



Second Sunday of Advent

December 4, 2022

Draw near to God

for God is waiting for you.

* indicates where the congregation is to stand if able
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PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP AND LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Congregational Part

JOEL RANEY

Voi - ces cry out from a world in grief:
 prayers of those who seek re - lief.
 End their dark - ness, hear their call for
 peace on earth, good will for all.

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Litany

Advent is a time to turn away from meaningless distractions.

Prince of Peace, clear our minds and calm our hearts.

Advent is a time to notice and count our many blessings.

Prince of Peace, help us recognize all that is good in our lives.

Advent is a time to let go of bitterness and resentment.

Prince of Peace, make us slow to anger and quick to forgive.

Advent is a time to spread peace to the world around us.

Prince of Peace, open our eyes to the needs of others.

OPENING PRAYER

God of light, we thank you for the sacrifice you made in sending your Son, and we pray today that you will fill us with a deep sense of peace. Lighten our anxious moments. Help us keep our minds focused on

your love and take away our feelings of hopelessness and despair. May we remember that we are your instruments of peace and help us to spread that peace to the world around us. Amen.

***HYMN #87** Comfort, Comfort Now My People

1. "Comfort, comfort now my people; tell of peace!" So says our God. "Comfort those who sit in darkness, mourning under sorrow's load. To my people now proclaim that my pardon waits for them! Tell them that their sins I cover, and their warfare now is over."

2. For the herald's voice is crying in the desert far and near, calling us to true repentance, since the reign of God is here. O, that warning cry obey! Now prepare for God a way. Let the valleys rise in meeting and the hills bow down in greeting.

3. Straight shall be what long was crooked, and the rougher places plain. Let your hearts be true and humble, as befits God's holy reign. For the glory of the Lord now on earth is shed abroad, and all flesh shall see the token that God's word is never broken.

INTRODUCTION

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

THE ADVENT WREATH AND CANDLES

SPECIAL MUSIC

This Little Light of Mine

Sunday School Children

EVERGREENS

***HYMN #105 verses 1, 4 and 5** People, Look East

1. People look east. The time is near of the crowning of the year. Make your house fair as you are able; trim the hearth and set the table. People, look east: Love, the Guest, is on the way.

4. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim one more light the bowl shall brim, shining beyond the frosty weather, bright as sun and moon together. People, look east: Love, the Star, is on the way.

5. Angels, announce with shouts of mirth Christ who brings new life to earth. Set every peak and valley humming with the word, the Lord is coming. People, look east: Love the Lord, is on the way.

POINSETTIA

CHRISTMAS TREE

MEDLEY OF CAROLS 1. Angels We Have Heard on High, 2. Away in a Manger, 3. Hark! The Herald Angels Sing, 4. O Little Town of Bethlehem, 5. Go, Tell It on the Mountain, 6. What Child is This?, 7. The First Nowell,

1. Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains, and the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains. Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

2. Away in a manger, no crib for his bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head. The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay, the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

3. Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king. Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!" Joyful, all ye nations, rise; join the triumph of the skies; with the angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!" Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"

4. O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie! Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by. Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light; the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

5. Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere; go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!
While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night, behold,
throughout the heavens there shone a holy light.
Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere; go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!

6. What child is this, who laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet while shepherds watch are keeping? This, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing; haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary!

7. The first Nowell the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay, in fields where they lay
keeping their sheep, on a cold winter's night that was so deep. Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
born is the King of Israel.

GIFTS

THE STAR

THE NATIVITY

RECOGNITION OF THE OFFERING

****DOXOLOGY***

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him, all creatures here below. Praise him above, ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

****PRAYER OF DEDICATION***

Creator and Giver of all things, we thank you that we can come here this day and offer our gifts. Use them to spread the news that Christ comes so that all may dwell in peace. Help us to break down whatever hostility divides us and hear us as we dedicate ourselves anew to becoming your agents of reconciliation. Amen.

SHARING JOYS, CONCERNS AND FRIENDSHIP (please sign the friendship pad that is in the center of the row and pass it along to those seated near you that there will be no strangers among us)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who is in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

****HYMN #123*** It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

1. It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old, from angels bending near the earth,
to touch their harps of gold: "Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heaven's all gracious King":
the world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing.

2. Still through the cloven skies they come, with peaceful wings unfurled, and still their heavenly music floats
o'er all the weary world: above its sad and lowly plains they bend on hovering wing,
and ever o'er its Babel sounds the blessed angels sing.

3. Yet with its woes of sin and strife the world has suffered long; beneath the heavenly hymn have rolled
two thousand years of wrong; and we at war on earth hear not the tidings that they bring;
O, hush the noise and cease the strife to hear the angels sing!

4. And you, beneath life's crushing load whose forms are bending low, who toil along the climbing way
with painful steps and slow, look now, for glad and golden hours come swiftly on the wing:
O, rest beside the weary road, and hear the angels sing.

5. For lo, the days are hastening on by prophets seen of old, when with the ever-circling years shall come the time foretold, when peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling, and the whole world give back the song which now the angels sing.

***BENEDICTION**
POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS: December 4, 2022.

This week's carillon is in memory of Charles & Jennie Kirk.

CHRISTMAS MUSICAL REHEARSALS TODAY: All ages and abilities are invited to sing. Rehearsals will be each Sunday after worship. The performance date is December 18. Contact Leanne Yerkes or Pastor Su if you have any questions.

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON – ALL ARE INVITED: Wednesday December 7 at noon Parish Life will be hosting a Christmas Luncheon for everyone. A homemade meal will be served followed by carol singing led by Leanne Yerkes and a Christmas story shared by Pastor Su. All are welcome to attend this holiday treat. Tickets are **free** for this luncheon and are available in Fellowship Hall, please sign up on the signup sheet and take your ticket (s) or call the church office to reserve you seat(s). Bring friends!

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS: This week we are asking for **canned soup, stews, pasta, fish or meat.** Bring your item(s) to the church during the week or next Sunday morning. Donations are to be placed in the wagon located in the vestibule.

<u>Calendar:</u>	December 4	10:00am	Worship Service followed by Coffee Hour.
		11:15am	Christmas Musical Rehearsal.
	December 5	7:00pm	Boy Scout Troop 71 Meeting.
		7:00pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal.
	December 6	7:00pm	Session meeting.
	December 7	12:00pm	Christmas Luncheon.
	December 8	7:00pm	Bible Study on Zoom: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/127591875

Elder of the Month: Michael Myers Deacon of the Month: Merrily Henley
Coffee Hour: Martha Greenwood

In our thoughts and prayers:

The Conner/Lang Family, Aleena Lang, Raymond Tinari,
Jim Turner, Violet Sanders, Steve Rash, and Bill Yerkes

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