

Fairlawn Christian Reformed Church  
**SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

December 7, 2014 10:15 A.M.

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**PREPARATION AND PRAISE**

*Upon entering the sanctuary please maintain silence and turn off all electronic devices for the sake of the congregation's preparation for worship.*

Prelude: "On Jordan's Stormy Banks" Birchwood  
"The Light That Shines in Darkness" Peterson

Welcome and Announcements

**ENTER HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING**

Silent Prayer and Preparation

\* Call to Worship: Isaiah 9

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone. You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil.

**For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will accomplish this.**

\* Hymn: PH 346 "Once in Royal David's City" IRBY  
Stanza 1: Solo  
Stanza 2: Women  
Stanza 3: Men  
Stanzas 4 & 5: All

\* God's Greeting:

Grace and peace be to you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**Who made heaven and earth.**

This is the Advent of our King!

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

\* Prayer of the Day:

**Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; so that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may be raised to life eternal, through the same Lord Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**

Lighting of the Advent Candle:

The Bethlehem Candle

Response: PH 328, stanza 5

“O Come, O Come, Immanuel!”

VENI IMMANUEL

O come, O Key of David, come and open wide our heavenly home.  
Make safe for us the heavenward road and bar the way to death's abode.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

## CONFESSION AND PRAYER

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

**Almighty Father, we confess that we have often failed to respond to your purpose for our lives that you have revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord. We have not faced our own sin and brokenness, and have fled from your grace and resisted your mercy. We acknowledge that our sinful ways go much deeper than the irreverent behavior of our lives. We have sought to hide from the light of your Word that searches the thoughts and intentions of our hearts. Forgive us for our self-deception, our stubborn hearts and our avoidance of your truth. In your mercy, keep us from a false confession and an empty repentance. Give us strength to confess our sins and turn from the idols of our hearts. By your grace, may we bring forth fruit unto eternal life, for the glory of your name.**

Silent Prayer and Confession

Minister: Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

Isaiah 49

Congregational Prayer

## THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

\* Hymn: PH 72

“Hail to the Lord's Anointed”

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(Children age 3 - grade Pre-K may leave after the hymn.)

Responsive Reading of Psalm 72

Reading from the Gospel:

Luke 1:26-33

Sermon: *The Names of Jesus at Christmas – Son of David*

Prayer

\* Hymn: PH 341

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

PICARDY

## THE OFFERING OF TRIBUTE

\* Offertory Prayer

Offering: Fairlawn General Fund

Offertory: “What Child Is This?”

arr. Blumhofer

\* Doxology: PH 638

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

OLD HUNDREDETH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

# THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

## THE LORD'S SUPPER

*CONFESSION OF FAITH:* The Nicene Creed

*THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION*

*PRAYER OF CONSECRATION*

Heavenly Father, show forth among us the presence of your life-giving Word and Holy Spirit, to sanctify us and your whole church through this sacrament. Grant that all who share the body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ may be one in him, and remain faithful in love and hope. And as this grain has been gathered from many fields into one loaf, and these grapes from many hills into one cup, grant, O Lord, that your whole church may soon be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom. Now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we pray:

**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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

*THE INVITATION TO THE TABLE*

*THE DEDICATORY PRAYER*

**We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your great and manifold mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord, whose nature it is to always have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the sacrament of the body and blood of Jesus Christ, that we may evermore dwell in him and he in us. Amen.**

*THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD AND WINE*

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.

**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

The gifts of God for the people of God.

*THE THANKSGIVING*

Congregation in Christ, since the Lord has fed us at his table, let us praise his holy name with thanksgiving.

**Praise the LORD, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits—who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion. Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise.**

## BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

\* Blessing:

Now may he, who by his Incarnation gathered into one all things earthly and heavenly, fill you with the sweetness of inward peace and good will; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

\* Response: PH 336, stanza 7      “Savior of the Nations, Come”

NUNKOMM DER HEIDENHEILAND

Praise to you, O Lord, we sing.  
Praise to Christ, our newborn King!  
With the Father, Spirit, one,  
let your lasting kingdom come.

\* Postlude: “Praise God the Lord, Ye Sons of Men”

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