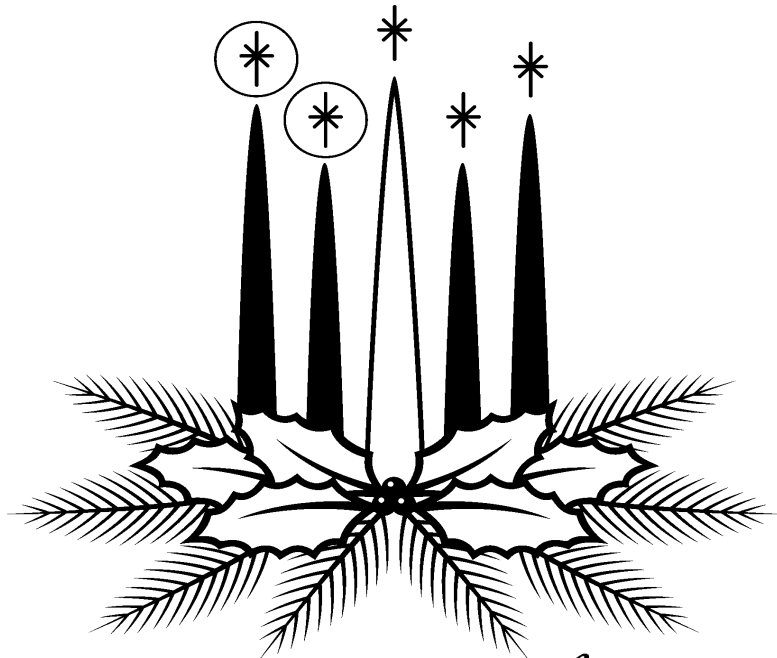


2021

"Our Hope is in the Lord, for HE who promised is Faithful"



2ND SUNDAY OF *Advent*

WELCOME TO WORSHIP
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Please tune your car radio to 106.1 FM to Worship with us today!

Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for He who promised is faithful. Hebrews 10:23

Call Statement:

"My call is to share my Faith in Christ"

Mission Statement:

"To live my Faith in Christ I will build loving relationships so others will become disciples with Jesus as Lord and Savior."

PRELUDE

Beth Helwagen

WELCOME AND PRAYER

LIGHTING OF ADVENT WREATH

Leader: Today we light the first and second candles of the Advent wreath. Each candle has a meaning. This first candle is HOPE, the second candle is PEACE.

All: **Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace."**

Colossians 3:15

(The candles of Hope and Peace are lit)

Leader: Let us pray: Almighty God

All: **You offer rest for our hearts, and peace for our souls. Give us grace to seek peace in our lives, peace in this community, and peace in the world. Through Jesus Christ, the prince of peace. Amen."**

Adapted from an Advent Litany by The Rev. Matthew Kozlowski

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: **And also with you** *(Wave and/or Honk to each other)*

HYMN On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry LBW #36

Verse 1

**On Jordan's banks the Baptist's cry
Announces that the LORD is nigh;
Awake and hearken, for he brings
Glad tiding of the King of kings!**

Verse 2
Then cleansed be ev -'ry life from sin;
Make straight the way for God within,
And let us all our hearts prepare
For Christ to come and enter there.

Verse 3
We hail You as our Savior, LORD,
Our refuge and our great reward;
With-out Your grace we waste away
Like flow'rs that wither and decay.

Verse 4
Stretch forth Your hand, our health restore,
And make us rise to fall no more;
Oh, let Your face upon us shine
and fill the world with love divine.

Verse 5
All praise to You, Eternal Son,
Whose Advent has our freedom won,
Whom with the Father we adore,
And Holy Spirit evermore.

APOSTOLIC GREETING

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray: Heavenly Father,

All: Prepare our hearts to hear Your Word and believe so we are made ready. For Your Word is coming into this world bringing Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love. Prepare us to receive Him and to see His glory for He is Your only begotten Son, Jesus Christ the Lord; Who lives and reigns with You along with the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.

LESSONS

Malachi 3:1-7b

GOSPEL

Luke 3:1-14

THE MESSAGE

Pastor Jeffrey J. Lee

Return to the LORD

SONG

I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day

Verse 1

I heard the bells on Christmas day.
Their old familiar carols play.
And mild and sweet their songs repeat
Of peace on earth, good will to men.

Chorus 1

And the bells are ringing, (peace on earth)
Like a choir they're singing. (peace on earth)
In my heart I hear them.
"Peace on earth Good will to men"

Verse 2

And in despair I bowed my head.
"There is no peace on earth" I said.
"For hate is strong and mocks the song
Of peace on earth good will to men."

Chorus 2

But the bells are ringing. (peace on earth)
Like a choir singing, (peace on earth)
Does anybody hear them?
"Peace on earth Good will to men"

Bridge

Then rang the bells more loud and deep,
"God is not dead nor does He sleep."
(Peace on earth, peace on earth)
The wrong shall fail, the right prevail
With peace on earth, good will to men!

