**December 4, 2022**

**Second Sunday in Advent**

\*Hymn: “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” #120 vs. 1 & 2

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude: “He” – Marvin Choquette & Linda Lamy

Invitation to Worship:

Leave your darkness at the door.

**The season of light is dawning.**

It is a time of celebrating.

**The birth of hopes,**

The flame of compassion,

**The cradle of wonder,**

The bud of peace.

**The darkness is fading.**

We are finished with waiting.

**Bring in the season of light!**

Invocation & Lord’s Prayer

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10 – Lynn Saucier

Children’s Message – Laureen Galayda

Scripture: Matthew 3:1-12

Sermon: “Prepare the Way of the Lord” – Pastor Sharon

Hymn: “What Child Is This?” #140 vs. 1 & 2

Prayer Time

Hymn: “What Child Is This?” #140 vs. 3

Invitation & Sharing of the Bread & the Cup

\*Hymn: “Blest Be the Tie that Binds” #337 vs. 1 & 4

Benediction

\*Hymn: “God Be with You ‘til We Meet Again” #323 vs. 1

Postlude: “Table of Plenty” – Les Marsh

\*Those who are able, please stand.

**Isaiah 11:1-10**

11A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. 2The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. 3His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; 4but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. 5Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. 6The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. 7The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. 8The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder’s den. 9They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

10On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.