

GATHERING FOR THE WORD

Let us take this time to quiet our hearts and minds and prepare for worship.

* Please stand if able Plain text = Leader **Bold text = People**

PRELUDE *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* Arr. Don Wyrzten
Organ-Piano Duet, Betty Niquette, Piano

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Elder

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE Gay Cuthill, son Charles and daughter, Fiona Hahn
(As Candle Lighters come up, please sing *He Came Down*- Tune No. 2085 in STF)

**He came down that we may have peace;
he came down that we may have peace;
he came down that we may have peace,
Hallelujah forevermore.**

Second Sunday of Advent:

Watch and wait for Christ's coming! We light candles of hope, peace, joy, and love, remembering the promises of God with prayer.

We light this candle in hope. (*Light the first candle.*)

We light this candle for peace. (*Light the second candle.*)

Let us pray: God of hope, God of peace, you speak peace into the world through the way of the Christ-child.

Help us to live as peacemakers that we may be called children of God.

God of promise, God of peace, into our darkness come.

* CALL TO WORSHIP (Please stand) Elder
I am sending a messenger, says the Lord,
to prepare the way before me.
Even now a voice is crying out:
Prepare the way of the Lord!
Let us worship God.

* HYMN *Let all Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* No. 5

PRAYER FOR RENEWAL (Be seated) from *Mal. 3:1-4; Luke 1:68-79*
Let us pray... Elder

**Holy God Most High, we confess that our feet have wandered from
the way of peace into aimless detours and crooked diversions.
We need the cleansing and refining that you alone can graciously give.
Forgive our foolish ways and faithless deeds.
Let your tender mercies dawn upon us,
that we may seek you and serve you without fear.**

(A time for silent prayer)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE from *Isaiah 12:3-4*
Amen. With joy, let us draw water from the springs of salvation. Laura Sugg
Give thanks to the Lord! Call on God's name.
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God.

*GLORIA Tune: Gloria No. 23
**Let the nations shout and sing: glory to their Savior bring;
All below and all above sing your praise with joyous love.
Glo—ria in excelsis Deo; glo—ria in excelsis Deo.**

HEARING THE WORD

GOSPEL READING Luke 3:1-6 Pg. 56
The word of the Lord. Deacon
Thanks be to God.

TIME FOR CHILDREN (*As the children come forward, please join in singing.*)
**This, this is where children belong, part of our family, part of our song.
Be with us, pray with us, help us grow strong, this is where children belong.**

ANTHEM *Soon and Very Soon* Andraé Crouch
The Children of WPC

SERMON **Seeking the Prince of Peace** Laura Sugg

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Please Stand) The Apostles' Creed (Traditional)
Front of Hymnal Pg. 14

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER Front of Hymnal Pg. 16
(*Pray, "Forgive us our sins..."*)

ORGAN AND KITCHEN DEDICATION Chuck Miller

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

OFFERTORY *Modimo* Soweto Gospel Choir
Sine Nomine Choir

* PRESENTATION OF OFFERING No. 414

*As those of old their first fruits brought of vineyard, flock and field
to God, the giver of all good, the source of bounteous yield.
so we today our first fruits bring, the wealth of this good land;
Of farm and market, shop and home, of mind and heart and hand, Amen.*

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION Laura Sugg

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION
INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE
PRAYER OF CONSECRATION
SERVING COMMUNION

Bread is taken individually. Juice/wine is taken together; wine is in outer rings of tray.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

* HYMN *I've Got Peace Like a River* No. 368

* CHARGE & BLESSING

* SUNG CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

All:



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the dark - ness.



Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered to - day.

POSTLUDE *Tidings of Joy* Arr. Lloyd Larson
Sine Nomine Choir & Ridge Ringers
(Please remain seated for the Postlude.)

Please come through to Fellowship Hall for coffee and conversation.



*WPC Mission Statement
To worship God through faith and action,
to nurture the spirit of Jesus Christ in each of us,
to be an extended family to all,
and to serve the community
through programs, education and prayer.*

*Second Sunday of Advent
December 6, 2015*