Welcome to The Well

simple church. deep faith.

4 December 2016 Second Sunday of Advent

May God who gathers us around Himself in the Word and Sacrament to bless us with His forgiveness this morning be your source of comfort, strength and renewal as you worship today. In the Name of Christ, we are all called to come and hear that the Lord is Good!

Our Gospel reading is Matthew 3.1-12 and our response is,
"Praise be to thee, O Christ" spoken in unity aloud.
Call to Worship: Psalm 72.1-7
Hymns: Opening #617 Prayer #187 Closing #188
At the presentation of our offerings we sing the Doxology # 668

Studies this week:
Thursday – Isaiah – 10:30am or 7:00pm

Upcoming Opportunities:
- The WELL is cooking and presenting the Service this Wednesday (7th) at Parkview Missions. We truly need volunteers! Please let Carolyn know if you are able to help. Thanks.

- Time for Poinsettia orders. Forms are at the Welcome Center. Deadline for submissions to honor or remember someone is Dec. 11th.

- Angel Tree Time!!! We have all the shoppers secured for those who simply want to make a donation and have others shop for the gifts. If you would like to take an angel(s) and shop for them yourselves, please see the information at the Welcome Center. See Gail for more info.

- The Online Directory is up and ready to be accessed. Information sheets for using it are at the Welcome Center. This is a password protected directory and therefore only our members will have access to it. Please see Dave Gardner for more information.

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Second Sunday of Advent Candle Lighting

God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. (1 John 4:9)

No one has greater love than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. (John 15:13)

Jesus said, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind. Love your neighbor as yourself." (Matt. 22:39)

We love because he first loved us. (1 John 4:19)

Therefore, we light this Candle of Love, confessing that God's Compassion is known through the coming of Jesus Christ.

Good King Wenceslas

Good King Wenceslas looked out
On the Feast of Stephen
When the snow lay 'round about
Deep and crisp and even
Brightly shone the moon that night
Though the frost was cruel
When a poor man came in sight
Gath'ring winter fuel

"Hither, page, and stand by me,
If thou know'st it, telling
Yonder peasant, who is he?
Where and what his dwelling?"
"Sire, he lives a good league hence,
Underneath the mountain
Right against the forest fence
By Saint Agnes' fountain."

"Bring me flesh and bring me wine
Bring me pine-logs hither
Thou and I shall see him dine
When we bear them thither."
Page and monarch, forth they went
Forth they went together
Through the rude wind's wild lament
And the bitter weather.

"Sire, the night is darker now
And the wind blows stronger
Fails my heart, I know not how
I can go no longer."
"Mark my footsteps, good my page
Tread thou in them boldly
Thou shall find the winter's rage
Freeze thy blood less coldly."

In his master's step he trod
Where the snow lay dinted
Heat was in the very sod
Which the Saint had printed
Therefore, Christian men, be sure
Wealth or rank possessing
Ye, who now will bless the poor
Shall yourselves find blessing.