

New Testament: 2 Peter 3:8-15a

Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

## Message

**Hymn of the Day**    *“On Jordan’s Banks the Baptist’s Cry”*

## Apostles’ Creed

## Prayers of the Church

## The Lord’s Supper

The Great Thanksgiving

*“Holy, Holy, Holy”*

Words of Institution

The Lord’s Prayer

## Post-Communion Blessing

**Post-Communion Canticle**    *“Thank the Lord and sing”*

## Post-Communion Prayer

## Benediction

**Sending Hymn**    *“Your Kingdom Come!”*

## Dismissal

*“Alleluia”*



December 6, 2020

Second Sunday of Advent

During this season of the four Sundays before Christmas, we have four banners. We began with the banner “Watch,” reminding us that we are to watch for Christ’s coming again. Today we add the banner “Prepare – the flame has a cross to remind us to prepare our hearts through repentance.

Advent service Wednesday at 7 p.m. (Holden Evening Prayer).  
Christmas Eve service at 5 p.m. (no late service this year).

### In Our Prayers

Marilyn Woolard’s brother Delane hospitalized with Covid;  
BJ and Sharon Koepp; Mary Ann Knee’s sister-in-law Joyce;  
Judy Larson and Keith Reeg (hospice)

Update: Thank you so much for your prayers. Mona Jean Roberts moved back to her room from isolation for COVID-19 on Dec. 1. She remained symptom-free throughout the quarantine. Thanks be to God!

Birthdays: Gabriel Olson, Dec. 9, and Sharon Boelman, Dec. 11

Volunteers needed to serve on the Membership Care Team.  
Contact Doris Hoffart if interested.

Offering counters needed; contact the church office.

### Warmth, Peace and Pajamas

The Salvation Army is collecting new pajamas, children size 8 thru adult XL, which can be dropped off at Salvation Army or WJAG Radio. Checks to Norfolk Salvation Army Pajama Project can be dropped off or mailed to 610 W. Norfolk Ave. by Dec. 17.

## Second Week of Advent

*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

### Confession and Forgiveness

**Entrance Hymn** *"Comfort, Comfort Now My People"*

### Greeting

**Prayer of the Day:** Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the way for your only Son. By his coming give us strength in our conflicts and shed light on our path through the darkness of this world; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

### Lighting of the Advent Candle

Second Candle — LOVE — The Bethlehem Candle

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R: In muted whispers we articulate our hope;

**C: Restore us again, O God of our salvation.**

R: With mounting anticipation we prepare for your coming;

**C: Revive us again, that we may rejoice in you.**

R: Amidst rising hopes we turn to you, O God;

**C: Show us your steadfast love.**

R: Lord, let us hear your word to us;

**C: Speak peace to your people.**

R: Faithful One, prepare our hearts to receive your joy;

**C: The joyful kiss of righteousness and peace.**

*(Two candles are lit)*

**Prayer:** Faithful God, help us prepare our hearts and homes for the birth of the Savior. Show us how to make the paths of our lives and world straight in order to receive the Messiah. Amen

**Advent Hymn** *"Prepare the Royal Highway"* verses 1-2

### Scriptures

Old Testament: Isaiah 40:1-11

Psalm 85: 1-2, 8-13 (*responsive*)

LORD, you were favorable to your land; you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

**You forgave the iniquity of your people; you pardoned all their sin.**

Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,  
for he will speak peace to his people,  
to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.

**Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him,  
that his glory may dwell in our land.**

Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;  
righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

**Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,  
and righteousness will look down from the sky.**

The LORD will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.

**Righteousness will go before him, and will make a path for his steps.**