



### **Second Sunday of Advent**

December 6, 2020

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### **Centering**

- prepare your worship guide and communion elements – bread and juice or something like them
- offer gratitude for the indigenous peoples whose land you live on
- prepare to light your Advent wreath

### **Lighting the Advent Candles<sup>1</sup>**

Smith Davis Family

On this second Sunday of Advent, we light the candle of peace.

Jesus Christ is the Prince of Peace, and peace is one of the fruits of his Spirit, Christ comes to bring justice, wholeness, and harmony to every relationship throughout all creation.

He stands for peace with justice in every situation.

Jesus, we pray that you will guide our feet into the path of peace.

Dear God,  
As we journey down this Advent road,  
grant us the courage to make peace.  
Peace in our hearts,  
Peace in our homes,  
Peace in our communities. **Amen.**

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<sup>1</sup> Liturgy adapted from <http://lnwhymns.com/LightingAdventCandles.aspx> and Katherine Hawker at [www.liturgyoutside.net](http://www.liturgyoutside.net)

## Opening Song

WORDS: Bob McGee, 1976  
MUSIC: Bob McGee, 1976  
CCLI Song # 12949  
CCLI # 11365960

*Emmanuel, Emmanuel*

Ola Mullikin

## Prayer for Illumination<sup>2</sup>

Advent is a time of waiting, a time to open our hearts to God's presence, a time to pay attention to God's call. God's love breaks in over and over again. Be away, for God is near.

Let us pray:

We are waiting, O God. We are waiting to hear your word. We are waiting to sense your presence. We are waiting with hope. Open our hearts that we may be renewed by your grace and transformed by your love. Amen.

## Scripture Reading

Mark 1:1-8

Jason Davis

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

"See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,  
who will prepare your way;

the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight.'"

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

Word of God, Word of life. Thanks be to God.

## Sermon

Where the Wild Things Are

Pastor Lisa

Christ brings peace to the wilderness of our hearts.

## Song of Response

*People, Look East*

Vheneka

WORDS: Eleanor Farjeon, 1928  
MUSIC: Trad. French carol, harm. by Martin Shaw, 1928  
ARR: Karin Sonnen  
CCLI Song # 3011380  
CCLI # 11365960

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<sup>2</sup> Mary Petrina Boyd, Abingdon Worship Annual 2020

## **Deck the Halls with ... Peace**

Peggy Ostrom

This year, the holidays will look a little different, but no matter what, we can still deck the halls with hope, peace, joy, and love.

### **COMMUNION<sup>3</sup>**

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.**

... we join the everlasting chorus:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

... we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen;**

**Christ will come again.**

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,  
all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father (God), now and forever.

**Amen.**

**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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;**

**and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,**

**for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

### **Receiving the Elements**

The body and blood of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

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<sup>3</sup> Adapted from liturgy written by Rev. Stephen M. Fearing ([www.stephenmfearing.com](http://www.stephenmfearing.com)) and "The Great Thanksgiving for Advent," Copyright © 1972 The Methodist Publishing House; Copyright © 1980, 1981, 1985 UMPH; Copyright © 1986 by Abingdon Press; Copyright © 1987, 1989, 1992 UMPH. Used by permission.

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## Closing Song

*Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

Ola Mullikin

WORDS: Liturgy of St. James, 4<sup>th</sup> c.; trans Gerard Moultrie, 1864

MUSIC: French carol melody

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CCLI # 11365960

## Benediction<sup>4</sup>

In the darkness, the candle of peace burns brightly.

In the quiet, the voice of the prophet rings out Prepare!

In the wilderness of the soul, Christ is present.

Amen.

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<sup>4</sup> adapted from Mary Petrina Boyd