Verse 3

Then ringing, singing on its way,
The world revolved from night to day.
A voice,, a chime, a chant sublime
"Of peace on earth, good will to men,"

Chorus 3

And the bells, they're ringing, (peace on earth)
Like a choir they're singing, (peace on earth)
And with our hearts we'll hear them.
"Peace on earth Good will to men"

Chorus 4

Do you hear the bells, they're ringing?
The life the angels singing.
Open up your heart and hear them.
"Peace on earth good will to men"

Ending

"Peace on earth. Peace on earth.
Peace on earth, good will to men."

NICENE CREED (in unison)

**We believe in one God, The Father, the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, Of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, The only Son of God, Eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, True God from true God, Begotten, not made, Of one Being with the Father, Through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven; By the power of the Holy Spirit He became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again In accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven And is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, And His kingdom will have no end.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son He is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, And the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Pastor: Brothers and sisters in Christ, let us be united as the Church in heart and mind as we go to our heavenly Father in prayer...

Pastor: *(After each petition. . .)* Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Pastor: . . . Accept, O Lord, the prayers of Your faithful people for the well being of Your holy Church throughout the world. Govern and sanctify it, with all its pastors and ministers, by Your Holy Spirit, that we may be kept by Your Word in true Faith and fervent love toward You and one another.

All: Amen.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: and also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastor: In the night in which He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER - in unison

All: 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 trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom,
and the power and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION INSIDE

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen and preserve you by His grace unto life
everlasting.
All: Amen.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray. Eternal God,
All: We give You thanks, that You have refreshed us
through the healing power of this gift of life; and we
pray that in Your mercy You would strengthen us,
through this gift, in faith toward You and in fervent
love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus
Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE SENDING PRAYER

Leader: Let us pray. Heavenly Father,
All: Open my eyes, open my heart, so I see and have
compassion on broken and lost people around me.
Move me to bring Hope into their lives with the Gospel

of Jesus Christ. Give me courage. Give me patience.
Guide my words. Through me I pray they experience
Jesus' redeeming Love. I ask in Jesus' Name. Amen

THE BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make His
face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord
look upon you with favor and give you peace.
All: Amen.

SONG

He Has Come For Us

Verse 1

God rest ye merry gentlemen, Let nothing you dismay.
Remember Christ our Savior Was born on Christmas day
To save us all from Satan's pow'r When we were gone astray.
O, tidings of comfort and joy. Comfort and joy.
O, tidings of comfort and joy.

Chorus

He has come for us, This Jesus.
He's the hope for all mankind.
He has come for us, The Messiah.
Born to give us life.

Verse 2

From God, our heav'nly Father, A blessed angel came.
And unto certain shepherds Brought tidings of the same.
How that in Bethlehem was born, The Son of God by name.
O, tidings of comfort and joy. Comfort and joy.
O, tidings of comfort and joy.

Chorus

He has come for us, This Jesus.
He's the hope for all mankind.
He has come for us, The Messiah.
Born to give us life.

BRIDGE

All the angels sing, "Hallelujah! Jesus Christ is born!"
All the children sing, "Hallelujah! He is Christ the Lord!"

Chorus

ENDING

He is born to give us life.

Angels sing, "Hallelujah! Jesus Christ is Lord!"

All the children sing, "Hallelujah! He is Christ the Lord!"

THE DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go and be a witness for the Lord!

All: Thanks be to God!

THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION IN THE PARKING LOT

NEXT SUNDAY December 12, 2021
Third Sunday of Advent

Scripture Readings for Next Sunday

Zephaniah 3:14-20 Psalm 85 Philipians 4:4-7

Luke 7:18-28 (29-35)

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Mulberry Terrace Christmas Food Baskets shopping lists are available. Please buy the items in the sizes specified on the shopping list to make sorting and packing much easier. If you would like us to do the shopping for you, please write "Mulberry Terrace" on your donation and place in the offering. Three family baskets and 13 single baskets have been given. We still need 13 singles and 5 family baskets. This is our eighth year blessing the residents of Mulberry Terrace.

Poinsettia order forms are available. Each poinsettia is \$8.00 and include your payment with the order form. Orders are due by TODAY Sunday December 5th



CHRISTMAS CARDS



The Christmas Card exchange Basket returns and will be in the Narthex. Drop off your Christmas Cards in the basket and they will be sorted alphabetically and be available for pick up the following Sundays. No stamps needed! Worshipping in the parking lot? No problem. Our Santa's Elf will bring your cards inside to drop off for you.

Remember....no cards will actually be mailed so do not include any mail for out of town members or shut-ins. Those cards should be mailed in the usual way.