Sermon

'He Justifies'

Rev. Mark Simonds

Presentation of Offering

**Doxology* Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Dedication of Offering

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

"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 debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen."

*Dismissing Hymn No. 136	'The First Noel'	(Verses 1-4)
*Benediction *Benediction Response No. 123	'O Come, O Come Emmanuel'	(refrain)

Postlude

'How Great Our Joy'

~ German Melody

We're glad you joined us for worship today! We invite you to place your financial tithes and offerings in the basket in the back of the sanctuary before or following service. Thank you for placing the Bibles, hymnals and attendance books back on the chairs. Thank you.

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"The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light." - Isaiah 9:2

Second Sunday of Advent

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December 8. 2024 The Second Sunday in Advent

We welcome you to the worship of God Almighty this Lord's Day. It is our intention to bring glory and honor to Him. God enters our time of worship and we remember this time belongs to Him. Your Worship Commission

*Please stand, if you are able. Nursery for children infant to 4 yrs. old is available upstairs in the Christian Education Wing (please see Usher for directions)

Meditation

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"Life in a prison cell may well be compared to Advent: one waits, hopes, and does this, that, or the other things that are really of no consequence—the door is shut, and can only be opened from the outside." ~ Pastor Dietrich Bonhoeffer writing from Tegel Prison

Westminster Chimes and Announcements

(During announcements, we ask members and visitors to please sign the Friendship Register and pass it on. Send them back down your row so you can note who is worshipping with you today. We invite visitors to give us your complete address.)

Opening Prayer

Prelude	'It Came Upon the Midnight Clear'	~ Willis	
Lighting of the Seco	nd Advent Candle	The Higley Family	
*Call to Worship	B	rian O'Roark, Lay Assistant	
Leader: Let us go, in heart and mind, to see what has come to pass. Let us go with the shepherds:			
People: Let us go to	find the Savior!		
Leader: Let us go wit	h the wise ones:		
People: Let us go to find God's promise, born for us!			
Leader: Let us go wit	h the poor and humble:		
People: Let us go to find our King, born in a lowly manger.			
Leader: Let us go with all the world, with all the peoples of the nations.			

People: Christ the Lord!

*Hymn No. 145

'O Come All Ye Faithful'

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (In unison)

Everlasting God, your Son is the light of the world. Your Son is the way, the truth, and the life. Lead us by your light and truth. Looking for Jesus, let us find him. Looked for by Jesus, we are found first. Amen. . . (silent prayers of confession)

Assurance of Pardon

*Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen

*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostle's 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 by the Holy Ghost, 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 sitteth on the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Shine Presentation

excerpt from this afternoon's performance of 'We Knead A Little Christmas'

Scripture Readings

Psalm 51

LG. PRINT #889/ pew #405 LG. PRINT/NEW ED. #823

Romans 5:12-21 Leader: The Word of the Lord ~ People: Thanks be to God ~

LG. PRINT #1753/ pew #798 LG. PRINT/NEW ED. #1714