

December 7, 2008
Second Sunday of Advent

What God gives you instead of a system of answers is a blessing, a new name—a living relationship. You are forever changed by the encounter. You have seen the face of God. —Barbara Rossing

Gathering and Praising

Music for Meditation

Be receptive to the Spirit of God as worship begins with Music for Meditation

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

***Passing the Peace**

***Call to Worship and Lighting of 2nd Advent Candle:**

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***Invocation:**

Rev. Thom Shuman

***Hymn:** *Comfort, comfort, O my people* #176

First Scripture Reading: *Isaiah 40: 1-11, from The Message*

Sharing About Preparation Tom August

Responsive Chorus: *Gloria* #204

Proclaiming

Children’s Story Bobby and Tom Brown

Scripture: *Mark 1: 1-8*

Message: *Prepare the way*

Hymn: *O come, O come, Emmanuel* #172

Praying

“For this we rejoice...”

“For this we pray...”

Hymn Call to Prayer *Lord, listen to your children* #353

Prayer for all God’s children

Offering

Invitation to Giving

Offertory

Heather Eicher-Miller

***Offertory Response:** *Lord, bless the hands* #93

***Prayer of Dedication**

Sending

***Hymn:** *Joy to the world* #318

***Benediction**

***Sending Christ’s light out into the world**

***Postlude**

*Please stand as you are able.

Welcome all who are visiting us today. Please join us after the worship for a time of fellowship and refreshment downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. Then join us for adult and youth Sunday school at 11: 15 am.