



Nassau Presbyterian Church

December 6, 2020 11:00 AM

ADVENT II



Gathering

God calls us together to offer praise, acknowledge sin,
and celebrate our adoption as forgiven children.

Prelude Chorale Prelude on “Savior of the Nations, Come” (BWV 559) J. S. Bach

Choral Introit Send Out Thy Light Iona Community

Call to Worship based on Isaiah 40:1–2 (NRSV)

This is the season of holy waiting.

We watch for the day when our warfare will be ended.

We wait for the One who can bring comfort and speak peace.

We wait while the night begins to glow with the light of day.

Come let us walk in the light of God!

Opening Hymn O Come, O Come, Emmanuel Red Hymnal 88
Verses 1, 6, 7

Prayer of Confession

God of all faithfulness, we confess that we are not ready to meet you. You call us to repent, but we turn away from you. You wait patiently for us, but we fail to watch and wait for you. Forgive us, God of grace. Embrace us with tender mercy so that we may be at one with you when all your glory is revealed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness Isaiah 40:4–5 (NRSV)

Every valley is lifted up; every mountain, made low.

Now the glory of the Lord is revealed, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

Friends in Christ, hear and believe the good news of the Gospel.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

Lighting of the Second Advent Candle from Luke 1 (NRSV)

Response While We Are Waiting, Come Red Hymnal 92

Words of Welcome

Time with Children

Say Yes to God

Luke 1:26-38 (NRSV)



Proclaiming the Word

We encounter the Word in speech and song
as we interpret and expound scripture.

Prayer for Illumination

**Holy God, our hope and strength,
by the power of your Spirit
prepare the way in our hearts
for the coming of your Word,
so that we may see the glorious signs
of your promise fulfilled;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Scripture Lesson

Mark 1:1-8

NRSV

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

“See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way;
the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight,’”

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

Sermon

When the Manger Is Not the Beginning

David A. Davis



Thanksgiving

We respond by presenting our offerings, setting the table,
lifting prayers, and praising the triune God.

Sermon Hymn

Hail to the Lord's Anointed
verses 1, 2, 3

Blue Psalter 72 A

Affirmation of Faith

Isaiah 9 : 2-7 (NRSV)

**The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined.**

**You have multiplied the nation,
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.**

**For the yoke of their burden,
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.**

**For all the boots of the tramping warriors
and all the garments rolled in blood
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.**

**For a child has been born for us,
a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders;
and he is named
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

**His authority shall grow continually,
and there shall be endless peace
for the throne of David and his kingdom.
He will establish and uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time onward and forevermore.
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.**

Tending the Flock

Marriage—Ben Wilde, son of Mary and Mark Wilde,
married Autumn Reed on October 28, 2020 in
Doylestown, Pennsylvania

Death—Barbara Gillespie, mother of Dayle Gillespie
Rounds, mother-in-law of Steve Rounds, grandmother
of Emily and Allie Rounds, on November 23, 2020 in
Monroe Township, New Jersey

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