**SECOND SUNDAY of ADVENT December 10, 2023**

**PRELUDE** *Now Come, Savior of the Nations, BWV 211* Bach (1685-1750)

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**INTROIT** *Savior of the Nations, Come*  Nun komm, der heiden Heiland

**ADVENT ANTIPHON**

**Leader: Gracious God, help us remember that You alone are the giver of lasting peace and that, by Your Spirit, Your peace is always with us.**

People: Come Lord Jesus!

**OPENING HYMN 87** *Comfort, Comfort Now My People* Genevan

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**CALL TO CONFESSION**

Advent God, we confess we are not ready to meet you. We have grown used to frustration and pain, and resist change, even it brings better lives. You call us into relationships, but we build walls, not bridges. Forgive us, Lord, this and all our sin. Empower us to embrace your promise of wholeness, that we might be transformed, taking our place in the body of Christ for all to see.

**SILENT PRAYER**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**\*GLORIA PATRI 581** Greatorex

**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING** Isaiah 40:1-11 p. 581

**ANTHEM**  *Creator of the Stars of Night* Conditor alme siderum

(text can be found in hymn 84)

**SECOND SCRIPTURE** READING Mark 1:1-8 p. 812

**SERMON** *By water, and the Spirit*Patrick S Pettit,Interim Pastor

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Apostles’ Creed p.35

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**\* HYMN 106** *Prepare the Way, O Zion* Bereden väg för Herran

**\*CHARGE and BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** *Lord, Jesus Christ BWV 601* Bach

\***Please stand if able**

*Hearing devices are available for your convenience.*

*Please be aware that they do not function until after the service begins.*

**Today’s link is:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TsxJ7gMLKvs>



**December 17 Third Sunday of Advent Bill Pannill**

**December 24 Christmas Eve 11am Jo Pannill**

**NO CANDLELIGHT**

**December 31 First Sunday of Christmas Cynthia Hoover**

**Second Presbyterian will join us.**

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Shenandoah Nursing Home: Nancy Garber

Home: Mary Ultee, Mary Ann Maupin, Warner & Linda Sandquist,

Cathy Cunningham

Friends and Family: Erwin Berry (Joan), Bill Bromley, Jean Custen, Jerry Hughes,

Sally McNeel, Bill Metzel (Joyce Tipton), Col. Stuart Roberts (Mark Henderson),

Paul Watts, Kathleen Clements, (Colleen Cash), Josh Slonaker, Barb Ostrander

(Holly Bennett), Betsy Boswell (Curry)

Military: Carson Craig

A Night like No Other!

A person and person holding a lantern and a baby person

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Thursday, December 14, 2023

*6:30 pm*