GATHERING

Prelude
Welcome
Time to Center
Lighting the First, Second, and Third Advent Candles

Candle

Song  
Shine a Candle

Call to Prayer and Silent Confession
No matter what, God is faithful.
And no matter what, we are called to reflect God’s faithfulness.
Let us take this season, and this moment, to turn more fully towards our faithful God so that we might more fully reflect God’s faithfulness.
Let us take a few minutes to breathe deeply.
Get in a comfortable position.
Close your eyes if you’re willing.
With each breath in think “God is faithful”,
With each breath out think “Help me be faithful.”
Breathing in “God is faithful”
Breathing out “Help me be faithful.”
Let’s continue this for 90 seconds.
In another minute of silence I invite you to offer to God any ways you feel you have failed in faithfulness, remembering always that you are offering this to our God who is faithful no matter what.

Assurance of Forgiveness
No matter what, friends. No matter what God loves, God forgives, God is faithful.
Friends, believe the good news, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
Alleluia! Amen!

Response of Praise  
Glory to God #113

Gloria (refrain from Angels We Have Heard on High)
This is a beloved song in this congregation.
Sharing the Peace of Christ
We reflect God’s faithfulness when we live in peace with one another.
Let do so now and in all our days.
May the peace of Christ be with you.
*And also with you.*

THE WORD

**Song of Preparation for God’s Word**
*Glory to God #91*

*Come, Come Emmanuel*

**A Reading from the Gospel According to Luke**
Luke 4:16-21

**Conversation with the Younger Church**

**A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah**
Isaiah 61:1-11

**Sermon**
Pastor Sarah

Silent Reflection on the Word Preached

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

**Hymn**
*Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn*  
*Glory to God #107*

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

*On the second Sunday of the month this fall, we will share prayer in breakout rooms as we did during the 2nd Corinthians series this summer. Pastor Sarah will facilitate prayer in the main room for those on Facebook and those not choosing to accept breakout invitations. You will receive prompts in the breakout rooms as to the sharing of thanksgiving, concern, and the Lord’s Prayer.*

Worshipping God with our Tithes and Offerings

**Invitation to Generosity**

Even though we are stuck at home, even though no plate is coming our way, even though this holiday season is different from any before, no matter what... God’s faithfulness is yet manifest in generosity to us. Let us reflect God’s faithfulness by being generous ourselves, fulfilling our commitments to St. A’s by sending a check by mail, or giving on-line, or exceeding our commitments, mindful of the great needs all around us, and grateful for God’s faithful provision to us. Let us continue our worship in reflective faithfulness.

**Offertory**

**Doxology**
*Advent Doxology*

**Prayer of Dedication**

*Faithful God, receive our offerings as a sign of our desire to reflect your faithfulness in our hurting world.
For every act of faithfulness in our world and in our lives, we give you thanks and praise, and pray for a clearer reflection in our lives of your great faithfulness.*

*In Jesus’ name. Amen*
Second Sunday of Advent, December 6, 2020
St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Church, Portland, Oregon
https://zoom.us/j/738059997 or http://www.facebook.com/standrewspdx/live

SENDING

Hymn
O Come, O Come Emmanuel vv. 1, 2, 6, 7
This is a beloved hymn in this congregation.
Glory to God #88

Our Ministry in Christ

Charge

Video Benediction

And All God’s People Say...

Postlude