

December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent  
**GATHERING FOR WORSHIP**

**PRELUDE:** Do You Hear What I Hear

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**QUIET HYMN: Spirit of the Living God #393**

**SILENT PRAYER**

**\*HYMN: O Little Town of Bethlehem #230**

***CENTERING FOR WORSHIP***

**\*LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE #2090 (vs 2)**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: We celebrate the coming of the Promised One in whom dwells the spirit of God:

**P: The spirit of wisdom and understanding,**

L: The spirit of counsel and might,

**P: The spirit of knowledge and awe.**

L: We bear witness to the fulfillment of God's promises in Jesus, by living in that same spirit.

**P: We will open ourselves to the presence of God in our lives and seek to live as God's witnesses.**

**\* PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

**We have prepared our homes, and our gifts, O' God, but we need help in preparing our spirits to receive your message of Peace. Free us from the stresses and strains of this time and place your peace which passes all our understanding in our hearts. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.**

***PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD***

**ANTHEM**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Malachi 3:1-4

Luke 3:1-6

**\*HYMN: Be Still My Soul #534**

**THE WORD OF GOD EXPLORED**

Pastor Joel Holcomb

***GRATEFUL RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD***

**OFFERTORY**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**\*DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND PASTOR**

**COMMUNION**

**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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

**PRAYER RESPONSE**

**\*HYMN: You Are Mine #2218**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE: Soon and Very Soon**

*\*Indicates standing if that is comfortable for you.*

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