

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

December 6, 2015 10:15 A.M.

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**PREPARATION AND PRAISE**

Prelude: "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

Thomas/Smith

**ENTER HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING**

Silent Prayer and Preparation

\* Call to Worship: Isaiah 64:1-4

Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains would tremble before you!

**As when fire sets twigs ablaze and causes water to boil, come down to make your name known to your enemies and cause the nations to quake before you!**

For when you did awesome things that we did not expect, you came down, and the mountains trembled before you.

**Since ancient times no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who acts on behalf of those who wait for him.**

\* Hymn: PH 332, stanzas 1-4 "Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding" MERTON

\* 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.**

Blessed be God,

**And blessed is his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

\* Advent Reading: Isaiah 2:4; 11:6

Reader: We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ. Advent means coming. We are preparing ourselves for the days when the nations shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

Reader: The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them.

**All: Let us walk in the light of the Lord.**

\* Response: Insert, stanza 1 "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" HOUSTON

## CONFESSION AND PRAYER

Call to Confession:

Hebrews 3:12-13

Prayer of Confession:

**Almighty God, you who shaped out of nothing all that is, forgive us for returning empty-handed. You who called forth light, forgive our preference for the dark! You who sent John to be a voice crying, forgive our unwillingness to say anything at all! Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Silent Prayer and Confession

Minister: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

**All: Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon:

Psalm 65:1-4

Choral Anthem: "Morning Promise"

Martin

Congregational Prayer

## THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

\* Hymn: "Emmanuel"

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel.

God with us, revealed in us, his name is called Emmanuel. (Repeat entire song.)

Bob McGee, 1976 C.A. Music, CCLI 1099351

\* Scripture Reading:

Lamentations 5

Sermon: *Only Sad Songs*

Prayer

\* Hymn: "There Is a Redeemer"

There is a redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son;  
precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.

*Refrain:* Thank you O my Father, for giving us your Son,  
and leaving your Spirit till the work on earth is done.

Jesus, my Redeemer, Name above all names,  
precious Lamb of God, Messiah, hope for sinners slain. (*Refrain*)

When I stand in glory I will see his face;  
and there I'll serve my King forever, in that holy place. (*Refrain*)

Melody Green, 1982 Birdwing Music/BMG Song, CCLI 1099351

## THE OFFERING OF TRIBUTE

\* Offertory Prayer

Offerings: Fairlawn General Fund

Offertory: "In Dulci Jubilo"

Edmundson

\* Doxology: PH 638 "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

OLD HUNDRETH