

**SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE**  
**Second Sunday in Advent**

**Extended Advent 5**

**December 8, 2024**

**10:00 AM**

Prelude: Emmanuel Comes Rita Pittman

**Welcome and Announcements** Rev. Jonathon Kosec

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

\* Invocation

**Prayer of Confession: All**

**God, we want a faith that feels like more than words, but we lack your power to embody goodness. We hear your call to serve others yet feel too worn out to make the food. We hunger to taste justice but fear the burning spice of the meal. We want our place at your table but resist sitting beside a stranger. We have lost our appetites for mere thoughts and prayers, but we fail to match our intentions to our actions. Forgive us and restore us with the healing wholeness of your presence.**

**Assurance of Forgiveness**

**Opening Hymn. #120** “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

**Offering** Down to the River to Pray

\* Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

**Scripture Lesson.** Luke 3: 1-6 Jane McKenzie

**Special Music:** Make Me A Channel of Your Peace  
Laurie Palmer

**Today’s Message:** “Peace” Rev. Kosec

**Hymn #133** “On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry”

**Prayers of the Church**

The Pastoral Prayer & The Lord’s Prayer

\* **Closing Hymn #125.** “Hark the Glad Sound”

**\* Benediction**

Postlude: Prepare the Way, O Zion

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**\* You may choose to stand or remain seated.**

**CHURCH LIFE**

**MORE THAN WORDS:** In the Church Year, today is the Second Sunday of Advent. In our Extended Advent, we celebrate the fifth Sunday and focus our attention on John the Baptist as we consider the Word “Peace.” We hope you are enjoying the chance to dig deeper as you prepare for the Coming King!

**WELCOME BACK SUNDAY** has arrived! You are invited to join us following worship this morning for a brief social hour. It is good to see so many familiar faces as well as new ones, so please take the time to join with us following worship.

**WE ARE HERE FOR YOU!** If you are looking for a church home, we hope you would consider Covenant Church of Bay Indies as the place you’d like to call home! Speak to Pastor Jon following worship for more information. It is truly an easy process.

**SIGN IN, PLEASE!** We are blessed to have you with us today and we invite you to use the sign-up sheets on the rear table. If you are interested in finding out more information about becoming part of our worshipping community, please talk to Pastor Jonathon after our worship this morning.

**PRAYER REQUESTS.** If you have a specific prayer request you want included in the prayers today during worship, please let Pastor Jon know before worship. We will do our best to share with the congregation the nature and need for prayers during the week as well.

**BIRTHDAYS**

Sara Forsman 12/9

## SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 3:1-6      New Living Translation

It was now the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius, the Roman emperor. Pontius Pilate was governor over Judea; Herod Antipas was ruler over Galilee; his brother Philip was ruler over Iturea and Traconitis; Lysanias was ruler over Abilene. Annas and Caiaphas were the high priests. At this time a message from God came to John son of Zechariah, who was living in the wilderness. Then John went from place to place on both sides of the Jordan River, preaching that people should be baptized to show that they had repented of their sins and turned to God to be forgiven. Isaiah had spoken of John when he said,

“He is a voice shouting in the wilderness,  
‘Prepare the way for the Lord’s coming!  
Clear the road for him!  
The valleys will be filled,  
and the mountains and hills made level.  
The curves will be straightened,  
and the rough places made smooth.  
And then all people will see  
the salvation sent from God.”

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