Don Johnson (see attached sermon)*

## **WE RESPOND TO THE WORD**

AN ADVENT STATEMENT OF FAITH *~Rev. Rebecca F. Harrison, Spanish Springs Presbyterian Church, Sparks, NV*

**We are an Advent people,  
a people of hope.**

**For us, Advent is a time of waiting,  
and so we wait.**

**We wait for the coming of the One  
who is the fulfillment of God's promise,  
the fulfillment of hope,  
the declaration that we have been redeemed.**

**Even so, we are not a naïve people.**

**We know that the world in which we live  
will continue to be filled with pain and sorrow.**

**We know that hatred and violence will continue to exist.**

**We know that death and separation will continue to be a part of our lives.**

**But because we are an Advent people,  
we know that none of these things will win in the end.**

**The Holy One is coming,  
to make holy once again  
all that was, is, and ever will be.**

**And in our waiting and our hoping,  
we work and worship,  
pray and play,  
in all things hoping that peace, love and joy will reign  
in our lives and in our world,  
now and forever.**

## THE PRESENTATION of our OFFERINGS

Offertory Verse #55 VU      **"In the Bleak Midwinter"**  
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*~words: Christina Georgina Rossetti  
~Joanne Diplock*

**4    What can I give him, poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;  
if I were a wise man, I would do my part;  
yet what I can I give him - give my heart.**

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

*~VU #11 "An Advent Prayer"*

**God of all wisdom,  
our hearts yearn for the warmth of your love,  
and our minds search for the light of your Word.  
Increase our longing for Christ our Saviour,  
and strengthen us to grow in love,  
that at the dawn of his coming  
we may rejoice in his presence  
and welcome the light of his truth.  
This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## PRAYERS

**\*HYMN: #44 VU – “It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”**

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*~words: Edmund Hamilton Sears*

*~Joanne Diplock*

- 1 It came upon the midnight clear,  
that glorious song of old,  
from angels bending near the earth  
to touch their harps of gold,  
'Peace on the earth, good will to all,  
from heaven's all-gracious King!'  
The world in solemn stillness lay  
to hear the angels sing.**
- 2 Still through the cloven skies they come  
with peaceful wings unfurled;  
and still their heavenly music floats  
o'er all the weary world;  
above its sad and lowly plains  
they bend on hovering wing,  
and ever o'er its Babel sounds  
the blessed angels sing.**
- 4 For, lo! the days are hastening on,  
by prophets seen of old,  
when with the ever-circling years  
shall come the time foretold,  
when peace shall over all the earth  
its ancient splendours fling,  
and the whole world send back the song  
which now the angels sing.**

**THE BLESSING**

**CHORAL BENEDICTION**

*~Joanne Diplock*

**May the Lord go with you,  
let him take your hand.  
Keep his love within you,  
until we meet again. Amen.**

**POSTLUDE**

*~Joanne Diplock*