

Traditional Worship Order – 9:15 a.m.

December 9, 2018

2nd Sunday of Advent

“Looking Both Ways”

Philippians 3:4b-14

GATHERING MUSIC “Comfort, Comfort Now My People” arr. Shackley

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Terri Pennington

Please fill out a Connection Card to place in the offering plate.

PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

CENTERING MUSIC “Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming” arr. Keesecker

*CALL TO WORSHIP Responsive

Leader: We are on a journey of faith.

People: We travel with Jesus Christ as our guide.

Leader: The promises of God shine like a star before us and give us strength for the journey.

People: We gather to be fed by God’s Word, and to offer our lives again to God’s care.

All: We join now to sing, pray, listen, and praise God in all we do in this hour of worship.

*OPENING HYMN “Hail to the Lord’s Anointed” No. 203

*OPENING PRAYER Unison

God of past and present, help us to prepare for the future.

As we remember your promises of days past, help us to live your unchanging call to love and forgive.

As we reflect on the prophecies of Advent, help us to prepare for the coming of Christ.

As we worship your holy presence, help us to worship in spirit and truth. Amen.

CELEBRATION OF CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

Let us greet and welcome those around us to the family of God.

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE Daryel & Linda Harris

ANTHEM “Holy is the Child” Chancel Choir

CHILDREN’S MOMENT Stan Schmitt

Afterward, children three years old through the second grade may meet at the back of the sanctuary to leave for Children’s Church in Room 106.

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER HYMN “Come, Lord Jesus” - by Hayes Bulletin Insert

MORNING PRAYER Rev. George Purnell

THE LORD’S PRAYER Unison

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.

MESSAGE “Looking Both Ways” Rev. George Purnell
Philippians 3:4b-14

WORSHIPING THROUGH GIVING

OFFERTORY “The Holly and the Ivy” arr. Harris

*THE DOXOLOGY No. 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION Rev. George Purnell

*SENDING HYMN “What Child Is This?” No. 219

*SENDING FORTH Rev. George Purnell

POSTLUDE “The Gallery Carol” arr. Broughton

EXIT TO SERVE