

**SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE**  
**Second Sunday in Advent**

**December 4, 2022**

**10:00 AM**

Prelude: In the Bleak Midwinter Rita Pittman

**Welcome and Announcements** Rev. Jonathon Kosec

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Choral Introit

**\* Call to Worship**

Pastor: Stir up our hearts, Lord God,

**People: To prepare the way of your only Son.**

Pastor: By His coming, nurture our growth

**People: Help us become people of repentance and peace.**

Pastor: As we break bread and share the cup together this morning,

**People: may Christ be present with us, and may the Spirit bind us together as Christ's body in this world, Amen.**

\* Hymn # 122.

Wake, Awake for Night is Flying

\* Invocation

**Responsive Reading #806** Pastor reads, congregation responds with indented verse.

**Offering**

Lo How a Rose E're Blooming

\* Doxology #638 and Prayer of Dedication

**Prayers of the Church**

- A Moment of Silent Prayer
- The Pastoral Prayer
- The Lord's Prayer

Hymn #281.

Break Thou the Bread of Life

**Scripture Lesson**

Matthew 3:1-12

Hal Bates

Special Music

Mary Did You Know

Laurie Palmer

**Today's Message:**

"Prepare"

Rev. Kosec

**\* You may choose to stand or remain seated.**

**Confession of Faith: The Apostle's Creed. (Selection 783)**

**Holy Communion**

- Invitation to the Supper
- Words of Institution
- Prayer of Consecration
- Distribution of the Bread and the Cup
- The Communion Charge

\* Closing Hymn # 153.

What Child is This

**\* Benediction**

Postlude:

Once in Royal David's City

**CHURCH LIFE**

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER.**

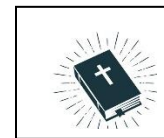
People who are struggling for direction in their lives.

Salvation Army as they minister to the needs to our community.

Patience for those awaiting repairs from the hurricane

Families struggling to adjust to new difficulties

Ask God to use you in His Service to this community. *You are His Church*



**BIBLE STUDY**

Join us in the Arts & Craft Room TUESDAY at 10:00am We will be discussing Nehemiah.

**CHOIR REHEARSAL** - Sunday morning at 9:00 am **Everyone Welcome !**

**OFFERING ENVELOPES** - If you are not currently using offering envelopes and would like to use them next year please sign up at the back table. Thank you Nancy VanEss.

**FOOD DONATIONS** - Next Sunday is the food collection for the South County Food Pantry. Any and all canned foods and dry goods will be appreciated. Thank you for your generosity.

## SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 3:1-12

**3** <sup>1-2</sup> While Jesus was living in the Galilean hills, John, called “the Baptizer,” was preaching in the desert country of Judea. His message was simple and austere, like his desert surroundings: “Change your life. God’s kingdom is here.”

**3** John and his message were authorized by Isaiah’s prophecy: Thunder in the desert! Prepare for God’s arrival! Make the road smooth and straight!

**4-6** John dressed in a camel-hair habit tied at the waist by a leather strap. He lived on a diet of locusts and wild field honey. People poured out of Jerusalem, Judea, and the Jordanian countryside to hear and see him in action. There at the Jordan River those who came to confess their sins were baptized into a changed life.

**7-10** When John realized that a lot of Pharisees and Sadducees were showing up for a baptismal experience because it was becoming the popular thing to do, he exploded: “Brood of snakes! What do you think you’re doing slithering down here to the river? Do you think a little water on your snakeskins is going to make any difference? It’s your life that must change, not your skin! And don’t think you can pull rank by claiming Abraham as father. Being a descendant of Abraham is neither here nor there. Descendants of Abraham are a dime a dozen. What counts is your life. Is it green and flourishing? Because if it’s deadwood, it goes on the fire.

**11-12** “I’m baptizing you here in the river, turning your old life in for a kingdom life. The real action comes next: The main character in this drama—compared to him I’m a mere stagehand—will ignite the kingdom life within you, a fire within you, the Holy Spirit within you, changing you from the inside out. He’s going to clean house—make a clean sweep of your lives. He’ll place everything true in its proper place before God; everything false he’ll put out with the trash to be burned.”

## BIRTHDAYS

John Lynch 12/5, Sara Forsman 12/9

**Attendance Last Sunday:**

**In-Person: 64**

**Online Church: 23**

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