

The Second Sunday of Advent

December 7, 2008

PRELUDE *Once He Came In Blessing/Comfort, Comfort These My People*
Manz/Burkhardt

ANNOUNCEMENTS/SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENT/TEMPLE TALK

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
who is the light and life of all the ages.

Amen.

Trusting in Jesus Christ,
who came to share our humanity
and bring light to this broken world,
let us come before God without fear to make our confession.
Silence is kept for reflection.

Comforting God,
**we confess before you and in the presence of one another
that we are sinners who fail to live as you desire.
So often we place our trust in ourselves and not in you.
We do not love each other as you have commanded.
Because of us, your whole creation suffers.
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, forgive us.
In your boundless patience and mercy,
lead us to live by faith in your promise.
Amen.**

God's love for us is greater than all our sins.
God promises full pardon and complete forgiveness
to all who turn from sin
and place their trust in Christ, the light of the world.
Hear and believe the good news that all your sins are forgiven.
With God nothing is impossible.
Amen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

GATHERING SONG	<i>Prepare the Royal Highway</i>	#264
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GREETING		p. 147
ANTHEM (9:00 a.m.)	<i>I Have a Secret</i>	Anderson

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming strengthen us to serve you with purified lives; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

<i>O Come, O Come Emmanuel (vs. 1)</i>	#257
O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.	

FIRST LESSON	Isaiah 40:1-11	
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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION		p. 151
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GOSPEL	Mark 1:1-8	
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SERMON	"Comfort Food"	
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HYMN	<i>Comfort, Comfort Now My People</i>	#256
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THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM		p. 227
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*Blake Owen Harrison, son of Joshua & Stephanie (Weidler) Harrison, born April 5, 2008 (9:00 a.m.)
Isabelle Jean Pfister, daughter of Jason & Amber (Shankles) Pfister, born February 26, 2008 (9:00 a.m.)
Camden Michael Smerey, son of Stephen & Carlynn (Schledorn) Smerey, born May 21, 2008 (10:30 a.m.)*

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We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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Lord in your mercy...
Hear our prayer.

THE PEACE p. 152
OFFERING *Come and Behold Him (8:00 a.m.)* Chisum/Searcy
Hope Will Come (9:00 a.m.) Brighton
Jesus Christ, the Apple Tree (10:30 a.m.) Sergent

***OFFERTORY** *Hark, the Glad Sound!* #239
*Hark, the glad sound! The Savior comes, the Savior promised long;
let ev'ry heart prepare a throne and ev'ry voice a song.
Our glad hosannas, Prince of peace, your welcome shall proclaim,
and heav'n's eternal arches ring with your beloved name.*

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COMMUNION SONGS *Messiah (8:00 a.m.)* Olsen
The King Shall Come #260
Savior of the Nations, Come #263

BLESSING p. 146
***SONG AFTER COMMUNION** *Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers* #244
*Our hope and expectation, O Jesus, now appear; arise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this
benighted sphere. With hearts and hands uplifted, we plead,
O Lord, to see the day of earth's redemption that sets your people free!*

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**
BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG *On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry* #249

DISMISSAL p. 146
POSTLUDE *Finale on "Puer Nobis"* arr. Burkardt

WELCOME TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Bethany welcomes all baptized Christians who have celebrated their first communion to join in receiving the body and blood of Christ in Holy Communion.
An usher will direct you when to come forward for the distribution.
You will receive the wafer in your hand which you may then dip in the wine.

We are glad that you joined us for worship today!
Please let us know how we may serve you by filling out a Welcome Card found in the pew rack. If you would like information about the ministries of Bethany, visit the Hospitality Center located in the narthex or our website at www.bethany-denver.org.
We invite you to stay after worship for refreshments served in the Fellowship Hall.

WORSHIP LEADERS

PREACHER	Pastor Ron Glusenkamp
PRESIDER	Pastor Patrice Von Stroh (8:00 & 9:00 a.m.)
WORSHIP LEADER	Kirsten Nelson Roenfeldt (10:30 a.m.)
ORGANIST	Kathy Eggleston
LECTORS	Eric Miller (8:00 a.m.) Arlis Adolf (9:00 a.m.)
CANTORS	Warren Berg (8:00 a.m.) Paul Sletten (9:00 a.m.) Alex Rodasti (10:30 a.m.)
MUSICIANS	Contemporary Choir, Director: Paula Wills (8:00 a.m.) Caroler & Jubilation Choir, Director: Pat Guittar (9:00 a.m.) Zach Rodasti, soloist Chancel Choir, Director: Dan Grace (10:30 a.m.) Sue Stohl, soloist
ADVENT CANDLELIGHTERS	Eric, Jane, Davis & Trenton Lee (8:00 a.m.) Tim, Kathy, Jack, Kate & Luke Cooper (9:00 a.m.) John, Ha & Savannah Goss (10:30 a.m.)
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	Sylvia Boedeker (8:00 a.m.) Peggy Furgason & Sarah Hulslander (9:00 a.m.) Sarah Hulslander (10:30 a.m.)
ACOLYTES	Brooke Celecki & Holling Mahoney (8:00 a.m.) Kayla Eversole & Olivia Coleman (9:00 a.m.) Michael Fisher & Catherine Little (10:30 a.m.)
USHERS	Gary Miller, Steve Esterline, Scott Scholbe David Scott, Bud Setzer, Richard Will (8:00 a.m.) Neal Schuessler, Gary Steckler, Lee Engelbart Bill Hermann, Kevin McAuliffe, Jeanette Thorsen, Bruce Thorsen Dave Admire, Nancy Admire (9:00 a.m.) Bill King, Al Baumbach, Deborah Walbridge Darrell Rasmussen, Eileen Matteson, Dirk Sheehan Lowell Palmquist, Fred Kluppel (10:30 a.m.)
SOUND TECHNICIAN	Mark Lacey
DECEMBER ALTAR GUILD	Andrea Spronk, Kendra Brayton Loretta Fischer, Susan Spancers
DECEMBER SACRISTANS	Mona Palmquist, Jean Hossfeld John Brayton, Katie Dragseth Dave Malucky, Beth Nixon

- ❖ The page number **p.** refers to the Order of Service in the front of the ELW.
- ❖ The # symbol refers to hymns and service music found after the Psalms.
- ❖ The * indicates liturgy that is omitted at the 8:00 a.m. service.
- ❖ Large print version available at the Hospitality Center.

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