

BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

8:30 a.m. Sunday 4 December 2022

Second Sunday of Advent

ENTRANCE

(To help us connect, please sign the address pad in your pew)

Praise Choruses: Selected carols

*Greeting: A voice cries out:

“In the wilderness, prepare the way of the Lord,
**make straight in the desert
a highway for our God.”** *(Isaiah 40:3)*

*Opening hymn: 724 “On Jordan’s Stormy Banks I Stand”

*Opening Prayer**: The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Eternal God, in your providence you made all ages
a preparation for the kingdom of your Son.

Make ready our hearts for the brightness of your glory
and the fullness of your blessings in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Lighting of the Advent wreath**: (Mark 1:4)

We light this candle as a symbol of Christ the way.

**May the Word sent from God through the prophets
lead us into the way of salvation.**

Response: 211 “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” Verse 2

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination: Help us hear thee, Lord. **Amen.**

First Lesson: Isaiah 11:1-10

Psalter: Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19 *(Insert: Alternate leader/people)*

Second Lesson: Romans 15:4-13

*Hymn of Preparation: 213: “Lift Up Your Heads,
Ye Mighty Gates”

*Gospel Lesson: Matthew 3:1-12

Sermon: **“Righteousness”**

Joys, Concerns, Prayers

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION (Page 15ff)

All are welcome

SENDING FORTH

*Closing Hymn: 204 “Emmanuel, Emmanuel”

*Dismissal with Blessing:

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen. *(Romans 15:13)*

*Extinguishing of Candles and Postlude

*Indicates the people standing, if able and willing

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