

2nd Sunday of Advent

December 10, 2023

11:00 a.m. Traditional Service

WELCOME

Praise and Prayer

PRELUDE “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” Celebration Ringers

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING Angela & Kevin Cook

Leader: Last Sunday we lit the first candle—the candle of hope.

Today we light the second candle, the candle of peace. We light it knowing full well that peace is elusive, and in some parts of the world, it is almost completely absent. Yet in this season of Advent, we trust that God is never absent from us. God is always preparing something new. And even where there is war and discord, whether between countries, within families, or within our own hearts, God is present, gently leading us to new possibilities. Let us pray...

All: Loving God, in this time of preparation and planning, we thank you for the hope and peace you unfailingly offer us. Show us the creative power of hope. Teach us the peace that comes from justice. Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you, that we may walk in the light of Christ. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN “O Little Town of Bethlehem” #230
Words by Phillips Brooks and Music by Lewis H. Redner

PRAYER

During this time of prayer, we invite you to name aloud or quietly in your heart the prayers that are on your heart. After a time of prayer lead by Pastor Brian, we'll pray together the Lord's Prayer.

Naming our Celebrations and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer #895

SPECIAL MUSIC “Christmas Meditation” Celebration Ringers

SPECIAL MUSIC “Up On a Housetop” Rainbow Ringers

Hearing the Word

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Pastor Brian

During the Children's Message, children of all ages are welcome to come forward for a brief lesson with Pastor Brian. Pastor Brian will have a treat for the children to return to their seat with. The Children's Moment will be presented on our YouTube broadcast.

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 11:1-10 NRSV

Angela Cook

Page 640 in the Old Testament in your pew Bible

SERMON “Emmanuel Before the Manger” Pastor Brian

Sermon Series: What's Next?

REFLECTIVE MEDITATION

Responding to the Word

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Mission and Ministry Moment

Offertory

*Doxology “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” #95

*Prayer of Dedication

*HYMN OF PREPARATION “The First Noel” #245

Sending Forth

BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

Pastor Brian

POSTLUDE

***Please Stand** (Those who are unable to stand, please feel free to remain seated.)