

December 18, 2022
Fourth Sunday of Advent

Prelude and Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

***Lighting the Advent Wreath Candles and Call to Worship**

Leader: The Prophet Isaiah said the “Coming One” would be the Prince of Peace.

People: **This Advent we anxiously await the opportunity to sing these words:**

Joy to the world, the Lord is come

Let Earth receive her King

Let every heart prepare Him room

And Heaven and nature sing

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And Heaven, and Heaven, and nature sing

Leader: We long for peaceful nights, the sounds of angel’s singing, the cry of the newborn baby, the promise that God is faithful, and we shall know peace.

People: **It is time to light the candle of Joy and remember the Prince of Peace, Jesus the Christ.**

***Hymn #131: “It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”**

***Invocation**

O Holy One, as Christmas draws near, there is a sense of excitement in the air. We can feel the joy in our lives, and we see it in those around us. Still, for some of us this is a sad time because of unhappy things that have happened in our lives. Help us remember the Prince of Peace brings wholeness and hope to our lives even when things seem dark. Help us be filled with the peace of Christ that passes all understanding. Amen.

***Passing of the Peace** Hymn #122 verse 1 “Come, O Long Expected Jesus”

Come, O long expected Jesus, born to set all people free.
From our fears and sins release us, grant us your true liberty.

Scripture Readings: Isaiah 9:6; Matthew 1:18-25 Carla Crompton

Anthem

Time with Young Disciples

Sermon: “The Prince of Peace”

***Hymn #127:** “Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming”

The Community at Prayer (*Joys and Concerns, Prayers for the People, Lord's Prayer*)

If you are watching online, type any prayer requests in the chat by the end of the sermon and we can voice them and get the names on the prayer list.

Prayer Response

Invitation to the Offering

(Opportunities to give for the ministries of this church are available through an offering plate during service, by mailing your gift to the church office, or by signing up for electronic giving through our website.)

***Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

God, you have given each of us gifts to use as members of the body of Christ. Here are our gifts. We pray that they may help to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to our world, today and always, here and everywhere. Amen.

***Hymn #124:** “Away In a Manger”

*Commissioning and Blessing

*Choral Response

*Postlude