

**ST. JOHN CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
SUNDAY WORSHIP    DECEMBER 6, 2020    11:00 AM  
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
REV. ADRIAN SCOTT**

Prelude

St. John Band

**Call to Worship** (responsive)

Brothers and sisters,

**Come, let us worship God**

who gives light to see the way. Come, let us worship God

**who gives hope to walk in faith. Come, let us worship God who**

**came as a helpless child. Come, let us worship God!**

**Advent Candle Lighting**

Kathy Lindblad

**Invocation and Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven; Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts; As we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**\*Song of Praise**

“Angels from the Realms of Glory”

(on screen)

**\*Responsive Reading** Mark 1:1-8 “John the Baptist Prepares the Way”

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

**As it is written in Isaiah the prophet, “Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way,**

the voice of one crying in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.’”

**John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.**

And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

**Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey.**

And he preached, saying “After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie.

**I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”**

**\*Hymn of Praise**

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

(on screen)

**\*Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost; Born of the**

**Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate; Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven; And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; The Holy Universal Church; The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body; And the Life everlasting. Amen.**

**Presentation of Tithes and Offerings** Acts 20:35b

**\*Doxology & Prayer of Dedication**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Scripture Reading**

Mark 6:45-52

**Sermon**

“Jesus Calms the Storm” (cont.)

Rev. Adrian Scott

**Call to Confession:** “You, Lord, are forgiving and good, abounding in love to all who call to you.” (Psalm 86:5) Dear friends, the Scriptures urge us to acknowledge our sins, and not to conceal them in the presence of God our heavenly Father, but to confess them with a penitent and obedient heart, so that we may be forgiven through his boundless goodness and mercy.

**Silent Confession and Personal Reflection**

**Prayer of Confession (in unison)**

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love. We have not loved our neighbors, and we have refused to hear the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Assurance of God's Forgiveness:** Our great God and Saviour Jesus Christ gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness: “For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people.” (Titus 2:11)

**Holy Communion**

**\*Closing Song**

“As with Gladness Men of Old”

(on screen)

**Doxology**

May you live this week with an eternal perspective.  
Live as if God has come among us, because he has.  
Live as if God has revealed himself to you  
and called you to love and good works—because he has.  
Live in anticipation of the reconciliation of all creation to God—because it is coming.  
Live as if your life depended upon God’s grace—because it does.  
And live to celebrate the advent of our Messiah, Jesus Christ,

praising the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.  
Amen.

*Go in peace and live the church (Vox Veniae, Voice of Forgiveness)*

**Announcements**

**Postlude**

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**\*Those who are able are asked to stand.  
(English Standard Version is used unless otherwise noted.)**