



December 9, 2018  
Second Sunday of Advent  
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*With God's grace, we care for the soul for a lifetime and beyond.*

**CAROL SING**

Choir Introit: "Sing We Now of Christmas"

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Now is the season to be a star that shatters the dark.  
You see it everywhere you turn these days of Advent:  
What breaks any dark is the courage of just one light.

**Reveal among us the light of your presence. Give us courage and love and light within our hearts that we may recognize your coming among us.**

**\*HYMN**

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

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**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE**

We come together in the midst of a busy season to take a breath.  
To breathe in together the life that God gives us. To listen to the beat of God's heart and the blessings and lessons this season brings to us.  
Each week of Advent we light this Advent Wreath. With its light comes our prayers and our stories.  
Today we light the candle of HOPE.

*Light the candle.*

*What will you do to be a light in the darkness during this Advent season?*

*"The Word gave life to everything that was created, and his life brought light to everyone.*

*The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never extinguish it."*

John 1:4-5 (NLT)

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**CHOIR ANTHEM**

"Great is Our Joy"

arr. by Lloyd Larson

**SCRIPTURE**

Luke 1:76-79 p. 54

Karen Laliberte

**SCRIPTURE**

Luke 3:1-6 p. 56

**MESSAGE**

“Hope”

Sarah Lawton

**OFFERING**

“I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day” by Casting Crowns  
sung by Joe Mogren and Tanner Barsness

**\*OFFERING RESPONSE**

“Emmanuel, Emmanuel”

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**\*BLESSING**

**We remember that when we are about to give up, when everything is falling apart, someone remembers us and love us. Bless us, God, that we might become living hope. There is always hope because hope lives in us. In our giving, may we become hope for one another. Amen.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*HYMN**

“Go, Tell It On The Mountain”

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**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*\*You are invited to stand as you are able*

***LARGE PRINT hymnals, bulletins, and Bibles, as well as hearing devices are available from the usher.***

Today's flowers are given by Donna Manns

### Finance & Attendance Update:

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| Amount needed each Sunday to meet budget (2018):      | 2,615.00   |
| Amount received last Sunday:                          | 3,945.00   |
| Total received to date this year                      | 125,259.08 |
| Amount received last week for <b>Capital Fund:</b>    | 280.00     |
| Amount received year to date for <b>Capital Fund:</b> | 19,710.00  |
| Attendance last Sunday                                | 92         |

### WEEKLY CALENDAR

#### Sunday, December 9

- 10:00 a.m. Worship – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent
- 11:15 a.m. Kids' Quest Bake Sale!
- 11:15 a.m. SPRC Mtg. w/ District Supt.
- 3:00 p.m. Grace Korean worship

#### Tuesday, December 11

- 10:00 a.m. Parents & Pals Playtime
- 1:30 p.m. Memory Café
- 4:30 p.m. Mission & Outreach Meeting

#### Wednesday, December 12

- 8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast @ Mt. Royal
- 10:00 a.m. Parents & Pals Playtime
- 10:00 a.m. Page Turners
- 6:00 p.m. Page Flippers

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\*It's time for warm PJ's!** We are collecting pajamas for Myers-Wilkins' first grade students, sizes 6x-10. Bring any Sunday or any time; thank you!

**\*Music @ 1 Thursday music program offered by Sam Black.** This week- "Beethoven Matters"

**\*SPRC invites you** to contribute toward a special staff appreciation gift fund this holiday season. A separate check, or a clearly marked envelope for cash, is helpful. Deadline is December 9.

**\*Poinsettia Orders are being taken at church Dec. 9,** or call Barb Bergman or the church office no later than Dec. 11. Cost this year is \$10.

**\*"Blue Christmas: A Service of Hope and Healing for the Holiday Season" is offered Friday, December 21 at 4:00 p.m.** A gentle, contemplative service for those who are carrying pain or loss during this season of celebration. Join us for a service on this longest night of the year, and share in a simple supper of soup and bread following. *Offer to accompany a friend, neighbor or family member who may be struggling this holiday season with loss, grief or pain.*

### STAFF

**Administrative Assistant:** Jennifer Amy-Dressler

**Administrative Assistant:** Beth Kaiser

**Nursery Attendant:** Cassidy Kelley, Ella Karki

**Music Director:** Liz Raihala

**Custodian:** Matt Johnson

**Kids' Quest Director:** Anita Rixe

#### Wednesday, December 12 – *continued*

6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

7:00 p.m. Al-Anon

#### Thursday, December 13

9:00 a.m. Painters Group

10:30 a.m. Yoga for Parkinsons

12:00 p.m. Gentle Yoga

1:00 p.m. Music @ 1 – Beethoven Matters

1:30 p.m. Exercise

6:00p.m. Headscratchers @ Kuehl's

#### Sunday, December 16

9:00 a.m. Christmas Program Rehearsal

10:00 a.m. Worship – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent,  
Intergenerational Christmas Program

11:15 a.m. Trustees Meeting

11:15 a.m. Finance Meeting

3:00 p.m. Grace Korean worship