

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE
Second Sunday in Advent

December 10, 2023

10:00 AM

Prelude: O, How Joyfully!

Rita Pittman

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Jonathon Kosec

*** Call to Worship**

Pastor: We gather today. It is time to worship.

People: We listen for God. It is time to hear.

Pastor: We receive God's grace. It is time to be loved.

People: We leave in peace. It is time to serve others!

Pastor: As we wait for Jesus' arrival, Emanuel, God-with-us, is already here.

People: Wherever we wait for God's time to come, we will witness wonders. Amen.

* Hymn # 138 "People, Look East"

* Invocation

Offering Come, O Come, Messiah King

* Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Lesson.

Mark 1:1-8

Dallas Jensen

Special Music:

Laurie Palmer and Mark Pittman

Today's Message:

"Time Flies"

Rev. Kosec

Hymn # 133.

"On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"

Prayers of the Church

The Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

* Closing Hymn #146. " Joy to the World"

* **Benediction**

Postlude: Ding! Dong! Merrily On High

Rita Pittman

* You may choose to stand or remain seated.

CHURCH LIFE

ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Diane Hartley "in loving memory of all our loved ones who have gone to their forever heavenly home. May they never be forgotten."

PRAYER REQUESTS: If you have a special prayer request this morning, let Pastor Jon know before worship begins and it will be included. Thank you.

WE ARE HERE FOR YOU! If you are looking for a church home, we hope you would consider Covenant Church of Bay Indies as the place you'd like to call home! Speak to Pastor Jon following worship for more information.

Our series, **Out of Time**, invites our reflection on how people experience time and on how God uses our experience to meet us, challenge us, bless us, shape us, and call us into holy endings and new beginnings.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: DECEMBER 24 We will share our typical morning worship at 10:00 AM and then return for our 6:00 Christmas Eve worship.

POINTSETTIAS FOR OUR ALTAR....DEC. 24TH We would like to decorate our altar area with red, white, and pink Pointsettia on Sunday, Dec. 24. That Day, there will be 2 services, our usual at 10 a.m. and our special Christmas Eve service at 6 p.m. If you would like to donate a Poinsettia to use that Day, please bring it with you when you come. We'd love all sizes and would like to mix and match different colors. If you would like your plant to go home with you, pls. tape or write your name under it. All plants left after the evening service will remain to help decorate the room for the Park's Christmas dinner the next day. If you have questions about all this, please call Nan 941- 445-3769 or see her at Church service.

MEN'S BREAKFAST will be next Wednesday (13th) at 8:30 AM.

BIRTHDAYS

Linda Cross 12/16

Scripture Reading

Mark 1:1-8 (New Living Translation)

This is the Good News about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God. It began just as the prophet Isaiah had written: "Look, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, and he will prepare your way. He is a voice shouting in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way for the Lord's coming! Clear the road for him!'"

This messenger was John the Baptist. He was in the wilderness and preached that people should be baptized to show that they had repented of their sins and turned to God to be forgiven. All of Judea, including all the people of Jerusalem, went out to see and hear John. And when they confessed their sins, he baptized them in the Jordan River. His clothes were woven from coarse camel hair, and he wore a leather belt around his waist. For food he ate locusts and wild honey.

John announced: "Someone is coming soon who is greater than I am—so much greater that I'm not even worthy to stoop down like a slave and untie the straps of his sandals. I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit!"

SIGN IN, PLEASE! We are blessed to have you with us today and we invite you to use the sign-up sheets on the rear table.

Head Usher: Hal Bates

Usher/Greeters:

Jane Bickford & Nancy VanEss

Attendance Last Week: 78

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