



Service for the Lord's Day

December 9, 2018 11:00 a.m.

2nd Sunday of Advent



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New to Hunter? Here's some information to help you feel at home. Where you see asterisks in the bulletin, you're invited to stand. When we pass the peace, you're invited to greet those around you with a joyful sign of Christ's peace. All children are welcome to come forward for the sharing with young disciples. When we share our joys and concerns, feel free to join in. We offer a nursery for newborns through 3-year-olds. Thank you for visiting Hunter. We're glad you're here! Before you leave, please sign our guestbook in the narthex.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" arr. Hal Hopson
Lighting of the Second Advent Candle Luke 1:68-72

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them.
He has raised up a mighty savior for us in the house of his servant David,
as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,
That we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us
Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors,
and has remembered his holy covenant.

*Hymn 96 "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry" WINCHESTER NEW
Prayer of Confession

Lord God, Dear Father in heaven, you have sent your Son Jesus Christ as our Savior. We thank you for this. Help us to understand what it means to be redeemed from sin and saved from death. We shall never know his righteousness and lordship unless you awaken us by your Holy Spirit to Love him. Grant that we may not take offense at his unimpressive servant form. Let us not fail to hear his quiet voice nor hope too little in his hidden kingdom. Help us to believe and trust that he is in very truth our Savior and the Savior of all the world. Amen.

(moment for silent reflection)

Assurance of Pardon
*Hymn 595 "Holy, Holy, Holy" (sing twice) ARGENTINE SANTO

*Passing of the Peace
May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

Gathering Song "While We Are Waiting, Come" WAITING (Cason)
(hymn 92, verse 2)

**With power and glory, come; with power and glory, come.
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.**

Sharing with Young Disciples

HEARING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination
Reading from the New Testament Malachi 3:1-4 (O.T., p. 889)

Holy Wisdom. Holy Word. **Thanks be to God.**

Reading from the Psalms Psalm 96

Refrain

Sing to the Lord; O sing a new song.

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Reading from the Gospel

Luke 3:1-6

(N.T., p. 60)

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Message

"Let me get this Straight"

J. T. Silence

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Choral Anthem

"Now let us sing"

G. Holst

Minute for Mission

Kriis Zeps

Sharing Our Joys & Concerns

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

When hearing the prompt, "Blessed Jesus" please respond with "**Hear us when we pray.**"

Presenting Our Tithes & Offerings

Offertory

"Bring A Torch, Jeanette, Isabella"

arr. Jerry Westenkuehler

*Hymn 605

"Praise to God the Father"

DA N'ASE

*Prayer of Thanksgiving & Dedication

*Hymn 163

"Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice"

ABERYSTWYTH

*Charge & Benediction

*Hymn 564

"Amen"

AMEN

Postlude

"Noel X"

by Louis-Claude Daquin

Depart in Peace

*Please stand as you are able.

Household Poem: For if such holy song Enwrap our fancy long, Time will run back and fetch the age of gold, And speckl'd Vanity Will sicken soon and die, And leprous Sin will melt from earthly mould; And Hell itself will pass away, And leave her dolorous mansions to the peering Day.

Excerpt from "On the Morning of Christ's Nativity" by John Milton 1608-1674

This Week at Hunter

12/9 Sunday	Congregational Meeting 12:00p.m. Christmas Potluck Luncheon 12:15p.m.
12/12 Wednesday	Outreach Committee 5:30p.m. Stewardship Committee 5:30p.m. Worship Committee 6:15p.m. Choir Practice 7:00p.m.
12/13 Thursday	Blessings in a Backpack 11:00a.m. (Glendover)
12/16 Sunday	Early Worship 8:45a.m. Alternative Giving Fair 9:30a.m. Morning Worship 11:00a.m. Pick up groceries for Westminster Village 2:15p.m.

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