



Second Sunday in
Advent

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Prelude *“Once He came in blessing”*

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

Introit *Lift up your heads, eternal gates*

John Bell (b. 1949)

Welcome

Lighting of the second Advent candle

The second candle, to remind us of God’s gift of the Bible, which bears witness to our Lord.

“So, we are even more confident of the message proclaimed by the prophets. You will do well to pay attention to it, because it is like a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the light of the morning star shines in your hearts.”

Heavenly Father,

you have shown the wonder of your love for us in Jesus Christ through the Bible.

Grant that in the written word, and through the spoken word, we may behold the living Word, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Advent candle song

The holly and the ivy

Are dancing in a ring

Round the berry bright red candles

And the white and shining king.

And one is for God’s people

In every age and day

We are watching for his coming

We believe and we obey.

And two is for the prophets

And for the light they bring

They are candles in the darkness

All alight for Christ the king.

CH4 274 *Comfort, comfort now my people*

Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

As we look at our wonderful world

Thank you, Lord, for the hope you give us

As we admire all that you have created

Thank you, Lord, for the hope you give us

As we think of your birth in a humble stable
Thank you, Lord, for the hope you give us
As we read in the Bible how you care about us
Thank you, Lord, for the hope you give us
Every day, in every way
Thank you, Lord, for the hope you give us

Our Father...

Talk with children

Song

The best book to read is the Bible
The best book to read is the Bible
If you read it every day,
it will help you on your way
Oh...the best book to read is the Bible!

Read your Bible, pray every day,
Pray every day, pray every day.
Read your Bible, pray every day
And you'll grow, grow, grow,
And you'll grow, grow, grow,
And you'll grow, grow, grow.
Read your Bible, pray every day
And you'll grow, grow, grow!

New Testament *Philippians* 1:3-11

I thank my God for every remembrance of you, always in every one of my prayers for all of you, praying with joy for your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because I hold you in my heart, for all of you are my partners in God's grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the tender affection of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what really matters, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Offering

Music "*In Dulci Jubilo*"
Johann Sebastian Bach

CH4 807 (as the offering is brought forward)
Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Prayer of dedication

Open our eyes, Lord, that we may see your presence that is all around us
Open our ears, Lord, that we may hear your voice that is quiet yet ever near
Open our hearts , Lord, that we may feel your love close and real in every encounter
Open our senses, Lord. Make us aware of your power, your presence in each hour.
Amen.

Song. *Lord, you have my heart*
Lord, you have my heart
And I will search for yours
Jesus, take my life, and lead me on.
Lord, you have my heart
And I will search for yours
Let me be to You a sacrifice.

Men And I will praise you Lord
Women I will praise you Lord
Men and I will sing of love come down
Women I will sing of love come down.
Men And as you show your face
Women show your face
All We'll see your glory here.

Sermon

CH4 472 *Come, thou long-expected Jesus*

Prayers for others

CH4 277 *Hark, the glad sound!*

Blessing

CH4 786 *May the peace of God go with us*
Benediction and threefold Amen

Postlude *God rest you merry, Gentlemen*
William Lloyd Webber (1914–1982)



Welcoming elder: Nicola Hollyman
Ushers: Arthur Griffith, Hazel Griffith
Reader: Rosaleen Walker
Organist: Rebecca Dirks MacDonald
Choir: Páraic Réamonn
Flowers: In memoriam Alice Tulloch



Wednesday December 11

Deadline for the Christmas newsletter!
All items to lindy.lynn1956@gmail.com

Tuesday December 24

Christmas Eve service, 23h15, on Zoom only

Wednesday December 25

Christmas Day service, 11h



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