

Fairlawn Christian Reformed Church

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 4, 2016

10:15 A.M.

PREPARATION AND PRAISE

Prelude: "Comfort, Comfort Now My People"

Fedak

ENTER HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING

Silent Prayer and Preparation

* Call to Worship: Psalm 130:5-8

I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,
and in his word I put my hope.

My soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning,
more than watchmen wait for the morning.

O Israel, put your hope in the LORD,
for with the LORD is unfailing love and with him is full redemption. He himself will redeem Israel from all their sins.

* Hymn: PH 329 "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

STUTTGART

* 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: Psalm 27:1, 13-14

All: In this season of Advent, we look for Christ to come and bring his light to our dark world.

Reader 1: The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

Reader 2: The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Reader 1: I believe that I shall see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.

Reader 2: Wait for the LORD; be strong and let your heart take courage.

All: Wait for the LORD!

Response: PH 342, vv. 1, 2 "Of the Father's Love Begotten"

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

CONFESSION AND PRAYER

Call to Confession:

Malachi 3:1–2

Prayer of Confession:

Almighty God, who was and who is and who is coming: Cleanse our hearts and purify our actions so that we are ready to face you on the day of your return. May your holy fire burn away our sins just as your grace provides our righteousness. May we become more and more like Jesus who came, lived, died, and rose again for our salvation. In his name we pray, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

Titus 2:11–14

God's Will for Our Lives:

I Peter 4:7–11

Choral Anthem: "For Unto Us a Child Is Born"

arr. Fettke

Congregational Prayer

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

* Hymn: PH 327, vv. 1–4 "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"

PUER NOBIS

[Children age 3 - grade Pre-K may leave after the hymn.]

* Prayer

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 11:1–10 Matthew 3:1–12

Sermon: *Advent Hope in a Hostile World*

Theme: Living in the Light of God's Kingdom Coming

Prayer

**In God's power, in His peace, in His presence, we place ourselves today.
Holy and Mighty God, protect us by Your power, provide us with Your peace,
fill us with Your presence, and awaken us to Your coming;
Through Jesus Christ, the King of Glory,
Who is alive and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
now and forever, Amen.**

* Hymn: PH 337, vv. 1–3

"Joy to the World! the Lord Is Come"

ANTIOCH

THE OFFERING OF TRIBUTE

* Offertory Prayer

Offerings: Fairlawn General Fund

Offertory: "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"

Schack

* Doxology: PH 327, vv. 5 "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"

PUER NOBIS

All praise to you, eternal Son, whose advent has our freedom won,
whom with the Father we adore, and Holy Spirit, evermore.