

**BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**10:30 a.m. Sunday 8 December 2024**

**Second Sunday of Advent**

**ENTRANCE**

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Prelude and Lighting of Candles

Announcements (*To help us connect, please sign  
the attendance pad in your pew*)

\*Greeting\*\*:  
Blessed be the God of Israel  
**who has redeemed us.**  
God has raised up a mighty savior for us  
**and remembered the holy covenant.** {Luke 1}

\*Opening Prayer: 201 "Advent"

\*Opening Hymn: 209 "Blessed Be the God of Israel"

Lighting of the Advent Candles^: SECOND SUNDAY: 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 to the way of salvation.  
O come, O come, Emmanuel.**

Response: 2090 (*Verse 2 only*) "Light the Advent Candle"

**PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE**

Prayer for Illumination: 211 (*Verse 6 only*) "O Come,  
O Come, Emmanuel"

First Lesson: Malachi 3:1-4

Psalter: 208 "Canticle of Zechariah (*Benedictus*)" Luke 1:68-79

Second Lesson: Philippians 1:3-11

\*Hymn of Preparation: 388 "O Come and Dwell in Me"

\*Gospel Lesson: Luke 3:1-6

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Sermon

Affirmation of Faith: "The Apostles' Creed, Traditional Version,"  
881

Joys and Concerns

\*The Peace: Let us offer one another  
signs of reconciliation and love.  
The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

**THANKSGIVING**

Invitation: As forgiven and reconciled people,  
let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God.

\*Offering/Offertory

\*Doxology: 95 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving: 205 "Canticle of Light and Darkness"  
(*Response 3*)

\*The Lord's Prayer: 895

**SENDING FORTH**

\*Closing Hymn: 202 "People, Look East"

\*Blessing: 217 (*Verse 3 only*) "Away in a Manger"

**\*Extinguishing of Candles and Postlude/Going Forth**

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\*Indicates the people standing, if able and willing

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