SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 4, 2022
11:00 AM



CHURCH LIFE UPDATE Timothy Boggess

PRELUDE *What Child is This?* English folk tune/arr. Phillips
(Isaac Mingus, cello and Steven Phillips, piano)

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH Thom and Janet Olshewsky

As we light our second Advent candle,
we pray for the holy peace of God.
Come now, O Child of Mary.
Come now, O Prince of Peace.

***HYMN 82** *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* HYFRYDOL

Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us;
let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver,
born a child and yet a king,
born to reign in us forever,
now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal Spirit
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all-sufficient merit
raise us to thy glorious throne.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Mary Willis

God of peace and reconciliation,
we confess that we prefer to be peace lovers rather than peace makers.

Yes, we long for swords to be beaten into plowshares,
but only as long as someone else goes first.

Yes, we pray for your shalom,
but only as long as it doesn't cost us anything.

God, in your abundant mercy, forgive us for our lack of courage and conviction.
Give us good hope in Jesus Christ who, even now, is making all things new.
(silent prayer)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS Timothy Boggess

* *Those who are able are invited to stand.*

*** SONG OF JOY**

Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Gloria in excelsis Deo!

*** THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS Isaiah 11:1-10; Romans 8:18-25 Pages 627 and 1030

ANTHEM *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* arr. Kyle Pederson
(The Chancel Choir with Isaac Mingus, cello)

Veni, veni, Rex Gentium
Veni, Redemptor omnium
Ut salvas tuos famulos
peccati sibi conscious.
Gaude, gaude!
Emmanuel nascetur prote Israel.

Translation of Latin text:
Come, come, King of the Nations,
Come, Redeemer of all
to save your servants,
aware of their sin.
Rejoice, rejoice!
Emmanuel will be born for you, Israel.

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

SERMON *The Peaceable Kingdom* Timothy Boggess

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER Steven Phillips

Our Father who art 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.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Therefore, with all creation we sing your praise:

Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

. . . Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PARTAKING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O God,
you have so greatly loved us,
long sought us,
and mercifully redeemed us.
Give us grace that in everything
we may yield ourselves,
our wills and our works,
a continual thank-offering to you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

From *The Belhar Confession* (1986)
Mary Willis

We believe:

that Christ's work of reconciliation
is made manifest in the church as the community of believers
who have been reconciled with God and with one another;

that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ;
that through the working of God's Spirit it is a binding force,
yet simultaneously a reality which must be earnestly pursued and sought:
one which the people of God must continually be built up to attain;

that this unity must become visible
so that the world may believe that separation, enmity and hatred
between people and groups is sin which Christ has already conquered,
and accordingly that anything which threatens this unity
may have no place in the church and must be resisted.

*** HYMN 360** *Christ Is Coming!* UNSER HERRSCHER

Christ is coming! Let creation
from its groans and labor cease;
let the glorious proclamation
hope restore and faith increase:
Christ is coming! Christ is coming!
Come, O blessed Prince of peace.

Earth can now but tell the story
of your bitter cross and pain;
we shall yet behold your glory,
Lord, when you return to reign:
Christ is coming! Christ is coming!
Let each heart repeat the strain.

With that blessed hope before us,
flutes are tuned and harps are strung;
let the mighty advent chorus
onward roll from tongue to tongue:
Christ is coming! Christ is coming!
Let each heart repeat the song.

Long your exiles have been pining
for your promised rest and home,
but in heavenly glory shining,
soon the risen Christ shall come.
Christ is coming! Christ is coming!
Joyful, shout the victory psalm.

***BENEDICTION** Timothy Boggess

POSTLUDE *O Lord, How Shall I Meet You* Steven Phillips

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