

*The AACRC Gathers in Homes
December 6, 2020, 10:30am*

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, welcome to worship. Though we find ourselves physically separated, we know that God is One: revealed in Christ Jesus, accessible by the Spirit. Wherever you are this morning, it is our confident hope that as we gather, Christ is in our midst. Streamed and archived at www.youtube.com/c/AnnArborCRC

PRELUDE

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel – Red Hymnal 61:7

CALL TO WORSHIP & GOD'S GREETING

OPENING SONG

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel – *Refrain only*

FIRST READING/CANDLE LIGHTING

Mark 1:1-8

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of love and justice,
we long for peace within and peace without.
We long for harmony in our families,
for serenity in the midst of struggle.
We long for the day when our homes
will be a dwelling place for your love.
Yet we confess that we are often anxious,
we do not trust each other,
and we harbor violence.
We are not willing to take the risks
and make the sacrifices that love requires.
Look upon us with kindness and grace.
Rule in our homes and in all the world;
show us how to walk in your paths,
through the mercy of our Savior. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SONG

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry – Red Hymnal 70

SERMON: Isaiah 40:1-11

ALMOST: PEACE – Pastor Kristen

THE LORD'S SUPPER

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*... With your whole Church on earth and with all the company of heaven
we worship and adore your glorious name:*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

... Together we proclaim the mystery of the faith:

Christ has died!

Christ is risen!

Christ will come again!

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

He Shall Feed His Flock Like a Shepherd, from *The Messiah* – G. F. Handel

*please take this time to participate by giving online at www.aacrc.org/give,
through the MyWell app, or by check. You can also consider how God is asking
you to serve this week through the opportunities listed in our Connections email.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SENDING SONG

Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus – Red Hymnal 56

GOSPEL READING

2 Peter 3:8-15a

WE RECEIVE GOD'S BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Comfort, comfort now my people;
speak of peace: so says our God - Paul Manz

Preacher – Pastor Kristen Livingston

Liturgist – Pastor Ryan Boes

Vocalist – Paul Herrema

Organ/Piano – Jan Musch