

Fairlawn Christian Reformed Church

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 10, 2017 10:15 A.M.

PREPARATION AND PRAISE

Prelude: "Oh, Come, Oh, Come Emmanuel"
"The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came"

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Welcome and Announcements

ENTER HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING

Advent Candle Lighting:

Reader 1: In this season of anticipation, our hearts are filled with joy.

Reader 2: Our souls glorify the Lord, and our spirits rejoice in God who saves us.

Reader 1: God has come to renew His people and to open wide the gate of heaven.

Reader 2: The child born in Bethlehem is the source of our eternal joy.

Reader 1: As night workers long for the sunrise,

Reader 2: So we long for the coming of God's Son;

Reader 1: Come, O long-expected Jesus!

Reader 2: So that our joy may be complete!

* Hymn: "How Great Our Joy"

Insert

* God's Greeting:

Lift up your heads, O gates!

And be lifted up, O ancient doors that the King of glory may come in.

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

Amen.

Praise be to God!

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, who has visited and redeemed the people.

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

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* Prayer of the Day:

My God, may I so know you and love you that I may rejoice in you. And if I may not do so fully in this life, let me go steadily on to the day when I come to that fullness. Let your love grow in me here, and there let it be fulfilled, so that here my joy may be in a great hope, and there in full reality. Meanwhile, let my mind meditate on this joy, my heart love it, my soul hunger for it, until I enter the joy of my Lord, who is God one and Triune, blessed forever. Amen.

* Response: "Prepare the Way of the Lord"

CONFESSION AND PRAYER

Call to Confession

God's Will for Our Lives:

Psalm 100

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon:

Matthew 1:21–23

Choral Anthem: "The Yearning"

Courtney

Congregational Prayer

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

* Hymn: "Remember Not, O God"

PH 254

Prayer for Illumination

[Children age 3 - grade Pre-K may leave for Children's Church after the prayer.]

Scripture Reading:

Psalm 85 (p. 584)

Sermon: *Yearning for Revival*

Prayer

* Hymn: "Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come"

PH 337

OUR RESPONSE OF GRATITUDE*

Offertory Prayer

Offering: Fairlawn General Fund

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

Schack

Response to Offering: "In the Bleak Midwinter"

CRANHAM

What can I give him, poor as I am?

If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;

if I were a Wise Man, I would do my part;

yet what I can I give him: give him my heart.

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

* Benediction:

Jude 24-25

To him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy—to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! **Amen.**

* Doxology: "As with Gladness Men of Old"

PH 358, vv. 1, 4

As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold,
as with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright;
so, most gracious Lord, may we evermore your splendor see.

Holy Jesus, every day keep us in the narrow way,
and when mortal things are past, bring our ransomed lives at last
where they need no star to guide, where no clouds your glory hide.

* Postlude