

First Presbyterian Church of Aberdeen

Second Sunday of Advent - Faith

December 6, 2020

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

The Call to Worship

Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13

- ⁸⁵ Lord, you were favorable to your land;
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.
- ² You forgave the iniquity of your people;
you covered all their sin.
- ⁸ Let me hear what God the Lord will speak,
for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints;
but let them not turn back to folly.
- ⁹ Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him,
that glory may dwell in our land.
- ¹⁰ Steadfast love and faithfulness meet;
righteousness and peace kiss each other.
- ¹¹ Faithfulness springs up from the ground,
and righteousness looks down from the sky.
- ¹² Yes, the Lord will give what is good,
and our land will yield its increase.
- ¹³ Righteousness will go before him
and make his footsteps a way

The Song of Praise - #13 *Prepare the Way*

Prepare the way O Zion
Your Christ is drawing near
Let every hill and valley
A level way appear
Greet One who comes in glory
Foretold in sacred story

Chorus

O blest is Christ that came
In God's most holy name

Christ brings God's rule O Zion
He comes from heaven above
His rule is peace and freedom
And justice truth and love
Lift high your praise resounding
For grace and joy abounding (**Chorus**)

Fling wide your gates, O Zion
Your Savior's rule embrace
And tidings of salvation
Proclaim in every place
All lands will bow rejoicing
Their adoration voicing **(Chorus)**

Lighting of the Second Advent Candle

The Corporate Confession - The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord, who was conceived of the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried;
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there he shall come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* Church, the communion of saints, the
forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*catholic means universal

The Reading and Proclamation of Scripture – Pastor Dave Emery

“Grounded in Faith”

Mark 1:1-8

¹ The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.^[a]

² As it is written in Isaiah the prophet,^[b]

“Behold, I send my messenger before your face,
who will prepare your way,

³ the voice of one crying in the wilderness:

‘Prepare^[c] the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.’”

⁴ John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism
of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵ And all the country of Judea and all
Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river
Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶ Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a
leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷ And he preached,
saying, “After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am
not worthy to stoop down and untie. ⁸ I have baptized you with water, but he will
baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

The Song of Reflection - #48 Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

1 Lo, how a rose e'er blooming
From tender stem hath sprung.
Of Jesse's lineage coming,

By faithful prophets sung.
It came a floweret bright,
Amid the cold of winter,
When half spent was the night.

2 Isaiah 'twas foretold it,
The rose I have in mind,
With Mary we behold it,
The virgin mother kind.
To show God's love aright
She bore for us a Savior,
When half spent was the night.

The Celebration of the Lord's Supper

The Closing Hymn - #40 *Joy to the World*

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come:
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.

2 Joy to the world, the Savior reigns:
Let us our songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.

3 No more let sins and sorrows grow,
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as, the curse is found.

4 He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders, wonders, of His love.

Benediction and Postlude

You are Invited!

