

Seymour Christian Reformed Church

December 8, 2019

Second Sunday of Advent

9:30 AM Worship

If you are a newcomer to Seymour Church we want you to know that you are very welcome here. If you have any questions about our family of God or are interested in affiliating with our congregation, Pastor Brian White would be delighted to talk with you. Please leave your contact information on the Friendship Register or connect with him at 616-245-8726 or brian@seymourchurch.org.

Bold Print: Congregation participates audibly; *congregation stands, if possible.

We Gather

Prelude: "Chorale"		Bach
"Once in Royal David's City"		Smith
"The Christ Child"		Hailing
"The Journey"	(Pote)	Sanctuary Choir

Welcome

Lighting of the Advent Candle: The Bethlehem Candle

What does the second candle of Advent represent?

The second candle reminds us of God's preparation for the coming of the Christ-Child to be born in Bethlehem of Judah, an insignificant town.

Why is the Bethlehem candle also a candle of faith?

Mary & Joseph lived in Nazareth, a town 90 miles from Bethlehem. About the time the child was due to be born, a census required them to go to Bethlehem to register. When the little town of Bethlehem began to buzz with activity, everyone thought it was because the Roman government had ordered the world to be taxed in their hometowns.

But, this was just part of God's plan, so that Mary and Joseph would return to Bethlehem, the city of David, for Jesus Christ to be born there. Mary & Joseph had faith that God would provide for the needs of their child even though they were not in their home.

We light the Bethlehem Candle of Faith.

(Please stand, if you are able, as we sing our call to worship)

*Call to Worship: "Make Way"

Sing 176

*God's Greeting: Romans 15:13

*Song of Advent: "Oh Little Town of Bethlehem"

Red 88:1, 3, 4

*Welcome / Mutual Greeting

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

*Songs of Worship: "Light of the Stable"

"Born That We May Have Life"

Invitation to Children: "Angels From the Realms of Glory"
*(Pre-K through first grade come forward for a special Children's Message
and on to Children's Worship.)*

Red 81: 3

The Advent Story: "King of Kings"
Congregational Prayer

We Hear His Word

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 7:1-17

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon: "King of the Shaken"

Prayer of Application

*Hymn of Application: "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

Red 56:1, 3, 4

We Respond

Dedication of Tithes and Offerings

Offering: 1.) General Fund 2.) Christian Education

(Please sign and pass the Friendship Register)

Offertory: "And the Glory of the Lord" (*"Messiah"*)

Sanctuary Choir

*Parting Blessing

*Closing Hymn: "Savior of the Nations, Come"

Red 74:7

*Postlude: "Praise the Lord of Hosts"

Saint-Säens

Worship Leaders

Preaching Pastor: Brian White

Organist: Ilene Woldhuis

Song Leaders: Worship Team

Candle Lighters: Roger and Anna Jacobsen

Liturgist: Mary Bouwma

Pianists: Sondra Minnema, Wendy Zwiets

Ministry of Music: Sanctuary Choir

Children's Story: Lori Schreur

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