

December 9, 2018  
Second Sunday of Advent

Welcome, Announcements and Parish Notes Betsy Bower  
*(Prayer cards will be collected by ushers during the first hymn.  
Please sign the attendance slip and place in the offering plate.)*

Prelude Jen Moser, Organist

\*Call to Worship: No. 211  
“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” Antiphon 3  
Verses 1 and 7

Lighting of the Advent Wreath  
“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus” (verse 1) No. 196

Reader 1: God of mercy and power, we seek to see the messenger that you are sending.

Reader 2: Refining God, purify us so that we may prepare the way of the Lord.

**All: We, God’s people, sing with Zechariah. With your compassion, Lord, make the dawn from heaven break upon us. Give light to those who are sitting in darkness and in the shadow of death. Guide us on the path of peace.** (Luke 1:78-79, CEB)

Reader 1 and/or 2: On this second Sunday of Advent, we light this candle of love to remind us that we are being refined by your love that we would love others as you have loved us.

Response “Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus” No. 196  
(verse 1)

\*Hymn “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” No. 384

\*Unison Prayer  
**Covenant God, you send us messengers to cleanse and refine us for your coming. Help us endure the mirror of the prophets’ message, that we may see you when you suddenly appear among us; through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

\*Call to Confession:  
Saints, let us trust in God’s love for us and confess our sin, confident in God’s mercy.

**\*Prayer of Confession:  
Refining God, you have sent us prophets and we have not listened. We have not always determined what is best or made way for your reign in our lives, our church, and our society. Forgive us, we pray, and renew your covenant within us, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

\*Assurance of Forgiveness

\*Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:  
1st Lesson Malachi 3:1-4 Pg. 831  
Responsive Reading Luke 1:68-79 Pg. 208  
Epistle Lesson Philippians 1:3-11 Pg. 1229  
\*Gospel Lesson Luke 3:1-6 Pg. 1073

One: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.  
All: Thanks be to God.

\*Gloria Patri No. 70

Choral Anthem “More Love to Thee”

Children’s Message April Aten

\*Hymn “All Earth is Waiting” No. 210

Our Morning Prayer  
Sharing Our Joys and Concerns, Silent Prayer  
Pastoral Prayer

Sermon “Prepare the Way: Refine” Pastor Kyle

Presentation to God of Our Gifts  
Offertory  
\*Doxology No. 95  
\*Prayer of Dedication

The Sacrament of Holy Communion No. 15  
*Jesus is the host at the Communion table.  
At Oak Chapel, anyone who loves Jesus  
is welcome at the table.*

\*Hymn “People, Look East” No. 202

\*Benediction and Postlude

*\*= please stand in body or spirit*

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### Thank You

Whether you purchased supplies, baked cookies, donated funds for the trip, traveled to West Virginia or supported us with your prayers; thanks to all who helped make the Mt. Vision Christmas in Valley Head a success again this year.

### Service of Longest Night

All of the joy of Advent and Christmas can make this season a challenging time for some folks — people who have lost loved ones, people who struggle with relationships that have broken down and aren’t what they once were, or for whom this season makes them feel like joy is forced. God is with us in the midst of these struggles. Our Service of Longest Night is for those who struggle to find joy in Advent and Christmas for any variety of reasons. The hope is that we will find healing and hope as we prepare our hearts and souls for Christ. Join us Friday, December 21, 6:00 p.m.



### **Our Prayer List**

Our neighbors and our community  
Those serving in the armed forces  
Our country, its leaders

### **Our church family**

- Jennifer Adair
- Jeff and Shelia Burckhart
- Esther Franks
- Rob & Sue Jester
- Dasie Nordick
- Betty Princehorn
- Dick Silver
- Betty Taylor
- Justine Geiser
- Eleanor Franks

### **Our Friends, Family and Neighbors**

Robbin (daughter of Sue and Rob Jester)

### **Today's Concerns**

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*Names will be removed from this list after three weeks unless otherwise requested.*



### **Opportunities for Ministry This Week**

Sunday, 12/9	Adult Sunday School	9:30 am
	Worship	10:30 am
	Sunday School PreK-2	10:30 am
Monday, 12/10	Bible Study	9:30 am
	Finance Committee	6:30 pm
	Administrative Council	7:30 pm
Tuesday, 12/11	Girl Scouts	6:30 pm
Wednesday, 12/12	Choir	7:00 pm
Saturday, 12/15	Girl Scout Cookie Rally	8:00 am
	Weight Loss Support	9:15 am

### **Looking Ahead**

Sunday, 12/16	Adult Sunday School	9:30 am
	Worship	10:30 am
	Sunday School PreK-2	10:30 am
	Blood Pressure Screening	11:30 am
	Caroling to Shut-Ins	1:00 pm
Monday, 12/17	Bible Study	9:30 am
Tuesday, 12/18	Girl Scouts	6:30 pm
	Trustees	7:00 pm
Wednesday, 12/19	Choir	7:00 pm
Friday, 12/21	Longest Night Service	6:00 pm
Saturday, 12/22	Weight Loss Support	9:15 am



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Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

*Serving God and Community  
through Love, Compassion,  
Fellowship and Caring*