

Welcome to . . .
The Presbyterian Church of Saint David
December 10, 2017
Second Sunday of Advent

Opening Responses

L> Prepare the way of the Lord;
ALL> make a path for our God in the desert.
L> Every valley shall be exalted;
ALL> every mountain and hill made low.
L> The crooked shall be made straight;
ALL> rough places shall be become plain.
L> The glory of the Lord shall be revealed;
ALL> all people shall see it together.
L> This is the promise of the Lord;
ALL> God's promise shall be fulfilled.

HYMN: 128 There's a voice in the wilderness crying

Prayer of Confession: (said together)

**As followers of Christ, we are always on a journey.
On our pilgrimage there is no time when we can afford to
stop growing in love, in strength,
and in the knowledge of God.
So it is that when we gather to worship we must confess
those places in which we need to grow.
In preparation for the coming of the Christ,
let us confess our need for growth, in silence before God. . . .**

Words of Assurance

The good news in Christ is that when we face ourselves
and God with the awareness of our need, we are given grace to
grow, and courage to continue the journey. **Amen.**

RESPONSE in Preparation for the Readings:

L> O God of the weak, O God of the lowly,
O God of the righteous, O shield of your people,
ALL> speak now through your Word.

The Word of God: *Isaiah 40:1-11*
Mark 1:1-8

L> For the Word of God in scripture,
for the Word of God among us,
for the Word of God within us.

ALL> Thanks be to God.

Reflection

Invitation

**Prayer of Thanksgiving & Blessing
Prayers for Others**

Response: L> Lord, in your mercy.
ALL> Hear our prayer.

Communion

Prayer

Hymn: 549 For the bread which you have broken

Blessing:

L> The Wonderful Counsellor guide you,
The Mighty God protect you,
The Everlasting Father be with you,
The Prince of Peace inspire you,
And the blessing of God be upon you, now and evermore.

ALL> Amen.