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Sunday, December 10, 2017

Second Sunday of Advent

8:30am

As the prelude plays, silently come into the Lord's presence.
Open your heart and give yourself up to Christ who is here to meet you today.
"Be still and know that I am God." Psalm 46:10

PRELUDE *"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent"* – arr. Dengler

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH: Martin Family

Leader: This second Sunday in Advent 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.

**People: 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 thee, O Israel.**

*HYMN *"Joy to the World"* No. 40

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Holy and wise God, we thank You and praise You for having a heart for all of the world. We confess that we are too smart, too cynical, and too rational to crowd around a cradle like wonder-filled children. But we do want a seat among the parents, kings, and shepherds who saw the star and heard the angels sing and whose hope was kindled. Forgive us so that we can prepare the way of the Lord in our hearts. Help us to be ready to hear the Good News that God is with us. In the name of the first and final Word, Immanuel, we pray, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*SHARING SIGNS OF PEACE
[Please share Christ's peace with one another with handshakes, hugs, kisses—however you feel led.]

*HYMN *"Spirit of the Living God"*
**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me; Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE David Griffith
(For those who wish, children grades 1-4 can leave for children's church at this time.)

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 42:6-9 (OT p670)

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 2:1-12 (NT p2)

SERMON **ADVENT SERIES: THE HEART OF CHRIST** Rev. Robert Bronkema
"A Heart for the World"

*HYMN *"What Child is This?"* No. 53

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY *"How Great Our Joy"* – arr. Krogstad Chancel Choir

*DOXOLOGY
*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*HYMN *"Angels We Have Heard on High"* No. 23

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE *"Joy to the World"* – arr. Hamlin

<p>Next Week Advent Sermon Series: The Heart of Christ Genesis 1:1-5 Mark 1:1 <i>"A Heart for Us from Beginning to End"</i></p>

11:00am

Greeting & Announcements

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*Praise & Worship

God With Us

Angels We Have Heard on High

Glory

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message: David Griffith

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Scripture Readings

Isaiah 42:6-9; Matthew 2:1-12

Sermon: **Advent Series: The Heart of Christ**

"A Heart for the World"

*Offering/Closing Song

Adore

*Benediction

SERMON NOTES:
