



Sunday 8th December 2024

10.30am Morning Worship

The Second Sunday of Advent

Luke 3 : 1 - 6

Welcome and introduction

Prayer

Song : Light of the world (YouTube)

Lighting of the Advent crown

As we light our Advent candle

Light of the world, shine on us.

As we prepare for Christmas time

Light of the world, shine on us.

In this world of pain and darkness,

Light of the world, shine through us.

To all the people who don't know you,

Light of the world, shine through us.

Jesus you are coming again,

Light of the world, light the way.

Young people leave for their groups

Confession

Lord God,

We praise you for sending light into this world.

We confess that we live as though the

Light had never defeated darkness.

We confess that we ignore the Saviour

You sent to be among us and to live in us.

We've kept the birth of your Son

Confined to the Christmas season

And do not yearn for his coming each

Moment in our waiting hearts.

Forgive us for not opening our eyes to Jesus.

Prepare us for His return.

Help us rejoice in the light, so that your grace

Can illuminate the darkened places of our hearts.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

**Songs : Bless the Lord O my soul
UK blessing**

Prayers and Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

Bible Reading Luke 3 : 1 - 6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar – when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of Iturea and Traconitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene – 2 during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. 3 He went into all the country around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. 4 As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet:

'A voice of one calling in the wilderness,
"Prepare the way for the Lord,
 make straight paths for him.
5 Every valley shall be filled in,
 every mountain and hill made low.
The crooked roads shall become straight,
 the rough ways smooth.
6 And all people will see God's salvation.'"

Talk :

Song : Lord reign in me (Over all the earth)

Affirmation of faith

**Creator God, you who love us more than we can know
Who chose us from the very beginning to be family
We praise your holy name.
Jesus Christ, Son of God, Word become flesh
Who dwelt among us and was sacrificed for us
We praise your holy name.
Holy Spirit, present and powerful in our lives
From the moment that we first believed,
We praise your holy name. Amen**

Final prayer and blessing