

**~God Renews Us in Christ~**

**We Corporately Confess Our Sin and Need**

Almighty God, you have remembered your covenant mercy to us through Jesus. You came to redeem us from all our sins and to set us free to serve you all our days. But instead we have chosen our own way, followed our own paths, walked according to our own counsel. Forgive us, O God. Do not cast us away, but rather remember the mercy that you promised to our fathers and to us. Grant us grace to rest in your promises and to live out of obedient gratitude before you. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

**We Silently Confess Our Sins and Need**

**The Assurance of Pardoning Grace** 1 John 4:7-12

**We Confess Our Faith** Belgic Confession Article XX

We believe that God, who is perfectly merciful and just, sent His Son to assume *our human* nature in which the disobedience was committed, to make satisfaction in the same, and to bear the punishment of sin by His most bitter passion and death. God therefore manifested His justice against His Son when He laid our iniquities upon Him, and poured forth His mercy and goodness on us, who were guilty and worthy of damnation, out of mere and perfect love, giving His Son unto death for us, and raising Him for our justification, that through Him we might obtain immortality and life eternal.

**Hymn** Before the Throne of God Above (CCLI#251645)

Before the throne of God above,  
I have a strong and perfect plea,  
A great High Priest whose name is Love,  
Who ever lives and pleads for me.  
My name is graven on His hands,  
My name is written on His heart,  
I know that while in heaven He stands,  
No tongue can bid me thence depart,  
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When Satan tempts me to despair,  
And tells me of the guilt within,  
Upward I look and see Him there  
Who made an end of all my sin.  
Because the sinless Savior died,  
My sinful soul is counted free;  
For God, the Just, is satisfied  
To look on Him and pardon me,  
To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there! The risen Lamb,  
My perfect, spotless righteousness;  
The great unchangeable I AM,  
The King of Glory and of Grace!  
One with Himself I cannot die.  
My soul is purchased by His blood;  
My life is hid with Christ on high,  
With Christ my Savior and my God,  
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**Children's Sermon**

**~God Instructs Us with His Word~**

**We Listen to God** Zechariah 4:1-6

**Sermon** Not by Might, Not by Power, but by God's Spirit

**Hymn** Good Christian Men, Rejoice (207)

**~God Receives Our Offerings and Requests~**

**We Worship God with Our Tithes and Offering**

## **We Bring Our Requests to God in Prayer**

### **Doxology** (731)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below; praise him above ye heav'nly host: praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

### **Benediction**

### **Announcements**

### **Postlude**

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## **Second Sunday of Advent Service of Worship**

### **Welcome**

### **Prelude**

**~God Calls Us to Worship Him~**

**Call to Worship** Luke 1:68-75

### **Pastor**

“Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has visited and redeemed his people and has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David, as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old, that we should be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us;

### **Congregation**

to show the mercy promised to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant, the oath that he swore to our father Abraham, to grant us that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies, might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.

### **All**

Amen! Let us worship God.

**Hymn** Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come (195)

### **Prayer of Worship**