



The Second Sunday in Advent ~ December 9-10, 2023 ~ 5:00pm
Message: Pastor Doug Croucher

Greeting

Call to Worship Hymn #333 *Once He Came in Blessing*

Invocation

P: We begin in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

C: Amen

Confession of Sins

L: Called to worship, we pause to reflect upon our situation and our sin as we would praise God and hear from Him. *(Silence for Reflection)*

Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, the evil we have done and the good we have left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of Your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Assurance of Forgiveness

L: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through Jesus Christ, strengthen you in His goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

C: Amen

First Reading

Isaiah 40:1–11, p. 762-763

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

2 Peter 3:8–14, p. 1300

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

"He Is Exalted"

Worship Ensemble & Congregation

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high, I will praise Him!
He is exalted, forever exalted, and I will praise His name!
He is the Lord, forever His truth shall reign!
Heaven and earth rejoice in His holy name,
He is exalted, the King is exalted on high!

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high, I will praise Him!
He is exalted, forever exalted, and I will praise His name!
He is alive, forever our Lord now reigns!
Victory is ours, given to us by His grace.

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high!
He is exalted, the King is exalted on high!

Gospel Reading

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

Mark 1:1–8, p. 1063

P This is the Gospel of the Lord

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

**C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Songs of Praise

Hymn #341 *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*

***"Thy Word"* Worship Ensemble & Congregation**

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way, still You're there right beside me.
And nothing will I fear as long as You are near; Please be near me to the end.

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
I will not forget your love for me and yet My heart forever is wandering
Jesus be my guide and hold me to your side I will love you to the end.

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

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Offering

Prayers of God's People

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

Blessing

Closing Song *"Step by Step"* Worship Ensemble & Congregation

Oh God, you are my God and I will ever praise you.
Oh God, you are my God and I will ever praise you.
I will seek you in the morning, and I will learn to walk in your ways.
And step by step you lead me and I will follow you all of my days.

Oh God, you are my Hope and I will ever praise you.
Oh God, you are my Hope and I will ever praise you.
I will seek you in the morning, and I will learn to walk in your ways.
And step by step you lead me and I will follow you all of my days

Oh God, you are my Peace and I will ever praise you
Oh God, you are my Peace and I will ever praise you.
I will seek you in the morning, and I will learn to walk in your ways.
And step by step you lead me and I will follow you all of my days

Oh God, you are my God and I will ever praise you.
Oh God, you are my God and I will ever praise you.
I will seek you in the morning, and I will learn to walk in your ways.
And step by step you lead me and I will follow you all of my days.

Go in peace † Serve the Lord!