

MISSION STATEMENT:
**Equipping people for a growing relationship
with Jesus Christ to serve all.**

WE WELCOME YOU!

Thank you for worshipping with us today. We're glad you're here!
Please fill out the Ritual of Friendship book located in the pew.

PRAYER CONCERNS

If you have a gratitude you wish to share, a prayer concern or would like to request a pastoral visit, please complete the appropriate card found in the pews and place it in the offering plate.

CHILD CARE

At the 8:30am and 10:00am worship services child care is provided in the Nursery (Room 208) for Infants thru Preschoolers, and at 11:00am for Infants through Toddlers. At the 11:00am worship service Preschoolers through Kindergartners are invited to Playful Praise in Room 102 following the Children's Time.

Rev. Eun-Hye Choi, Lead Pastor
Rev. Chris Walters, Associate Pastor
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The Gift of Relationships

December 8, 2013

10:00AM

Second Sunday of Advent

10:00am Eucharist Worship

**Indicates congregation stands*

Bold type indicates to read in unison

PRELUDE

“Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel” - Moser

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP (Rev. Nathan Decker, GBOD)

We come to worship the coming King. The One who was and is and is to come!

Robed in Justice, carrying equity in his heart, Righteousness is a belt around his waist, faithfulness in the clasps of his sandals.

We have prepared ourselves for worship.

We intend to do no harm; to love our neighbors and to stay in love with God!

We look forward to the Reign of the coming King!

The wolves will walk with the lambs; the leopards skip with the kids; and the calves will be friends with the lion cubs. Peace will come through the root of Jesse, and we will abide with the King!

*HYMN OF PREPARATION

UMH #189 *“Fairest Lord Jesus”* (vs. 1 & 2)

*PREPARING THE WAY (Elaine Olsen, peaceforthejourney.com)

There is level ground beneath the feet of Jesus. His way is straight, his steps determined, and there is nothing that will prevent him from making pilgrimage to the front door of our hearts.

Advent. The coming of Christ, the Child. The redemption of Christ, the Savior. The forever with Christ, the Lord! The glory of the Lord has been revealed. It's time for all the world to see it.

Herald Him loudly. Proclaim Him boldly. Take your place alongside John the Baptizer and be the one voice on this desert earth who is willing to make straight the highway for our King.

God has leveled the playing field. Time to find our place alongside Him this week. We'll meet Him on the road.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION

UMH #189 *“Fairest Lord Jesus”* (vs. 3 & 4)

*SHARING SIGNS OF PEACE AND OTHER GREETINGS

The Peace of the Lord be with you

And also with you

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 11:1-10 (OT page 640)

*GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 3:1-12 (OT page 2)

SERMON

“The Gift of the Relationships” Rev. Eun-Hye Choi

HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

UMH #12

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer (“trespasses”)

Sharing the Bread and Cup

*CLOSING HYMN UMH #196 *“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”*

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Hail the Day So Rich in Cheer” - Fischer

Please leave your offering in the offering plate at the back of the sanctuary as you leave today.