

Welcome to
The Presbyterian Church of Saint David
Second Sunday of Advent - December 9, 2018

Opening Responses:

L> Long ago, God spoke to the people of Israel through the prophet Malachi. Malachi told them to prepare for God to come and transform everything.

P> God also sent John the Baptizer, to prepare the way.

L> We too long for peace.

P> We too wait for God's transformation.

We wait for the Prince of Peace to be born among us.

Hymn: Herald! sound the note of judgement 117

Prayer of Approach & Confession: *(said together)*

God of grace, we gather to worship
expectantly and joyfully

to prepare for the gift of your Son our Saviour.

In Jesus Christ begins the new creation
shining with your light and love.

Fill us with all joy and peace in believing,
so that we may overflow with hope
through the power of the Holy Spirit.

God of mercy, we are glad of your message of forgiveness,
for we know that we are not always in tune with your will.

We forget that we are your beloved children.

We search in the wrong places for truth and meaning in life.

We are resistant to change even for the better.

Forgive us, O God, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

By your Spirit may our lives "produce the harvest of
righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ

for the glory and praise of God." Amen. *(Phil. 1:11)*

Assurance of Pardon:

L> In the tender compassion of our God
the dawn from in high shall break upon us,
to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

ALL> In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

RESPONSE in Preparation for the Readings:

L> Let us listen for the Word of the Lord.

ALL> Our ears are open.

The Word of God: *Malachi 3:1-4*

Luke 3:1-6

L> This is the word of the Lord. **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: *(said together)*

**Loving God, thank you for bringing us
into communion with our risen Saviour,
and with all who love him in heaven and on earth.**

**Help us to carry your salvation and joy
to all the world**

in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn: Hark the glad sound 118

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.