

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

The Second Sunday of Advent

December 4, 2022

Building a community of faith unleashed into the world by the love of God.

PLEASE NOTE: Words & Music to Hymns/Responses are included at the end of the bulletin.

Gathering Around the Word

Centering Meditation

God of hope, we come to you in the midst of a world fraught with troubles. Although the darkness is powerful, open our eyes, Lord, to the light of your presence. Give us faith to stand against the voices of division and violence. Through your Spirit remake us into hope-filled disciples, discovering lives attuned to your wonder, and sparking in others a desire to know you more. In the name of the One who comes to us, we pray, Amen.

Ringing of the Bell

Introit

Welcome and Matters of Community

Lighting of the Advent Candles

One: We light these candles as a sign of the coming light of Christ.

[light two purple candles]

As the Lord has promised, in days to come . . .

The nations shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks;

All: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

One: The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid,

**All: the calf and the lion and the fatling will lie down together,
and a little child shall lead them.**

One: Let us walk in the light of the Lord.

All: Amen.

Prelude This Is My Song/Be Still, My Soul by Jean Sibelius arranged by Jeff Bjorck

Call to Worship

One: "Prepare the way," the prophets call, "make ready the highways for God."

All: How we long to walk down the sidewalks in God's kingdom of peace!

One: Prepare your hearts, for God's realm opens up a new day.

All: We yearn for the time when the wolf and lamb will live together in harmony.

One: Prepare the way, God promises a new day when adversaries will lay down their arms.

All: We dream of a world transformed by God's love.

One: May the God of hope fill your hearts with all joy and peace.

All: We rejoice for God's Spirit is in our midst!

Opening Hymn #373 (see below) O Day of Peace

Call to Reconciliation

One: All too often, we believe God's vision of justice and peace is only for us, not for those - over there. We are sure others need to be cleansed and forgiven, but not us. Let us seek to live as if, indeed, the kingdom is coming near, as we offer our prayers to the One who calls us to Advent living, as we pray together, saying,

Prayer of Confession

All: You have a vision of all people as your beloved children, Imaginative God, but we see folks whose language, dress, and skin make them different. You have a vision of a universe filled with goodness and beauty, and we damage it with litter, with violence, with poor choices. You have a vision of a Table where we can feast on your grace and hope, but we line up at the fast-food counters of sin and greed. Forgive us, as we confess that we are not "insiders"; but immigrants searching for our true home. By faith, may we be willing to be as gracious, as compassionate, and as hopeful as you are. You love us enough to want us to be with you forever, so may we take the hand of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, who leads us into your kingdom. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Assurance of Forgiveness

One: Here is the good news: speak with the whispers of hope until it silences despair; sing the carols of compassion until all join in the chorus; shower others with wonder and delight and join in God's dance of grace.

All: Thanks be to God. We are forgiven! So, let us welcome others with open arms, just as we have been embraced in God's love and laughter. Amen.

Passing of Christ's Peace

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

All: And also with you.

One: Please share the peace of Christ by waving to your neighbor, and call or text someone to share the peace of Christ with them as well.

Sung Response # 103 (see below) Come Now, O Prince of Peace, v.2 (sing twice)

*Come now, O God of love; make us one body.
Come, O Lord Jesus; reconcile all people.*

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Come, O Lord Jesus; reconcile all people.*

Proclaiming the Word

Anthem

The St. Andrew Choir

Video

The Advent Message of Peace

Prayer for Illumination

One: God of timeless grace, you fill us with joyful expectation. Make us ready for the message that prepares the way, that with uprightness of heart and holy joy we may eagerly await the kingdom of your son, Jesus Christ, who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading

Isaiah 11:1-10

Second Reading

Romans 15:4-13

Sermon

Visions of Peace: The Peaceable Kingdom Rev. Roger Scott Powers

Responding to the Word

Hymn #378 (see below)

We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom

Invitation to the Offering

One: The task of the church is to make the invisible kingdom of Christ visible through faithful Christian living and giving. Give generously to spread the good news of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. The church makes its message credible by manifesting the reality of kingdom life.

Offertory

Response # 711 (see below)

Lord of All Good (v.1)

*Lord of all good, our gifts we bring to you;
use them your holy purpose to fulfill,
tokens of love and pledges brought anew,
that our whole life is offered to your will.*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

All: O Christmas trees and strawberry summers, you're what I like, and you are real. But so are hunger and misery and hate-filled red faces. So is confrontation. So is injustice. Discipleship means sometimes it's going to rain in my face. Discipleship means "Thank you, Lord" for Christmas trees and strawberry summers and even for rain in my face.

