

STOCKHOLM LUTHERAN CHURCH

Second Sunday of Advent

December 9, 2018

GATHERING

* Page and hymn numbers refer to the red hymnal ("Worship") *

GATHERING MUSIC Barb Froemming

WELCOME

SONG "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (v. 1-2) # 257

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH (All):

("Emmanuel means "God who is with us.")

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 prevailing 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 "Prepare the Royal Highway" (v. 1,3,4) # 264

GREETING P: The Joy of our Lord Jesus Christ, God's endless love, and the guidance of God's Holy Spirit, be with you all.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray

PRAYER

C: Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming give to all the people of the world knowledge of your salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who

lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD OF GOD

FIRST BIBLE READING Malachi 3:1-4

PSALM Luke 1:68-79

SECOND BIBLE READING Philippians 1:3-11

GOSPEL SONG "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" (v. 1) # 276

GOSPEL BIBLE READING (stand) Luke 3:1-6

Before the reading: **C: Glory to you, O Lord!**

After the reading: **C: Praise to you, O Christ!**

CHILDREN'S TIME

SERMON Rev. Mark Little

WE RESPOND WITH LOVE FOR GOD

SONG "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" # 254

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OFFERING OF TIME, TALENT & TREASURE TO GOD

OFFERING SONG: "The First Noel" (v. 1,5) # 300

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

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SENDING TO SERVE GOD'S PEOPLE

BENEDICTION

"THREE-FOLD" AMEN

SENDING SONG "It Came upon the Midnight Clear" # 282

DISMISSAL

P: Go in Peace. The Lord is near.

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.

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PRAYER CONCERNS – Karen Anderson, Mary Anderson, Duane Berglund (hospitalized), Tina Geistfeld, Nora Klima, Family and Friends of Nancy Lara (Mother of Stephanie Mattila), Barb Lee, Stephanie Mattila (surgery), Kermit Moen, Eleanor Olson (hospitalized, now home!), Jonathon Ryan, Kerry Schmiesing, and those serving in the armed forces as we pray for peace.

GOD'S WORD TO KEEP IN YOUR HEART: "I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ." (Paul, in Philippians 1, verse 6).

GOD'S BLESSINGS be upon Charles Alexander Shultz, as he is baptized into God's family today! Charles' parents are Cassandra and Seth Shultz. His Baptismal sponsors are Stacie Derichs and Gareth Shultz.

THANK YOU to Greg and Sherrie Tarning for lighting the candles on the Advent wreath this morning. The lit candles on the wreath assist us as we ponder the work of God in past salvation history. They help us to be alert and watchful for the time when he comes again to take his people to their heavenly home.