

WHITE GIFT SUNDAY
Sunday, December 8, 2019, 10:30 a.m.
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Prelude
Opening of the Bible
Welcome and Announcements

COMING TO GOD

Lighting the Advent Candles
*Hymn: 122 Oh come, oh come, Emmanuel
Prayer of Adoration, Confession and Assurance of Pardon
Dedication
Anthem: Simple Gifts Text: Joyce Merman; Shaker Hymns;
arr. John Coates, Jr.

Tis the gift to be simple, 'Tis the gift to be free, 'Tis the gift to come down where we ought to be and when we find ourselves in the place just right, it will be in the valley of love and delight.

Refrain When true simplicity is gained to bow and to bend, we will not be ashamed to turn, turn, will be our delight, 'Til by turning, turning, we come round right.

'Tis the gift to be gentle, 'tis the gift to be fair, 'tis the gift to wake and breathe the morning air; and every day to walk in the path we choose, 'tis the gift that we pray we may never come to lose. **Refrain**

'Tis the gift to be loving, 'tis the best gift of all, Like a quiet rain, it blesses where it falls. And if we have the gift, we will truly believe 'tis better to give than it is to receive. **Refrain**

Giving Gifts to Others
*Hymn: 119 Hope is a star
[Children then leave for Kid Zone]

LISTENING TO GOD

Prayer for Illumination
The Old Testament: Isaiah 2:1-5 [O.T. page 700]
The New Testament: Romans 13: [N. T. page 169]
Reader: This is the word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God

*Hymn: 113 Comfort, comfort you people
Sermon: NEW CLOTHES FOR CHRISTMAS

RESPONDING TO GOD

The Offering
Offertory Anthem: In The Bleak Midwinter
Text: Christina Rossetti; Music: Harold Darke
Soloist: Callum McBrayne

In the bleak midwinter frosty wind made moan, earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone; snow had fallen, snow on snow, in the bleak midwinter, Long ago.

Our God, heaven cannot hold him, nor earth sustain; heaven and earth shall flee away when he comes to reign; in the bleak midwinter a stable place sufficed The Lord God incarnate, Jesus Christ.

Enough for him, whom Cherubim worship night and day a breast full of milk and a manger full of hay. Enough for him, whom angels fall down before, the ox and ass and camel which adore.

What can I give him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd I would bring a lamb, if I were a wise man I would do my part, yet what I can I give Him — Give my heart.

*The Doxology and Presentation of Gifts

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*Prayer of Dedication
Prayer of Thanksgiving, Intercession and Lord's Prayer [depts]
*Hymn: 110 Come, thou long-expected Jesus
*Benediction and Choral Amen

Postlude
* You are invited to stand as you are able

TODAY

Greeter: Marilyn Clarke
Ushering Captain: Murray Lowderman
Scripture Reader: John Congram
Advent Readers 1: Andrew, Roxanne and Atticus Carruthers
Advent Readers 2: Andrew and Cameron Donato
Coffee Hour Hosts: John and Sylvia Congram,
Barb Turpel, and Carol Catterall