Prayers of the People (from joys and concerns emailed to Pastor Roger through the week)

Sealing the Word

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Thanksgiving

One: God be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to God.

One: Let us give thanks to God.

All: It is right to give God our thanks and praise.

One: In the rich dark winter, God makes an astounding promise: . . .
. . . so that all God's people might rejoice together, singing:

Sanctus #565 (see below)

Holy, Holy, Holy

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power, God of might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.*

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

One: We give thanks for the mystery and wonder revealed that first night, . . .
. . . With your people at all times and places, we await with hope the fulfillment
of your vision for all creation.

**All: Bless us, O God, and these your gifts. Encourage us to share your life and love,
which make us, and the gifts we share, truly holy.**

One: Transform us, God, and your world, and bless your children: . . .
. . . We pray these things, trusting in God's faithfulness revealed:

Hymn #566 (see below)

Christ Has Died; Christ Is Risen

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

The Lord's Prayer

One: As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

**All: Loving God, holy be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in
heaven. Give us today our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who
sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom,
the power and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

Words of Institution/Breaking the Bread and Pouring the Cup

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Communion Music **“Imagine” arranged by Stefano Cabrera** **Sharon Macklin**

Prayer after Communion

One: At this table, Christ is the host, welcoming all who hunger. At our tables, may Christ be our guest this day and always, that we might welcome hope, peace, joy, and love into our lives, and become hosts to God’s presence and people. God of love, guide us to the stables of our world, where the lonely and longing gather. Lead us to the mangers of our time, where hope and renewal are born again.

All: Make us heralds of your love and joy. Amen.

Bearing and Following the Word into the World

Closing Hymn #77 (see below) Isaiah the Prophet Has Written of Old

Postlude Make Me a Channel of Your Peace by Sebastian Temple arranged by Mark Hayes

Charge and Benediction

One: ...and let the people say:

All: Alleluia! Amen.

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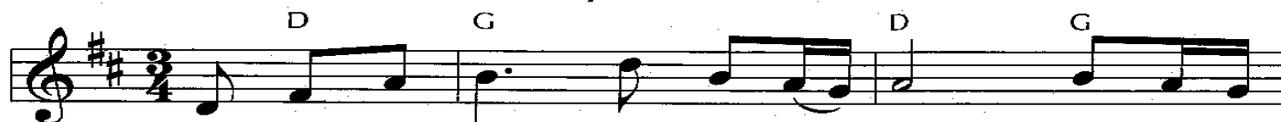
Worship Planning

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Worship Resources for December 4, 2022

- The Centering Meditation and Call to Worship by Rev. Nancy J. come from her blog, “wonderings, writings and scribbles.”
- The Advent Wreath Litany is from the Book of Common Worship, Westminster John Knox Press, 2018.
- <https://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com>
- Kneeling in Bethlehem, Ann Weems, The Westminster Press, 1987.
<https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/prayers>.
Advent Year A: Prayers.

O Day of Peace



Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This text on peace was created to offer non-nationalistic words for a popular British tune. The first stanza depicts *pax*, a mode of peace focused on ending conflict, and the second (based on Isaiah 11:6-9) describes *shalom*, the condition of living in harmony and mutual good will.

103 Come Now, O Prince of Peace

오소서



1 Come now, O Prince of Peace; make us one bod - y.
2 Come now, O God of love; make us one bod - y.
3 Come now and set us free, O God, our Sav - ior.
4 Come, hope of u - ni - ty; make us one bod - y.



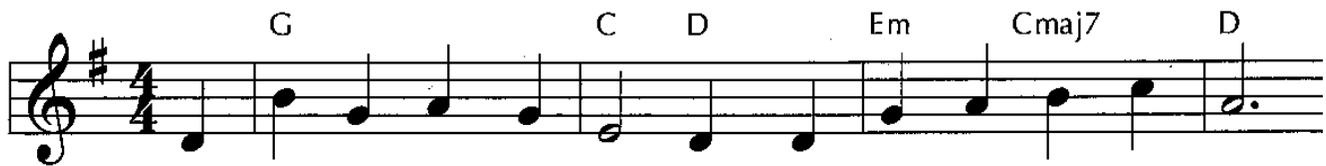
Come, O Lord Je - sus; rec - on - cile all peo - ple.

KOREAN

- 1 오소서 오소서 평화의 임금
우리가 한몸 이루게 하소서
- 2 오소서 오소서 사랑의 임금
우리가 한몸 이루게 하소서
- 3 오소서 오소서 자유의 임금
우리가 한몸 이루게 하소서
- 4 오소서 오소서 통일의 임금
우리가 한몸 이루게 하소서

Originally created for a 1988 world conference for the peace and reunification of the Korean peninsula, these four stanzas centering on peace, love, freedom, and unity demonstrate how texts for particular situations can become hymns that speak deeply to shared human longings.

