



Second Sunday
OF ADVENT

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Valley Community Presbyterian Church
8060 SW Brentwood, Portland, Oregon 97225

Second Sunday of Advent and Sunday of St. Nicholas
December 6, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.

❖ *Please stand as you are able*
Bold Text is spoken by everyone

ORGAN PRELUDE *Sheep May Safely Graze* J.S. Bach

ACOLYTES Birgitta Carlson and Halle Dixon

WELCOME AND COMMON CONCERNS
(Please sign and pass the friendship folder)

OUR PURPOSE IN ACTION Christmas Joy Offering, Chuck Falconer

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES
Liz Boyle, Halle Dixon, Brady Kopetz, Henry Smart-Denson, Lauren Schinkelwitz,
Rory Schinkelwitz, Brantley Schinkelwitz and Kay Hope Gold

❖ CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT *like a child* No. 2092

❖ CALL TO WORSHIP Dan Rueff, Liturgist

❖ PRAYER OF INVOCATION

❖ HYMN OF PRAISE *The First Nowell* No. 56

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life:
grant us to perfectly know Jesus, the Christ
as the way, the truth and the life, and that,
following in the footsteps of friends like Nicholas, St of Myra
who loved the poor, the weak and the young,
and who gave what he had to enrich those who had but little,
we may faithfully walk in the way that leads to eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Silence is kept.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

❖ RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Gloria Patri

No. 579

❖ THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

OFFERING

Call for the Offering

Organ Offertory

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

Manz

❖ Doxology

❖ Prayer of Dedication

Almighty God, lover of souls, who chose your servant Nicholas to be a bishop in the Church, that he might give freely out of the treasures of your grace: make us mindful of the needs of others and, as we have received, so teach us also to give; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, Amen.

ANTHEM

Hydom
New Spirit Ringers

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 John 4:7-14 and Mark 10:13-16

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

Thanks be to God!

HYMN

The Song of St. Nicholas (please see insert)

Mike Sherer

THE ARRIVAL OF ST. NICHOLAS

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Supper

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

Receive Elements

Communion Music

Prayer after Communion

Oh God, shepherd of your people, whose servant Nicholas revealed the loving service of Christ in his ministry as a pastor of your people: by this Eucharist in which we share awaken within us the love of Christ and keep us faithful to our Christian calling; through the one who laid down his life for us, but is alive and reigns with you, now and forever.

We thank you, Lord, that you have fed us in this sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet prepared for all peoples. Amen.

❖ **HYMN** *Prepare the Way* No. 13

❖ **BENEDICTION**

❖ **CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION RESPONSE**
O Laughing Light No. 2093

ORGAN POSTLUDE *In Dulci Jubilo* Wood

*If you choose, you are invited to exit following the benediction,
or remain seated and conclude worship with the postlude.*