* Benediction

* Postlude

Communion is available at the rail following the service.

Chancel flowers are given by David Hanner
In loving memory of his father, Richard R. Hanner Sr.

Clergy and Worship Leaders

Rev. Dr. Dave Summers, Senior Pastor
Rev. Andrea Andress, Deacon and Director of Spiritual Formation and Discipleship
Rev. Brenda Smith, Deacon and Director of Family Ministry
Christopher Wurpts, Youth Ministries Director
Dr. Ashley Snavley, Music and Arts Ministries Director and Organist
Dr. Andria Fennig, Worship Accompanist/Director of Contemporary Worship Arts
Thomas Strawser, Assistant Music Director

Assisting Today

Ushers: William Hatcher, Kay & Jack Jones, John Nichols
Audio: Jim DeBusk **Visuals:** Kim Summers

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Worship Celebration
December 10, 2017 — 8 am
Second Sunday of Advent

It is he who made us and not we ourselves,
made us out of his peace to live in peace,
out of his light to dwell in light,
out of his love to be above all things loved and loving.
~ Frederick Buechner

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Words of Welcome — Rev. Dr. Dave Summers

Christmas Mission Offering Moment — Dave Hepburn

Prelude — *I Wonder as I Wander* — arr. Hayes
Dr. Andria Fennig

* Call to Worship

Leader: Christ is coming and God's Kingdom of Peace arrives.
People: We long for the time when the lion will lie down with the lamb.
Leader: We call on the Lord to give to us:
People: the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
Leader: the sprit of counsel and might,
People: the spirit of knowledge and the joy of God's presence.
All: Come, Lord Jesus.

* Hymn of Praise *The King Shall Come* (see screen)

* Opening Prayer (in unison) — Christopher Wurpts

God of light and love, shine upon us this day.
Guide us out of darkness and into your joyous light.
May our worship reflect your desire to build peace in our hearts and in your world.
Through Christ we pray. Amen.

* Moments of Christian Fellowship

Lighting of the Second Advent Candle

The prayer of St. Francis of Assisi asks God to help us be peacemakers. Let us say it together:
Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is sadness, joy; and where there is darkness, light. Grant that we may not seek so much to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive, in pardoning that we are pardoned, and in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

Sung Response *Advent Candles Hymn* (see screen)

A candle is burning, a candle of ***Peace***;
A candle to signal that conflict must cease.
For Jesus is coming to show us the way;
A message of Peace humbly laid in the hay.

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Anthem — *And the Stars Sang* — Joseph Martin
Katie Lincoln

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Sharing of God's Tithes and Offerings

Offertory — *What Child is This?* — arr. Hayes
Leslie Winkler, piano

* Doxology *All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night* verse 5 Hymnal 682

* Offertory Prayer

* Hymn of Preparation *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear* vs. 1, 2, 4 Hymnal 218

Scripture *Matthew 1:18-25* — Wilma Lund

Leader: God's word for God's people.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon — *Coming Home*
2. "Acceptance"
Rev. Dr. Dave Summers

* Hymn of Commitment *Hail to the Lord's Anointed* vs. 1 and 3 Hymnal 203