

Sunday Worship - First Presbyterian Church  
December 6, 2020 Second Sunday of Advent

*A blessed Advent to you! Today as we worship, we begin the season of anticipation,  
hope and preparation for the coming Messiah. Welcome!*

Prelude - Ach Gott und Herr

J.S. Bach

Welcome

\*Call to Worship and Lighting of the Advent Candles:

\*L: The peace of the Lord be with you!

\*P: **and also with you!**

\*L: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

\*P: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. AMEN!**

Congregation (sung):

**O come, O come, thou Lord of might,  
Who to thy tribes on Sinai's height  
In ancient times didst give the law,  
In cloud, and majesty, and awe.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel!**

Liturgist: We light these candles as a sign of the coming light of Christ.

Congregation: **We are preparing ourselves for the days  
when the nations shall beat their swords into plowshares,  
and their spears into pruning hooks;**

Liturgist: nation shall not lift up sword against nation,  
neither shall they learn war any more.

Congregation: **The wolf shall dwell with the lamb,  
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,**

Liturgist: the calf and the lion and the fatling together,  
and a little child shall lead them.

All: **Let us walk in the light of the Lord.**

Congregation (sung):

**O come, Desire of nations, bind  
In one the hearts of all mankind;  
Bid thou our sad divisions cease,  
And be thyself our King of Peace.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel!**

\*Prayer of Invocation (Liturgist): Merciful God, you sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation. Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: **Amen!**

\*Hymn: 7 Lord Christ, When First You Came to Earth

## **WE PREPARE TO HEAR GOD'S WORD**

Prayers of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Call to Confession (Liturgist): Wise and virtuous people through the ages have sought the highest good in devotion to freedom, justice, truth, and beauty. Yet all human virtue, when seen in the light of God's love in Jesus Christ, is found to be infected by self-interest and hostility. Let us join together before God and our neighbor to confess our sin.



joining our voices with the celestial choirs and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

All: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, 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.**

Preface

Words of Institution

Minister: . . . With thanksgiving we offer our very selves to you  
to be a living and holy sacrifice, dedicated to your service.

Great is the mystery of Faith:

All: **Christ has died,  
Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again.**

Prayer of Invocation, Intercessions for the Church - Lord's Prayer

Serving the Lord's Supper

Prayer after Communion

**Offertory Prayer**

**Doxology**

CLOSING HYMN 5 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE - See Amid the Winter's Snow

Traditional

Signing Off