

**STAUNTON CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN**  
**Worshipping Christ with Joy, Living Together in Peace,**  
**and Serving the World with Love**  
**11:00 A.M. Online Worship**                      **December 6, 2020**  
**The Second Sunday of Advent**

Prelude                      **“Lullaby”**    Mozart, arr. Wilson

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting the Second Candle of the Advent Wreath

Call to Worship (responsively):

One: To the exiled Israelites, the prophet Isaiah spoke of a voice who cries out. “In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord.”

All: *When grief and guilt, disappointment and despair, brokenness and loneliness are a part of our lives, it feels like we are living in a wilderness, a long way from God.*

One: Centuries later John the Baptist, who lived in the desert, used Isaiah’s imagery to define his mission as the forerunner of the Messiah.

All: *We gather during this Advent season to prepare ourselves for the coming of Christ among us.*

One: The prophet Isaiah described the coming of the one who would cause “Every valley to be lifted up and every hill made low, the uneven ground to become level and the rough places a plain.”

All: *We celebrate the coming of Christ Jesus who smoothed the rough places in our journey home to be with God.*

Invocation

Hymn:                      **“Bless’d Be the God of Israel”**    **#174**

Children’s Story:    Brennen Gilbert and Catherine Sanger

Old Testament Reading:                      **Isaiah 40:1-5**  
*“A voice cries out  
In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord,  
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.”*

New Testament Reading:                      **Mark 1:1-8**  
*“It began as the prophet Isaiah had written,  
Someone is shouting in the desert,  
‘Get the road ready for the Lord.’  
So John appeared in the desert, baptizing and preaching.”*

Message:    **“Preparing the Road Home”**

Special Music:    **"Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling"**

Congregation at Prayer

Hymn:    **“On Jordan’s Banks the Baptist’s Cry”**    **#183**

Sending

Postlude    **“In Excelsis Deo”**    Ellis

CONTINUING THE WORK OF JESUS  
PEACEFULLY. SIMPLY. TOGETHER.

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Preacher – J. D. Glick  
Worship Leader – Darlene Allman  
Music Director - David MacMillan  
Organist/Pianist - Gaylon Hevener

**Please Keep In Your Prayers**

Pray for Ferne Rohr (The Legacy), Don Markle, Libby Tussing (Waynesboro Manor), Stanley and Brenda Shackleford, Melba Cline, Fred Wilkerson Sr., Fred Wilkerson Jr., Judy Zdinak, Logan Shortridge (Nancy Canter's nephew), Dick Bartenslager, Vernon and Cleo Simmons, Allen Sandridge Sr. (The Legacy), Jay and Rosalie McLear (Shenandoah), AJ Sandridge, Daniel Melton, Delton Botkin (Delmer's brother with heart stints), Emily Edwards' friend Dennis in Nicaragua, Linda Propst, Sue Whisman, Bob Armbruster, David Shearer, Wallace Clark, Cindy Spitzer, Russell and Sandy Roberts, Phyllis Lunsford, George Sullivan, Scott and Sally Shomo's dear friend Mattie Marsh, Annie Collins' brother-in-law, Bob Howell, Norma Shoemaker, Bob Weiss, Mabel Lou Weiss' brother-in-law, Paul Wampler, Nancy Ralston, Pastor J.D. Glick, Alex Adkins (Steve and Cindy Spitzer's granddaughter's husband), Charlotte Kennedy, Tony Reyes, Dan Packer, Jr. (son of Beth Packer), Mary Mueller

**Continue to pray for the healing and the safety of the Nigerian Brethren, the Chibok girls, and so many others who have had their lives uprooted.**

**Keep praying.**

