

**Order of the Worship Service
December 7, 2025, 10:00am
The Second Sunday of Advent
John Welton, preaching**

Prelude

Opening Antiphon

*O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!*

Advent Candle Lighting

Welcome and Church Life

*Call to Worship

One: The God who speaks comfort to us calls us here.

All: The God who addresses us with tenderness meets us here.

One: The God who guides us with gentleness cares for us here.

*Opening Hymn 3

COMFORT, COMFORT YOU MY PEOPLE

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

**Gracious God, of tenderness and love,
breathe your grace into our lives.
Forgive our wandering ways,
and guide us along your paths of peace.
When we lose our way,
and forget the reason and purpose of this season,
carry us back to you.
Lead us up to that high mountain of faith and hope,
that we might truly proclaim:
"Here is our God!"
In your holy name, we pray. Amen.**

Moments of Silence

Assurance of Pardon

One: Comfort, O comfort my people," says our God.

You have served your term. Your penalty is paid.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen

*Passing the Peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you!

All: And also with you!

Invitation to Children's Church

Giving of our Tithes & Offerings

Offertory

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 40:1-11

Sermon

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Hymn of Preparation 5

LET ALL MORTAL FLESH KEEP SILENCE

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise . . .

Words of Institution

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

*Closing Hymn 29

GO, TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN

*Blessing