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ELW Service – Second Sunday of Advent
December 8, 2024 ~ 9:00 a.m.



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Mission Statement:

Emanuel: God with Us ~ Loving Christ, Loving Others

Our Ministers This Morning Include:

Rev. Michael L. Poole Jr.

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2024 Congregational Watchword –

“Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for God has said, ‘I will never leave you or forsake you.’ – Hebrews 13:5

2024 Theme – Where is God calling us to go?

Prelude

Paul Burnside

Welcome

Lighting of the Advent Candle

“*He Came Down*” vs. 2

He came down that we may have light;
he came down that we may have light;
he came down that we may have light;
hallelujah forevermore.

*Please stand in body or spirit.

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Let us confess our sins to God our Maker.

(Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination)

P: Creator God,

C: **You created the heavens and earth, the stars and all things. The lights from above proclaim your handiwork to all the world. Yet we have turned from you and sought to darken your revelation, going my own way rather than yours, causing hurt to others by my words and deeds. Forgive us. Draw us back to you that we might with all creation proclaim your wonders. Amen.**

P: God is gracious. God has seen our sorrow for sin and heard our plea for mercy. Jesus Christ, God’s Son,

has died for all our sins and has risen to assure you of eternal life. As God's servant, in God's stead and at God's command, I declare forgiveness for all our sins.

C: **Jesus said, "I am the Light of world." And "Walk while you have the Light before the darkness overtakes you."**

P: God spoke and the stars gave light to the earth.

C: **Thanks be to God for creating the stars and all things.**

P: The creator God is made known through the Word.

C: **Thanks be to God for making us God's offspring.**

P: This is the good news of the Lord who cares for God's children.

C: **Praise be to you, O Christ, who takes away all our fears.**

P: Lord of all creation,

C: **Hear our prayer. Amen.**

Gathering Hymn *"Prepare the Royal Highway"* #264

Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



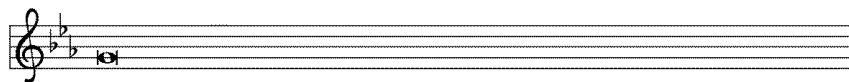
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



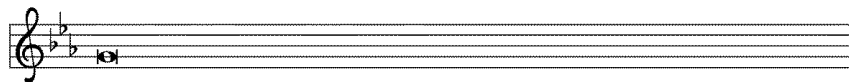
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



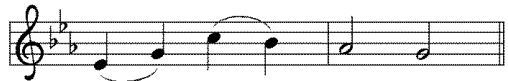
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



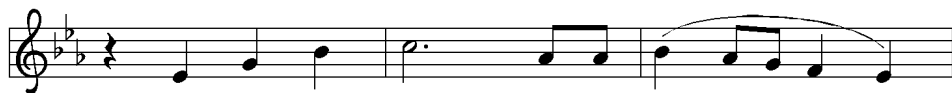
Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.



Glo - ry to God in the high -



est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and



Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we



praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus



Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a -



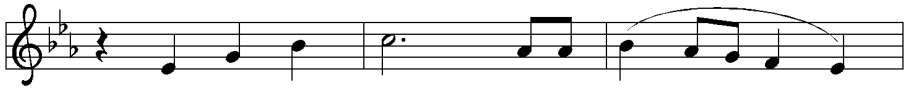
lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,



Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of



God the Fa - ther. A - men.



Glo - ry to God in the high -



est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Prayer of The Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. Stir up our hearts, Lord God,

C: **to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming give to all the people of the world knowledge of your salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Watchword Hebrews 13:5

P: Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have;

C: **For God has said, “I will never leave you or forsake you.”**

*Please be seated.

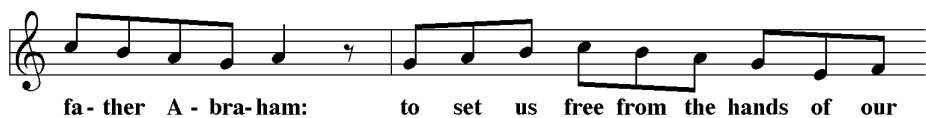
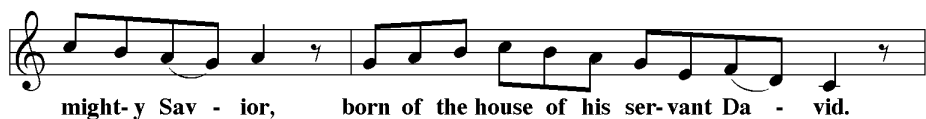
Anthem

First Lesson Malachi 3:1-4 Pew Bible pg. 676

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

“Song of Zechariah” (Luke 1:68-79)





ho - ly and righ-teous in his sight all the days of our life.



☐ You, my child, shall be called the proph - et of the Most High,



for you will go be - fore the Lord to pre - pare his way,



to give his peo - ple knowl-edge of sal - va - tion by the for - give-ness



of their sins. In the ten - der com - pas - sion of our God,



the dawn from on high shall break up - on us,



to shine on those who dwell in dark-ness and the shad - ow of death,



and to guide our feet in - to the way of peace.

Second Lesson Philippians 1:3-11 Pew Bible pg. 830

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand in body or spirit.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
 Repeat alleluia

The Holy Gospel

Luke 3:1-6

Pew Bible pg. 726

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 4th chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.

Sermon

“Benedictus”

Pastor Mike

Luke 1:68-79

*Please stand in body or spirit.

Hymn

“On Jordan’s Bank the Baptists Cry”

#249

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the

communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

P: Lord, in your mercy,

C: **receive our prayer.**

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.

Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

*Please be seated.

Offering

Offertory

*Please stand in body or spirit.

Offertory Response *"We Give Thee but Thine Own"* #686

♪ We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be; all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

Offering Prayer

Benediction

P: Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.

C: Let us grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, all glory be to God both now and forever. Amen.

Sending Hymn *“All Earth is Hopeful”* #266

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Prepare the way for Emmanuel.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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