Doxology
Praise God from Whom all blessings flow,
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication
We Depart to Serve the Lord

Hymn
“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”
Hymn No. 95

Benediction
Choral Response
“Prepare the Way of the Lord”
Jacques Berthier

Organ Postlude
“People, Look East”
Dale Wood

The Postlude signifies the conclusion of worship.
Please remain seated.

Worship Leaders:
Rev. Dr. David Holyan, Pastor
Rev. Dr. Karen Blanchard, Associate Pastor

Music Ministry:
Chancel Choir; Helen Sandifer, Flute;
Bill Stein, Director of Music Ministries; Travis Evans, Music Associate

Live Streaming Host:
Frank Darr

Ushers:
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Missy Kuhnmuench, Rich Massey, Alice Philpott
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11:00 A.M.
Sunday, December 9, 2018
Second Sunday of Advent

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Prelude signifies the beginning of worship.
Let us join together in a time of quiet preparation as the music begins.

We Gather to Worship God

Organ Prelude

"Prepare the Way, O Zion"

Dale Wood

Lighting of the Advent Candle of Peace

"Come, Emmanuel, Come"

The Carter Family

Choral Introit

"Peace will glow in the darkest night, with the warmth of Your presence displacing fear and hatred, reconciling God and man."

Cindy Berry

We Address Ourselves to God

*Call to Worship

Leader: Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,
for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed us.

People: God has raised up a mighty savior for us in the house of his servant David.

Leader: And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High;
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way.

People: to give knowledge of salvation to his people by the forgiveness of sins.

Leader: By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us,
to guide our feet in the way of peace.

Let us worship the Lord!!

*Hymn

"Prepare the Way, O Zion"

Hymn No. 106

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

God of enduring strength, you long for us to be a people of peace and wholeness. You long for us to be agents of restoration and grace in a broken world. Forgive us for all the ways we destroy peace.

Forgive us for all the ways we withhold grace from our neighbors. Forgive us our sin. Open our eyes, that we might see your glory. Open our hearts, that we might know your peace. Open our hands, that we might share your love. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

*Silent Confessions

*Assurance of Pardon

*Response to Confession

"While We Are Waiting, Come"

Hymn No. 92

We Hear God’s Word

First Reading

Philippians 1:3-11

Pew Bible, N.T., pg. 196

Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Canticle of Zachariah

"Blest Be the God of Israel"

Hymn No. 109

Second Reading

Luke 3:1-6

Pew Bible, N.T., pg. 60

Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Prepare the Way of the Lord"

Rev. Dr. David Holyan

We Respond to God’s Word

*Hymn

"Comfort, Comfort Now My People"

Hymn No. 87

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offertory Sentences

Offering of the People

"Come Now, O Prince of Peace"

Geonyoung Lee

arr. Jeremy Bankson

Come now, O Prince of Peace, make us one body.
Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile your people.

Come now, O God of love, make us one body.
Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile your people.

Come now and set us free, O God, our savior
Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile all nations.

Come, Hope of unity, make us one body.
Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile all nations.