

December 8, 2024
Second Sunday of Advent

Prelude and Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting the Advent Candle

Jan Derry & Jim Miers

"For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given,
and the government will be on his shoulders.
And he will be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6

And the Light
Was not, could not, will not be dimmed

On this second Sunday of Advent, we admit we yearn for peace. We desire peace in the world, in our nation, in our families, in our souls. Jesus said: "Blessed are the peacemakers". We gather to say we want to turn our lives toward peace and away from discord.

We light the second candle in the name of Peace. Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with each of us.

***Hymn #122:** "Come, O Long-Expected Jesus

***Passing the Peace**

Scripture:

Luke 1:68-79

Karen Yoho

Anthem: Cradle of Hope, by Nancy Gordon and Tom Fettke

Time With Young Disciples

***Unison Prayer**

Emmanuel, Holy One, your face shines on our lives. We are filled with peace. As you lit the sky with angels who spoke the words of peace so long ago, we call upon you to be the light of a world that still needs peace desperately. Shine peace on those who experience budget cuts and wintry weather. Shine peace on those who fear diagnoses, feel upheaval, and dread international conflict. Shine peace on the refugee and on the family cutting a Christmas tree. Shine peace on the caroler in the Alzheimer's unit and the couple who is unmaking a marriage. Let our faces reflect to others the peace you shine in us. Amen.

Sermon: "Into the Way of Peace"

***Hymn #577:** "God the Omnipotent"

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.

Our Father
Who art in heaven
Hallowed by 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.

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 at <https://www.greenbeltcommunitychurch.org/>)

***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**

**We dedicate our lives and all that we have to the work of life, of love, of peace.
Receive our gifts and lead us in wisdom and courage. Amen.**

***Hymn #131:** "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

***Commissioning and Blessing**

***Choral Response**

***Postlude**