2nd Sunday in Advent December 4, 2022 9:30am

Gathering

Welcome

Procession and Prelude

*Call to Worship

One: Our souls magnify the Lord!

All: Our spirits rejoice in God our Savior!

One: The mighty One has done great things for us!

All: Holy is God's name! One: Let us worship God.

All: For God is our Maker and our Redeemer; from generation

to generation God gives mercy.

*Opening Hymn "People Look East" UMH 202

*Advent Candle Lighting

One: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world; the one who follows me

will not walk in darkness but have the light of life."

All: We light these candles as a sign of the coming light of

Christ.

One: The Lord will give you a sign. A young woman is with child

and shall bear a son.

All: And they shall name him Immanuel, which means "God is

with us."

(Two purple candles are lit)

One: I will lead the blind by a road they do not know, by the paths

they have not known I will guide them.

All: God will turn the darkness before them into light, the

rough places into level ground.

One: These are the things I will do and I will not forsake them.

*Opening Prayer

Faithful God, we wait for you to come. We know that you will because you already have and because you promised to return. While we wait, send your Spirit so that we may grow in grace. Prepare us for you coming, Lord. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Scripture Reading Romans 15:4-13

*Hymn "I Come With Joy" UMH. 617

Scripture Reading Matthew 3:1-12

Sermon Paul and John the Baptizer Pastor Sam

Pastoral Prayer

Holy Communion UMH 7

*Closing Hymn "Lift Up Your Head, Ye Mighty Gates" UMH 213

*Benediction

Large print bulletins and hymnals are available. If you would like one, please see an usher.

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We invite you to keep the following people in your prayers

Tammy Baskaran, Bruce Beckman, Michael Brick, family of Michael Britt, Dave Calloway, Csanady Family, family of Rick Cook, Carolyn and Jim Deverin, Jessica Favret, Pat Finley, Brenda and Georges Guerrier, Diane Hild, Paul and Judy Hoffman, Savannah Hosmer, Family of Tina Holland, Ellie Hunter, family of Dean Jestes, Family of Doug Kennedy, Family of Billy Knight, Kurek family, Billy Lewis, Family of Robert Lockey, Ed Massey, Henry Meyers, Family of Cecile Michon, family of Kirk Miller, Brian Morton, Theresa Schmitt and the Mullins children, Family of Bob Quisenberry, Scott Robert, Family of

Ed Scott, Pat Sievers, Jill Spicher, Family of Betty Jean Thomas, Sharon Truedel, Kim Welkner's mother, Jamie Whitehead, family of Reds Williams, Tom Wimsatt

Long-term prayer concerns: Karyn Brandel, Jerry Fowler, Karen Goles, Shirly Graham, Richard Giffin, Robin Jones, Barbara Maury, Anna Catherine Miller, Mary Jo Ridgely, Dustin Summers, Harding Wescott, Ryan Whitehead and his family, Tony Zile

Thank you to our Greeters and Ushers – **Thank you** to our Liturgist – Jill Spicher