



Second Sunday of Advent

December 8, 2024 10:30 a.m.



A PLACE AT THE TABLE OF PEACE

As we enter the Advent season, how can our churches become houses where the Holy will be born anew—offering respite, sustenance and care, opening the doors ever wider to those seeking shelter from the onslaught of life? No one church can do it all, but each can do something. As we study the biblical prophets that call us to care for our neighbors and “make room in the inn,” the lonely and frightened spaces within us are filled with the light of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love.

RINGING THE BELL

WELCOME AND MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

PRELUDE "Prepare the Royal Highway" Swedish Folk Tune; Setting by Paul Manz

*LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE OF PEACE

The Aughinbaugh family

Peace waits for us at Ad-vent. Peace waits for us to rest. Peace waits for

6 A D Em Cmaj7 A sus A G2 D/F#
our ac - cep-tance of the truth that we are blessed. In this time of

10 Em7 D/F# G2 D/F# Em7 D/F# G2 D/F# G A Bm
pre - par-a-tion for the work of co - cre-a-tion, for the birth-ing of a world of

15 C G D2 Em7 D/F# G G/B Bm A D
gen - tle - ness and play, Peace is born in us each day.

Detailed description: This is a musical score for a song. It consists of four staves of music in the key of D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. The melody is written on a treble clef. The lyrics are: "Peace waits for us at Ad-vent. Peace waits for us to rest. Peace waits for our ac - cep-tance of the truth that we are blessed. In this time of pre - par-a-tion for the work of co - cre-a-tion, for the birth-ing of a world of gen - tle - ness and play, Peace is born in us each day." Chords are indicated above the notes: A, D, Em, Cmaj7, A sus, A, G2, D/F# (measures 6-8); Em7, D/F#, G2, D/F#, Em7, D/F#, G2, D/F#, G, A, Bm (measures 10-12); C, G, D2, Em7, D/F#, G, G/B, Bm, A, D (measures 15-17). Measure 15 starts with a 6/4 time signature change, and measure 17 ends with a 4/4 time signature change.

*PASSING THE PEACE:

The Peace of Christ be with you! **And also with you!**

*GATHERING HYMN "People Look East" #105 *Glory to God Hymnal*

1 Peo - ple, look east. The time is near of the
 2 Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more
 3 Birds, though you long have ceased to build, guard the
 4 Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim one more
 5 An - gels, an - nounce with shouts of mirth Christ who

crown - ing of the year. Make your house fair as you are
 seed is plant - ed there. Give up your strength the seed to
 nest that must be filled. E - ven the hour when wings are
 light the bowl shall brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y
 brings new life to earth. Set ev - ery peak and val - ley

Peo - ple, look

a - ble; trim the hearth and set the ta - ble.
 nour - ish, that in course the flower may flour - ish.
 fro - zen God for fledg - ing time has cho - sen.
 weath - er, bright as sun and moon to - geth - er.
 hum - ming with the word, the Lord is com - ing.

east and sing to - day:

Peo - ple, look east: Love, the Guest, is on the way.
 Love, the Rose, is on the way.
 Love, the Bird, is on the way.
 Love, the Star, is on the way.
 Love, the Lord, is on the way.

Peo - ple, look east: (Love is on the way.)

CONVERSATION WITH OUR CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE READING: Baruch 5:1-9

A Word of God that is still speaking, **Thanks be to God!**

CHORAL ANTHEM "Cries a Voice"

John A. Behnke

SCRIPTURE READING: Philippians 1: 3-11

Pew Bible p.953

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SERMON

Sarah Fredriksen McCann

SILENT REFLECTION

HYMN OF REFLECTION "Now Bless the God of Israel" #110 *New Century Hymnal*
(For full music, the *New Century Hymnal* is located in each pew rack)

**Now bless the God of Israel, who comes in love and power,
Who raises from the royal house deliverance in this hour.
Through holy prophets God has sworn to free us from alarm,
To save us from the heavy hand of all who wish us harm.**

**Remembering the covenant, God rescues us from fear,
That we might serve in holiness and peace from year to year,
And you, my child, shall go before to preach, to prophesy,
That all may know the tender love, the grace of God most high.**

**In tender mercy, God will send the dayspring from on high,
Our rising sun, the light of life for those who sit and sigh.
God comes to guide our way to peace, that death shall reign no more.
Sing praises to the Holy One! O worship and adore!**

NAMING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

CALL TO PRAYER: "Gloria" #756 *New Century Hymnal* (sing both verses)



Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!
Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!

³ Dm Gm C F ⁴ Dm Gm C F



Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE 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.

OFFERTORY "Keep Awake, Be Always Ready" Phillip Nicolai; Harm. J. S. Bach
(Offer to God and then use this time for prayer. A QR code at the end of the bulletin is available for online giving.)

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE #782 *New Century Hymnal*

**To God, all glorious heavenly Light, to Christ revealed in earthly night,
To God the Spirit now we raise our joyful songs of thankful praise.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*COMMISSIONING HYMN "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" #131 *New Century Hymnal*
(For full music, the New Century Hymnal is located in each pew rack)

**It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold;
"Peace on the earth, good will to all, great news of joy we bring."
The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.**

**Still through the cloven skies they come, with peaceful wings unfurled,
And still their heavenly music floats o'er all the weary world;
Above its sad and lowly plains they bend on hovering wing,
And ever o'er its Babel sounds the blessed angels sing.**

**And you, beneath life's crushing load, whose forms are bending low,
Who toil along the climbing way, with painful steps and slow,
Look now, for glad and golden hours come swiftly on the wing;
O rest beside the weary road, and hear the angels song!**

**For lo, the days are hastening on, by prophet bards foretold,
When with the ever-circling years comes round the age of gold;
When peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling,
And all the world send back the song which now the angels sing.**

*COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers" Swedish Folk Tune; Setting by Paul Manz

SENDING

With God's blessing, we are sent forth to follow Christ in the world.

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