

STOCKHOLM LUTHERAN CHURCH

Second Sunday of Advent

“Contemporary Worship”

December 10, 2017

GATHERING

Page and hymn numbers refer to the red hymnal (“Worship”)

GATHERING MUSIC Barb Froemming

WELCOME

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH (All):

P: At every beginning there is a yearning for the one who is coming. O Emmanuel,

C: Prepare us for your coming.

P: We gather together to get ready for what? Only heaven knows. O Emmanuel,

C: Prepare us for your coming.

P: We wait for the day when God will create a lasting peace on the earth, and natural-born enemies turn into newborn friends. O Emmanuel,

C: Prepare us for your coming.

P: We get ready for God to come close by laying our lives open to Jesus, asking him to sort through all our mixed motives. O Emmanuel,

C: Prepare us for your coming.

P: Jesus, we welcome your presence now with the lighting of these candles, whose flames bring warmth to winter and fill this place with the glow of hope.

All: Amen.

SONG “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” (v. 1, 6, 7) # 257

PRAYER (All)

C: 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. Amen.

OPENING SONG : “We Are Called” # 720

WORD OF GOD

FIRST BIBLE READING (Pew Bible, p. 619) Isaiah 40:1-11

PSALM (The Psalms begin on p. 339 in the red hymnal)

Psalms 85:1-2, 8-13

SECOND BIBLE READING (Pew Bible, p.1063)

2 Peter 3:8-15a

GOOD NEWS OF JESUS (Pew Bible, p. 867) Mark 1:1-8

CHILDREN’S TIME

SERMON

Rev. Mark Little

RESPONSE TO GOD’S WORD

SONG “Christ Be Our Light” (v. 1, 3, 5) # 715

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OFFERING TO SHARE THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS

SPECIAL MUSIC “Mary’s Little Boy” (TOSB # 141) Joyful Noise

OFFERING SONG “O Little Town of Bethlehem” (v. 3) # 279

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(P: Lord, in your mercy; **C: Hear our prayer.**)

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BLESSING (Tune: “Angels We Have Heard on High”)

P: May the good Lord bless and keep; cause His face on you to shine; Look on you with favor deep; Granting you His peace divine.

C: Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

THREE-FOLD AMEN

SONG “Joy to the World!” # 267

SENDING

P: Go in Peace! Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

SENDING MUSIC Barb Froemming

Welcome to all who gather here for Worship this morning!

We give a special welcome to you if you are a guest with us today. Please worship with us again soon! If you are in search of a new church home, please contact Pastor Mark.

PRAYER CONCERNS – Bruce Carlson, Landon Halonen, Dan Howell, Mike Huro, Roger Jensen, Peggy Mahlstedt, Helen Mattson, Kerry Schmiesing, and those serving in the armed forces as we pray for peace.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Dec. 10--3:30 pm. Christmas Caroling (all ages of singers). See below for details

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Colin Terning

THANK YOU TO the Mattila Family for lighting the Advent Wreath today!

CHRISTMAS CAROLING Join us TODAY for an afternoon of Christmas Caroling to Nursing home residents, homebound, and others. We leave at 3:30 pm, and return around 5:00 pm. You are invited to bring cookies, meats, cheeses, or fruits which we will wrap up and deliver to people. Afterward, we will have a potluck meal.

2018 OFFERING ENVELOPES are in your mailboxes in the narthex for you pick up. Please refer to the blue folder hanging on the side of the mailboxes if you are not sure of your box number.

SUNDAY SCHOOL IS ADOPTING a family for the Christmas season! If you’d like to donate, please do so! We are also taking donations for the Christmas program treat bags. Thank you!

