

Astoria First United Methodist Church
December 5, 2021

Second Sunday of Advent

ORDER OF WORSHIP
*(*please stand if you are able)*

GATHERING MUSIC		Kristin Hammond
ANNOUNCEMENTS		Mary Frances Gunn
CENTERING MUSIC	<i>“Balloo, Lammy”</i>	Kristin Hammond
WORDS OF WELCOME		Mary Frances Gunn
HYMN	<i>“People Look East”</i>	Congregation UMH #202
*CALL TO WORSHIP	<i>(If you are able, please stand) (Read responsively)</i>	Janet Todd
Leader: Let u all give praise before the Lord with gladness and joy.		
People: This is our God, on whom we have waited for our salvation.		
Leader: For the Lord is near to all who call out to God in love and truth.		
People: The lord is indeed our Help and the Holy One who delivers us.		
Leader: Let us shout the message for all to hear of God's mercy and grace.		
All: Blessed be the name of the Lord!		
OPENING PRAYER		Pastor Dave Kinman, retired
Most wonderful and loving God, You not only call us to be a part of Your family but, through the gift of Your Holy Spirit, You also empower us to be Your living witnesses. We praise You, Lord. In Christ we pray. Amen		
SCRIPTURE READING	<i>“Philippians 1:3-11”</i>	Janet Todd
SPECIAL MUSIC	<i>“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”</i>	Kristin Hammond
CALL TO RECONCILIATION		Pastor Dave Kinman, retired

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (congregation)

Lord, in so many ways You have sent us the message of Your salvation, yet we have been too busy to hear. In so many ways, even through the Christ, You have tried to show us Your Love, but we would not see. And so often You would have us share Your Love with others that You might bless the world through us, but we would not share it. Forgive us, Lord. In Christ we pray. Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Pastor Dave Kinman, retired

INVITATION TO OFFER OUR BEST GIFTS TO GOD

***DOXOLOGY**

**Congregation
UMH #95**

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

HYMN OF PREPARATION

(all verses)

“Emmanuel, Emmanuel”

**Congregation
UMH #204**

GOSPEL LESSON

“Luke 3:1-6”

Pastor Dave Kinman, retired

SERMON

“Scooping Ashes, Building Fire”

Pastor Dave Kinman, retired

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Mary Frances Gunn

PASTORAL PRAYER

Pastor Dave Kinman, retired

LORD’S PRAYER

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom (kin-dom) come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, (kin-dom), the power, and the glory, forever.
AMEN*

COMMUNION

Pastor Dave Kinman, retired

HYMN

“Hail to the Lord’s Anointed”

**Congregation
UMH #203**

***BENEDICTION**

Pastor Dave Kinman, retired

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**We welcome to our friends from the Warrenton UMC
as they join us for worship.**

December 12 - Ron Crandall will be with us again.

December 19 - the last Sunday of Advent we will again be lay led and finish the Advent
Video *All the Good*.

One of the best ways we can continue to uphold Pastor Michael is to attend
worship in his absence.

**We still need volunteers for liturgist each week.
Please call Sue Hicks or Mary Frances Gunn if you wish to help.
If you want to provide special music – let Mary Frances know.
We now have recordings of the worship services available as a link.**