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“Join us for a drink of Living Water”

December 5, 2021
The Second Sunday in Advent

We welcome you to the worship of God Almighty this Lord's Day. It is our intention to bring glory and honor to Him. God enters our time of worship and we remember this time belongs to Him. Your Worship Commission

In Essentials...

UNITY

Meditation

No one is really neutral about whether Christmas is true. If the Son of God was really born in a manger, then we have lost the right to be in charge of our lives. Who can be objective about a claim that, if it is true, means you've lost control of your life? You can't be. Keep that in mind if you don't believe in Christianity. Question your doubts.

~ Tim Keller, Hidden Christmas

In Non-essentials...

LIBERTY

Westminster Chimes and Announcements

Prelude

'I Wonder as I Wander'

~ Niles

Lighting of the Second Advent Candle

Collin, Alexis, & CJ McCowin

In All Things...

CHARITY

****Call to Worship***

(based on Isaiah 9:2)

Alexis McCowin, Lay Assistant

Leader: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;

People: Those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined.

Leader: Come, let us worship the Lord

People: Whose light brings hope to a weary world.

***Praise and Worship**

*‘What a Savior’
‘The Servant King’*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (In unison)

Lord, the days quickly approach when we will celebrate your birth. The days are here that we await your return. We have cards to write, homes to clean, food to bake, and gifts to prepare. In the excitement, we confess that we neglect time to spend with You; You who are the very reason for our joy. We confess that we overlook the lonely and the struggling who you especially came to save. Lord, quiet our hearts, encourage our wills, and speak to us in the silence as we come before you, confessing our need of your forgiveness and your loving, holy presence. . . (silent prayers of confession)

Assurance of Pardon

***Creed**

from the Heidelberg Catechism

Since, then, by the righteous judgment of God we have deserved temporal and eternal punishment, how may we escape this punishment, come again to grace, and be reconciled to God?

God wills that his righteousness be satisfied; therefore, payment in full must be made to his righteousness, either by ourselves or by another.

Can we make this payment ourselves?

By no means. On the contrary, we increase our debt each day.

Can any mere creature make the payment for us?

No one. First of all, God does not want to punish any other creature for man’s debt. Moreover, no mere creature can bear the burden of God’s eternal wrath against sin and redeem others from it.

Then what kind of mediator and redeemer must we seek?

One who is a true and righteous man and yet more powerful than all creatures, that is, one who is at the same time true God.

Scripture Reading

Luke 1:26-38

Leader: The Word of the Lord ~

People: Thanks be to God ~

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Communion Meditation

*‘When God’s Ahead of Schedule’
Series: Waiting for Christmas*

Rev. Scott Graham

***Communion Hymn No. 141**

‘O Little Town of Bethlehem’

Communion

Pastoral Prayer and 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.”

***Dismissing Hymn**

‘Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates!’

(insert – vs 1-2,5)

***Benediction**

Postlude

‘Good Christian Men, Rejoice!’

~ German Melody

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