

Sunday, December 10, 2023, 11:15am

Second Sunday In Advent

Bright Lights of Bethlehem...Many Lights are Brighter—Together



Opening Praise Song

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living!

C: Wait for the Lord, be strong, and let your heart take courage, wait for the Lord!

P: I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,

C: and in His word I hope.

P: With hope in the Lord's promises of renewal, let us confess our sins.

C: Out of the depths I cry to You, Lord!

P: Lord, hear my voice! Let Your ears be attentive to my pleas for mercy!

C: If You, O Lord, should mark iniquities, I would have no hope.

P: But with You there is forgiveness, therefore we place our trust in You.

C: Restore me, Lord God, and set me free from my sins.

P: Renew us in Your hope, that we may wait for Your salvation.

C: Because of Your steadfast love for me in Christ, redeem me from all my iniquities. Amen.

P: As we wait for Jesus' final coming, we place our hope and our confidence in the promises of His Word and find our home in the presence of His Spirit. Confessing our sins and turning away from them through lives of repentance, we are assured again of the Lord's steadfast love and plentiful redemption for us. As a called and ordained servant of Jesus and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Together, we pray.

C: Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be found in Him,

fully redeemed and at peace; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, Amen.

Children's Time

Isaiah 40:1–11

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Romans 15:4-7 [Sermon Text]

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

(Mark 1:1-18)

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon Praise Song

The Sermon *Many Lights are Brighter—Together*

The Gathering of our Gifts and Tithes

The Prayers of His Children

P: Come, Lord Jesus, our gracious King!

C: To You alone our prayers we bring!

P: ...we pray in the name of Jesus who taught us,

C: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive

those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

God's Benediction

Sending Praise Song

Ministry Announcements