

Sermon

Names for the Messiah
4. Prince of Peace
Rev. Dr. Dave Summers

* Hymn of Commitment *Angels from the Realms of Glory*
Hymn 220

* Benediction Rev. Dr. Dave Summers

* Postlude *Postlude on "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"* Willcocks
Dr. Ashley Strawser, organ

Communion is available at the rail following the service.



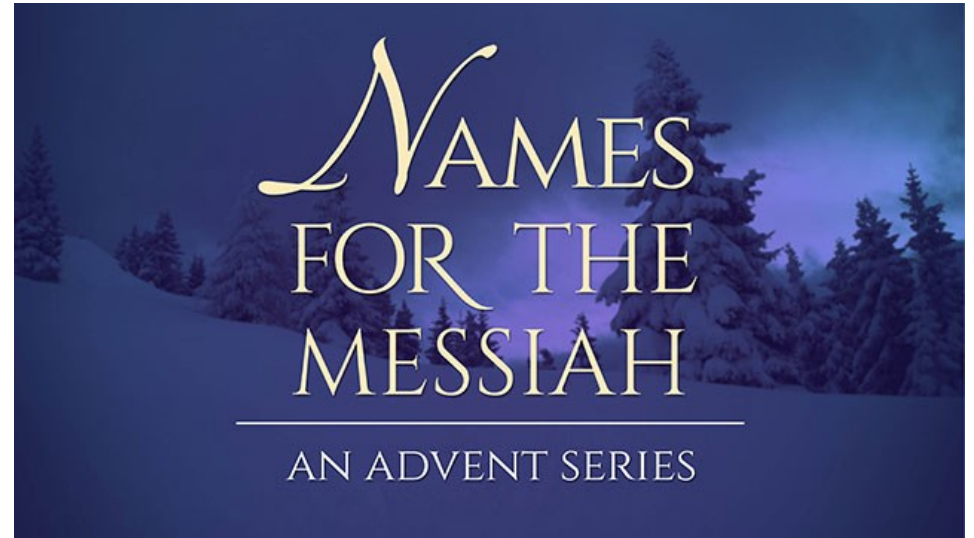
Assisting Today

Acolytes: Sophia Bryson, Roy Chavez

Ushers: Herb Andrews, Pat Murphy, Greg Schuelke, Floyd Stiles,
Polly van Rensburg, Beth Troxler, Gary Vanderslice,
Randol Womack, Dennis Zimmerman

Audio: Jim DeBusk **Visuals:** Kim Summers

Worship Celebration
December 23, 2018 — 9:30 am
Fourth Sunday of Advent



Prince of Peace

While you are proclaiming peace with your lips,
be careful to have it even more fully in your heart.

~ Francis of Assisi



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God's Love in Action™

Worship Celebration

December 23, 2018 — 9:30 am

Words of Welcome

Rev. Brenda Smith

* Moments of Christian Fellowship

Announcements

Prelude *God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen* arr. Raney
Dr. Andria Fennig, Dr. Ashley Strawser

* Call to Worship

Leader: This is a time of deep mystery,

People: when heaven comes to earth.

Leader: This is a time of great love,

People: a child is born for all of us.

Leader: This is a time of great joy,

People: soon angels will be singing.

Leader: This is a time for us to worship,

People: for God is here!

* Hymn of Praise *God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen* (see screen)

* Opening Prayer (in unison)

Gracious God, prepare our hearts and minds
to receive your deep peace.

Take from us all weariness of spirit.

Hush the anxieties that shout in our minds.

Prepare us now to receive your living Word with joy
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lighting of the Fourth Advent Candle Rev. Dr. Dave Summers

Leader: We light the fourth Advent Candle, the candle of rejoicing
because we have been blessed with the good news
of God's love for all God's people!

We rejoice that God is working to bring peace
and reconciliation to our world. With Isaiah, we hear the call,
"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us
his ways and that we may walk in his paths."

People: Come to us, Lord, as Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Leader: We long for that time when people shall
beat their swords into plowshares,
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more.
Come, Lord, Jesus, we your children wait eagerly for you.

People: Come, Lord Jesus, we your children wait eagerly for you.

Sung Response *Advent Song* verse 4 *The Faith We Sing* 2090

(Please fill out and pass the fellowship pads.)

Anthem *Ring Out, Ye Bells* Forrest
Chancel Choir; Derek Everett, percussion

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Sharing of God's Tithes and Our Offerings Rev. Dr. Dave Summers

Offertory *Rejoice Greatly, O Daughter of Zion* Handel
(from *Messiah*)
Abby Krawson, soloist

* Doxology (see screen)

* Offertory Prayer

* Hymn of Preparation *O Little Town of Bethlehem* Hymn 230

Scripture *Matthew 2:1-8* The Elsea sisters, Jan and Madi; Rod Lee

Leader: God's Word for God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.