

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

The Second Sunday of Advent

December 9, 2007

8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

*All who are able may stand

Bold type spoken by the congregation

GATHERING. . .

The Prelude “*O Come, All Ye Faithful*” and “*The First Noel*” James Smith, arr.
Youth Bells

The Welcome and Announcements

The Introit “*Children, Let’s Wait for the Baby*” Thomas Keesecker
Youth Choir

The Call To Worship

...This is the season of holy waiting.
We wait for the One on whom the Spirit of the Holy God rests.
We watch for the One who judges with righteousness and decides with equity.
We wait while the night begins to glow with the light of day.
Let us walk in the light of God!
Come Lord Jesus!

The Prayer of Praise

Most glorious God, You judge Your people with righteousness and justice. The mountains yield prosperity for all Your people and the hills are clothed with Your splendor. You defend the cause of the poor and deliver the needy. You are like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth. Filled with the joy and peace of believing, we will sing You our praises and serve You with our whole being to the end that the nations may affirm Your glory. Amen.

*The Hymn 9 “*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*”

*The Prayer of Confession

God of righteousness and justice: before You, who can stand? We, whose lives are comfortable, who turn our eyes from the poor and deny our debt to them – we are the ones who must repent. Lord, help us to turn from greed, violence, and systems that oppress. Wash us, that we may be clean. Tend to us, that we may bear fruit worthy of Your kingdom. Inspire us to prepare Your way . . .(time for silent confession)

*The Choral Response

*The Assurance of Pardon

*The Gloria Patri

p. 579 in the Hymnal

*The Peace and Greeting

The peace of Christ be with you all. **And also with you!**
(Please exchange this ancient greeting with worshippers seated near you.
Please stand to greet one another in the name of Christ.)

TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD . . .

The Prayer for Illumination

The Old Testament Lesson: *Isaiah 11:1-10* p. 784 in the pew Bible

The Psalter Lesson: *Psalms 72:1-7,18-19* p. 656 in the pew Bible

