**Morning Order of Worship**

December 7, 2014—9:30 AM

**Second Sunday of Advent**

REJOICING IN THE LORD

Prelude

Ministry of Music —*Mary, Sweet Mary*

Welcome and \*Call to Worship

The Lord will give you a sign. A young woman is with

child and shall bear a son. **And they shall name him Immanuel, which means “God is with us.”**

—from Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:23, NRSV

\*God’s Greeting

\*Opening Songs of Worship

 HWC #141 vs. 1, 2, 4—*O Little Town of Bethlehem*

HWC #135 vs. 1, 2, 5—*While Shepherds Watched Their…*

HWC #155 vs. 1, 2—*Once In Royal David’s City*

APPROACHING THE LORD

Advent Scripture Reading: Isaiah 7:14

Advent Litany (See back of Praises and Petitions sheet)

Song of response

 HWC #120—*The Advent of Our God*

Congregational Prayer

Offering for the Building Debt Reduction Fund

(After the offering, the organist will play, *Jesus Loves Me*, and the children are then invited forward for the lighting of the Advent candle and Little Lambs/Children in Worship Dismissal.)

**Evening Message Outline**

December 7, 2014

Pastor Matt Riddle

***Delighting in God’s Law***

Psalm 1:1-6

 Outline:

1. The Good Life
2. The Good Book
3. The Good Fruit

**A TIME OF LEARNING**

\*Song of Preparation

 HWC #272—*Thy Word*

Scripture: Psalm 1:1-6 (page 527)

Message: ***Delighting in God’s Law***

Prayer of Application

\*Hymn of Application

 HWC #349 vs. 1, 4, 5—*Trust and Obey*

### A TIME OF LIVING

\*God’s Parting Blessing

\*Doxology

 HWC #238—*The King is Coming*

\*Postlude

#### **Worship Participants**

Worship Leader: Pastor Matt Riddle

Organist: Bea Molendyk

Pianist: Brenda Molendyk

Children’s Message: Pastor Jonathan DePoy

*\*Please Stand*

We Light the Second Candle of Advent—the Candle of Love

Little Lambs/Children in Worship Dismissal (Ages 3-5)

 The Blessing—**Congregation—The Lord be with you**

 Children—And also with you

**LISTENING TO THE LORD**

\*Song of Preparation:

 HWC #139 vs. 1, 2, 3—*I Wonder as I Wander*

Scripture: Luke 1:67-80 (page 992)

Message: ***Zechariah’s Song: The Song of Redemption***

(Advent Series: The First Songs of Christmas)

Prayer of Application

\*Hymn of Application

HWC #148—*O Holy Night*

 **LEAVING TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD**

\*God’s Parting Blessing

\*Doxology

 PH 337 vs. 1, 4—*Joy to the World*

\*Postlude

**Worship Participants**

Worship Leader: Pastor Jonathan DePoy

Organist: Amy Wallenburg

Pianist: Stephanie Walters

Ministry of Music: Becky Vander Pol, Kathryn Zeinstra

Trumpets: Steve Gerritsma, Jacob Walcott

*\*Please Stand*

**Morning Message Outline**

December 7, 2014

Second Sunday of Advent

Pastor Jonathan DePoy

***“The Song of Redemption”***

Luke 1:67-80

1. Introduction
2. From Silence to Singing
3. Big Plan—Little People
4. A Profound Question

*What then is this child going to be?*

1. A Profound Answer

Zechariah’s Song—The *Benedictus*

 *A Song about Hope*

 *A Song about God Fulfilling Promises*

 *A Song about Trusting God*

 *A Song about Salvation*

 *A Song of Celebration*

1. A Return to the Question

 Answer: This, This is Christ the King!

**Conclusion…**

The Never-ending Song…

**Evening Order of Worship**

December 7, 2014—6:00 PM

### A TIME OF PRAISE

Prelude

Welcome

\*Call to Worship—*Psalm 119:89-90*

\*God’s Greeting

\*Opening Song of Worship

 PH #340 vs. 1, 2, 3—*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

**A TIME OF FAITH**

\*Apostles’ Creed (page 813)

\*Song of Response

 HWC #134—*Emmanuel*

Congregational Prayer

Offering for the General Fund

(After the offering, the pianist will play *Jesus Loves Me* and the children are then invited forward for a Message)

Children’s Message

#### Praises and Petitions

December 7, 2014

Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.” (1Thessalonians 5:16-18)

We express our Christian sympathies to **Marge Barendse** and the Barendse family as they mourn the loss of Marge’s husband, **Gord Barendse**, who went home to be with the Lord on Sunday, November 30. Pray for God’s comforting presence to be with Marge and her children in this sad time of loss.

We celebrate the birth of **Charlotte Rose Nagelkerk** born to **Lee and Nina Nagelkerk** on Thanksgiving Day (November 27). We praise the Lord for a safe delivery and a healthy baby girl (5 lbs 12 oz and 18 in). Pray for God to be with Lee, Nina, and Charlotte as Lee continues his deployment overseas.

Please pray for **Nancy Weener** as she was recently diagnosed with breast cancer. Pray for Nancy and her parents as they meet with the doctors and determine the best treatment plan. Pray for God to remove their anxieties and comfort them with his presence.

Please pray for **Karen Nordyke** as she prepares to have hernia surgery on Tuesday. Pray for God to give Karen the strength she needs to endure the surgery and for God to provide her with a quick and full recovery.

Please pray for Elly De Jonge’s sister,**Marilyn Staat**, as she recovers from the hysterectomy surgery she had on Thursday for the uterine cancer. Pray for God to be with Marilyn as she recovers from both surgeries she has had and as she waits for the next step in her treatment plan. Pray for God to strengthen and sustain Marilyn and her family in this difficult time.

**Advent Litany of Confession and Assurance**

**Second Sunday of Advent**

December 7, 2014

**Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession**

Merciful God, always with us, always coming: We confess that we do

not know how to prepare for your Advent. We have forgotten how to

hope in miracles; we have ignored the promise of your kingdom; we get distracted by all the busyness of this season. Forgive us, God.

[Silent Prayer]

Grant us the simple wonder of the shepherds, the intelligent courage

of the Magi, and the patient faith of Mary and Joseph, that we may

journey with them to Bethlehem and find the good news of a child

born for us. Now, in the quiet of our hearts, we ask you to make us

ready for his coming.

[Silent Prayer]

**Assurance of Pardon (based on Jeremiah 33:14-16)**

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the

promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah.

In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to

spring up from David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness

in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live

in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called:

“The Lord Is Our Righteousness.”

**People of God: Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose coming we announce**

**this season, is our righteousness. In Christ, we are made right with God. Thanks Be To God!**

**Song of Response:** HWC #120—*The Advent of our God*