



A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

December 6, 2020
Second Sunday of Advent

PEACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Grow in Grace, Live in Peace, Serve the Lord

We Gather as God's People

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME

This is the day the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

PRELUDE

A Medley of Advent Hymn Tunes

*CALL TO WORSHIP AND LIGHTING OF THE PROPHET'S AND BETHLEHEM'S CANDLES

Ruth Hines, 9:00 liturgist
Jesse and Pam Riggs, 11:00 liturgists

One: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

All: Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.

One: Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken." (Isaiah 40: 3-5)

All: The Advent Wreath reminds us of God's eternal love; without beginning and without end. The candles of the wreath remind us of the biblical story of God's unconditional love.

One: We light the first candle of the Advent Wreath, the Prophets' candle, to remind us of the hope the prophets declared for the coming of the Messiah.

All: We light the second candle of the Advent Wreath, the Candle of Bethlehem, to remind us that Mary and Joseph journeyed to Bethlehem and it was there that their son Jesus was born in a stable.

*HYMN

Prepare the Way, O Zion

Prepare the way, O Zion, your Christ is drawing near! Let every hill and valley a level way appear. Greet One who comes in glory, foretold in sacred story. O blest is Christ who came in God's most holy name.

Fling wide your gates, O Zion; your Savior's rule embrace, and tidings of salvation proclaim in every place. All lands will bow rejoicing, their adoration voicing. O blest is Christ who came in God's most holy name.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Refining God, you have sent prophets and we have not listened. We have not always determined what is best or made way for your reign in our lives, in our church, and in our society. Forgive us, we pray, and renew your covenant within us and among us, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Hear now our silent individual confessions.

(Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, if we repent, God is sure to forgive us. The One who began a good work in us will bring it to completion. Grateful for the promise of joy and peace, let us extend that same joy, forgiveness and peace to those around us.

Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 1: 1-8

SERMON

“The Way of the Lord”

Reverend Debbie Osterhoudt

ANTHEM

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent
Peggy Vaughan, Soprano

arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

Special Music

Valses Poeticos No 4. Sentimental

Enrique Granados

Words of Institution

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Our Lord’s Prayer

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.

Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

*HYMN

O Little Town of Bethlehem

**O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;
the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.**

**O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us; abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!**

WE GO FORTH AS GOD'S PEOPLE

***BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

May the Love of the Lord

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**May the love of the Lord rest upon your soul.
May God's love dwell in you, throughout every day.
May God's countenance shine upon you and be gracious to you.
May God's Spirit be upon you as you leave this place.**

***POSTLUDE**

Sonatina in G, Op 36 No 5. 1. Presto

M. Clementi



* You are invited to stand.