



ADVENT
SECOND SUNDAY

The Hard Truth

Rev. Trey Haddon

Sunday, December 12, 2021

10:30 AM Service

***Congregational Singing requires masks to stay on**

PRELUDE John Muir, Vocal and Guitar, Kevin Chunko, Synthesizer
Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming

WELCOME and LIFE TOGETHER Rev. Trey Haddon

CHORAL INTROIT Chapel Choir Interns
Rejoice, Rejoice
VENI EMMANUEL

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING The Vinsel Family

***CALL to WORSHIP** Elder Shelly Gant

Come, let us rejoice this day in God.
We will sing glad songs of the One who is restructuring the world.
Come, let us rejoice always in Jesus.
We will join in choruses of praise of the One who brings justice to the forgotten.
Come, let us rejoice in the Spirit.
We will praise the One who compels us to share with the world.

CALL to CONFESSION Rev. Trey Haddon

PRAYER of CONFESSION
We admit, God of Advent, that it is easier to trust a politician's words than yours, which were spoken so long ago. We know how afraid we are of tomorrow, because of what we do today.

Forgive us, God of hope, and have mercy on us. Lift us to our feet; draw us close into your loving embrace; drench us in grace drawn from the deep wells of life, as we follow Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with the Holy Spirit.

***ASSURANCE of PARDON**
The good news is this:
God is our hope. God is our life. God is our future.
We are forgiven, we are saved!
Thanks be to God.
Amen.

PASSING of the PEACE Elder Sara Palmgren

***SONG of the DAY** Congregational Singing
You Are Holy

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Kathy Frank

Philippians 4:4-7
WORD in SONG Chapel Choir Interns
Arise With Joy
Mark Schweizer

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Rev. Trey Haddon
Luke 3:7-18

MESSAGE

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***HYMN**

Called As Partners in Christ's Service

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE***HYMN**

On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry

BENEDICTION**POSTLUDE**

Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying
Emma Lou Diemer

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*Scripture***Phillipians 4:4-7**

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵ Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Luke 3:7-18

⁷ John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?" ⁸ Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ⁹ Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."

¹⁰ And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" ¹¹ In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." ¹² Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" ¹³ He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." ¹⁴ Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages."

¹⁵ As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶ John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷ His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

¹⁸ So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.