

Second Sunday of Advent

December 6, 2020

9:30 a.m.

Welcome friends in Christ! We are glad you have come to worship today and to celebrate the love of God in Jesus Christ. We extend a warm greeting of Christian Fellowship to you.

Our Approach to God

Prelude *Advent Medley* Wechter

Lighting of the Advent Wreath-The Candle of Peace Isaiah 40:1-2
D.J., Tammi, Isaiah, Gannon, and Piper Sova

This is the season of Holy Waiting.

The first Sunday we lit the Candle of Hope.

Today we light the Candle of Peace.

We watch for the day when our warfare will be ended. We wait for the One who can bring comfort and speak peace. We wait while the night begins to glow with the light of day. Come let us walk in the light of God!

The Hymn of Praise *While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks* 58
(verses 1&4)

The Prayer of Praise and Adoration

Loving God, you sent your prophet John to prepare your way among us, to call us to repentance and make our pathways straight. Strengthen us to lives of steadfast love and faithfulness as we await the Messiah's return, that all may see you reign of peace through your just and gracious rule. Amen.

The Response *Prepare the Way* (verse 2) 13

He brings God's rule, O Zion; he comes from heav'n above.

His rule is peace and freedom, and justice, peace, and love.

Lift high your praise resounding, for grace and joy abounding.

Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most holy name.

The Special Music *Angels We Have Heard on High* Larry Sue
Peggy Knutson, Linda Poplewski, Karen Schaedel - Bells

The Word of God

The Time with the Children

Peggy Knutson

The Gospel Reading

Mark 1:1-8

The Sermon

"Make the Road Smooth and Straight" Pastor Philomena

Our Response to Serve

The Affirmation of Faith (Confession of 1967, 9.18)

God expressed love for all humankind through Israel, whom God chose to be a covenant people to serve him in love and faithfulness. When Israel was unfaithful, God disciplined the nation with judgment and maintained the covenant through prophets, priests, teachers, and true believers. These witnesses called all Israelites to a destiny in which they would serve God faithfully and become a light to the nations. The same witnesses proclaimed the coming of a new age, and a true servant of God in whom God's purpose of Israel and for humanity would be realized.

The Offering of our Tithes and Gifts
The Prayer of Dedication

The Hymn *Comfort, Comfort You My People* 3
(verses 1&2)

The Charge and Benediction

Postlude *The First Noel* Traditional Carol

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58. While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks

1 - While shepherds watched their flocks by night,
All seated on the ground,
The angel of the Lord came down,
And glory shone around.

4 - "The heavenly Babe you there shall find
To human view displayed,
All humbly wrapped in swathing bands,
And in a manger laid."

3. Comfort, Comfort You My People

1 Comfort, comfort you my people,
Tell of peace, thus saith our God;
Comfort those who sit in darkness
Bowed beneath oppression's load.
Speak ye to Jerusalem
Of the peace that waits for them;
Tell them that their sins I cover,
And their warfare now is over.

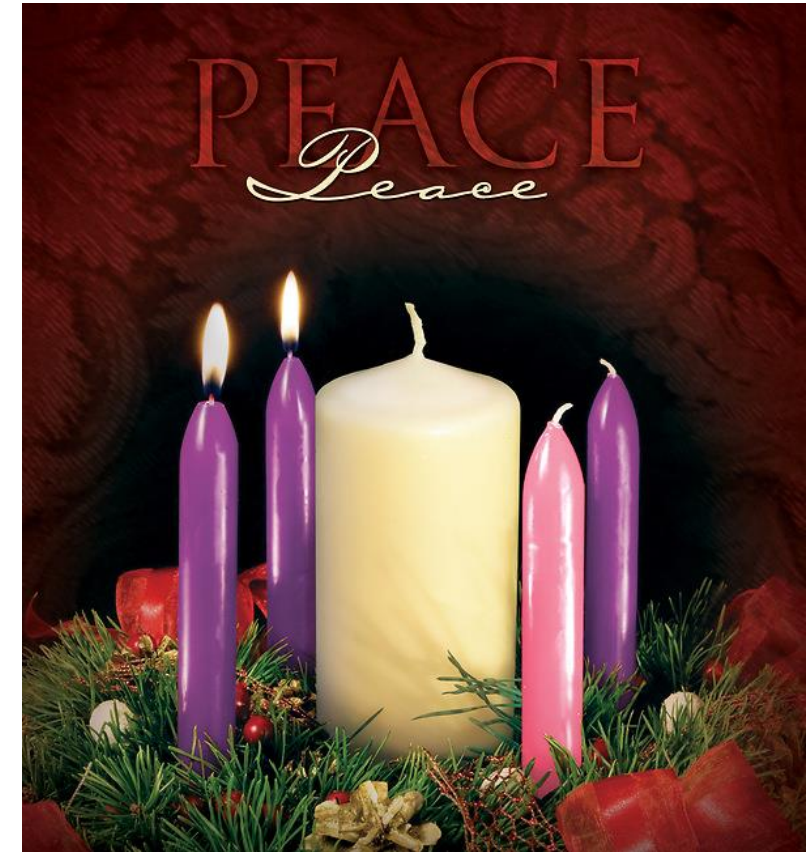
2 For the herald's voice is crying
In the desert far and near,
Bidding us to make repentance
Since the kingdom now is here.
O that warning cry obey!
Now prepare for God a way;
Let the valleys rise in meeting
And the hills bow down in greeting

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