

Fairlawn Christian Reformed Church
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 8, 2019 | 10:15 A.M.

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.

** indicates congregation stands. | **Bold print indicates unison reading.***

Prelude: "On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry"
"Comfort, Comfort Now My People"

D. Schack
A. Fedak

Welcome and Announcements

ENTER HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING

Silent Prayer and Preparation

* 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 his people.**

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

Blessed be the name of the Lord.

* Hymn: "Hark, A Thrilling Voice is Sounding"

PH 332

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Prayer of the Day: "O Come, O Come, Immanuel"

PH 328:5

**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

based on Isaiah 40:3

Prayer of Confession

Choir: "Gaelic Alleluia"

Craig Courtney

Assurance of Pardon:

Ephesians 2:10

God's Will for Our Lives

based on Matthew 25:31-46

Congregational Prayer

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

* Hymn: "What Child Is This"

Prayer for Illumination

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

Scripture Reading:

Luke 1:26–45 (p. 1012)

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon: *The Story of Christmas: Surprise*

Prayer

* Hymn: "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

OUR RESPONSE OF GRATITUDE

* Offertory Prayer

Offering: Fairlawn General Fund

Offertory: "Gabriel's Message"

A. Krentz Organ

* Confession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

(Inside front cover of the Psalter Hymnal)

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

* Benediction:

Numbers 6: 24–26

* Doxology: "Go, Tell It on the Mountain"

PH 356, v. 3

* Postlude: "Awake! Awake and Greet the New Morn"

M. Haugen

Minister: Rev. Joel Vande Werken

Liturgists: Noah, Melissa, and Linus Tubo; Kelly Penning

Organ and Piano: Lisa Vos | Piano: Terry Ebbeling | Violin: Peggy Sawyer

Choir Director: Laurie Vander Baan