

HARBOR CHURCH
WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP SERVICE
December 8, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.
Second Sunday of Advent

WE GATHER TOGETHER

PRELUDE Cameron Greenlee

OPENING REFLECTION

"Wherever you are, God Is!" Myra L. Binkley

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Merciful God, always with us, always coming:

People: We confess that we do not know how to prepare for your Advent.

Leader: We have forgotten how to hope in miracles. We have ignored the promise of your kingdom.

People: We get distracted by all the busyness of this season.

Leader: Forgive us, O God. Grant us the simple wonder of the shepherds, the intelligent courage of the Magi, and the patient faith of Mary and Joseph,

People: That we may journey with them to Bethlehem and find the good news of a child born for us. Now, in the quiet of our hearts, we ask you to make us ready for his coming. Amen.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SONG *Go, Tell It on the Mountain* #143

GOD DRAWS US NEAR

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH: *The Second Candle*
Preparation of Peace

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 40:3-5 (Pew Bible OT p. 667)

Unison Prayer: Father, guide us in confession of our sins. We know that in the greatness of your love, you have promised to forgive us. Cleanse us as we prepare our lives for the coming of Jesus again. This we ask in His name. Amen.

** All who are able, please stand

DISCIPLE'S MOMENT *"Candy Canes"*

**SONG *Sing We Now of Christmas* #137

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER ('...forgive us our sins')

GOSPEL READING: Luke 2:1-7 (Pew Bible NT p. 58)

SERMON *"Room at the Inn?"*

WE RESPOND IN FAITHFULNESS

MUSICAL MEDITATION

*What are some special places where I feel especially near to God?
What can I do to make more room for Jesus in other places in my life?*

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND CONTRIBUTIONS

OFFERTORY MUSIC Cameron Greenlee

**THE DOXOLOGY (#706)

**PRAYER OF BLESSING

**SONG *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly* #139

**BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *"Sleigh Ride" (see insert)* Cameron and Carrie