



First Presbyterian

CHURCH OF EASTON



A Service for the Worship of God
December 5, 2021

The Second Sunday in Advent: Peace

**Indicates an invitation to rise in body and/or spirit as you are able.*

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

TOWER BELLS

PRELUDE

In Dulci Jubilo (Hymn 28)

arr. Dupré

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Watch and wait, for Christ is coming!

Let us light candles of hope, peace, joy, and love.

The simple beauty in these candles reminds us of the hope we have in Christ.

We watch and wait for Christ's coming! And we rejoice!

THE LIGHT

CONGREGATIONAL CAROL

People, Look East

HYMN 12, V. 1-4

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.

Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare,
One more seed is planted there:
Give up your strength the seed to nourish,
That in course the flower may flourish.
People, look east:
Love the rose is on the way.

Birds, though you long have ceased to build,
Guard the nest that must be filled.
Even the hour when wings are frozen
God for fledging time has chosen.
People, look east:
Love the bird is on the way.

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.

FIRST LESSON

John 1:1-5

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

Thanks be to God!

RESPONSE: LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES

Dahlia Cordaro

We light this candle in peace. Jesus, the Light of the World, shines for us.

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!

THE KEY

CONGREGATIONAL CAROL

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

HYMN 8, V.1-3

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates,
Behold the King of glory waits;
The King of kings is drawing near;
The Savior of the world is here!

Fling wide the portals of your heart;
Make it a temple, set apart
From earthly use for heaven's employ,
Adorned with prayer, and love, and joy.

Redeemer, come! I open wide
My heart to Thee; here, Lord, abide.
Let me Thy inner presence feel;
Thy grace and love in me reveal.

And Mary gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

Thanks be to God!

RESPONSE: CONVERSATION AND KEYS

THE WOOL

CONGREGATIONAL CAROL

Angels We Have Heard on High

HYMN 23, V.1-3

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.

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heavenly song?

Gloria in excelsis Deo;

Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.

Gloria in excelsis Deo;

Gloria in excelsis Deo.

THIRD LESSON

Luke 2:8-12

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

Thanks be to God!

RESPONSE: SHARING PRAYERS AND SIGNING CHRISTMAS CARDS

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

We make our offering today with peaceful hearts, trusting that the Holy One who comes to us will bless our gifts and our lives, to make us signs of peace in the world God loves.

Please leave your offering in the plate in the back of the sanctuary or make your gifts online or via mail.

THE BREAD

CONGREGATIONAL CAROL

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

HYMN 9, V.2-3

O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, Desire of nations, bind
All peoples in one heart and mind;
Bid envy, strife and discord cease;
Fill the whole world with heaven's peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!

COMMUNION

FOURTH LESSON

John 6:35

"I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry again. Whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

Thanks be to God!

BENEDICTION

Be people of peace.

Let peace live in your heart and share the peace of Christ with all you meet.

Share peace by acting out of compassion and not fear.

Share peace by listening to all sides of the story.

Share peace by praying for our world.

In this Advent season, we need to see, feel, and share peace.

As you go out into the wonder of God's creations, share peace and hope with those you meet.

Amen.

POSTLUDE

The Holly and the Ivy

arr. Flynn

*The flowers on the communion table are given by Nola Frankenfield,
in memory of her husband, Warren S. Frankenfield.*

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