We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom 378



1 We wait the peace-ful king-dom, when wolf and lamb shall lie
 2 Where is the peace-ful king-dom? When will this new day start?
 3 When wars of des-o-la-tion and hate come to an end,
 4 That lit-tle child shall lead us to walk the cho-sen way,



in gen-tle-ness and friend-ship with-out a fear or sigh,
 We long for peace and com-fort to reign with-in each heart.
 when na-tion meets with na-tion and calls the oth-er "friend,"
 to share the peace-ful king-dom, to greet God's new-born day.



when li-on shall be graz-ing, when snake shall nev-er strike;
 Yet not in our lives on-ly, nor sim-ply in our home:
 still peace in all its full-ness will on-ly have be-gun:
 The child born in a sta-ble is sent to break our chains,



a lit-tle child shall lead us both strong and weak a-like.
 we pray that all cre-a-tion will one day find sha-lom.
 sha-lom for all cre-a-tion be-gins with jus-tice done.
 to bring through word and ta-ble the day when jus-tice reigns.

This text paraphrases Isaiah 11:6–9 in the first stanza, then reflects on that passage in widening frames of reference from self to all creation and identifies its "little child" with one born at Bethlehem. The tune is named for the composer's sister, his first piano teacher.

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MUSIC: Hal H. Hopson, 1983

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MERLE'S TUNE

7.6.7.6.D

1 Lord of all good, our gifts we bring to you;
 2 We give our minds to un - der - stand your ways;
 3 Fa - ther, whose boun - ty all cre - a - tion shows;

use them your ho - ly pur - pose to ful - fill,
 hands, eyes, and voice to serve your great de - sign;
 Christ, by whose will - ing sac - ri - fice we live;

to - kens of love and pledg - es brought a - new,
 heart with the flame of your own love a - blaze,
 Spir - it, from whom all life in full - ness flows:

that our whole life is of - fered to your will.
 till for your glo - ry all our powers com - bine.
 to you with grate - ful hearts our - selves we give.

A pastor wrote this text for a Christmas fair, which perhaps added echoes to the words "gifts" and "give" in the first two stanzas. But no hints are needed to grasp the full meaning of this hymn's final line. The text is set to a shortened form of a widely used Genevan tune.

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Holy, Holy, Holy

Capo 3: (Em) (D) (C) (D) (Em) (Am)
 Gm F Eb F Gm Cm

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
 pow - er, God of might, heav - en and earth are

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text
 MUSIC: Marty Haugen, 1984
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SANCTUS (Haugen)

SERVICE MUSIC

(C) (D) (Em) (Am) (D)
 Eb F Gm Cm F

full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
 high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the

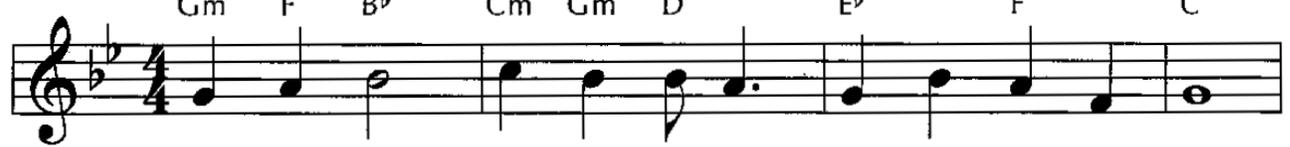
(D) (A) (Am) (D)
 F C Cm F

name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
 high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

(Em) (Am) (D) (Bm7) (E)
 Gm Cm F Dm7 G

Christ Has Died; Christ Is Risen 566

Capo 3: (Em) (D) (G) (Am) (Em) (B) (C) (D) (A)
Gm F B^b Cm Gm D E^b F C



Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.

(Em) (D) (G) (Am) (Em) (B) (C) (D) (Bm7) (E)
Gm F B^b Cm Gm D E^b F Dm7 G



Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text
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MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION 1 (Haugen)

77 Isaiah the Prophet Has Written of Old

1 I - sa - iah the proph - et has writ - ten of old how
 2 Yet na - tions still prey on the meek of the world, and

God's new cre - a - tion shall come. In - stead of the thorn tree, the
 con - flict turns par - ent from child. Your peo - ple de - spoil all the

fir tree shall grow; the wolf shall lie down with the lamb. The
 sweet - ness of earth; the briar and the thorn tree grow wild. God,

moun - tains and hills shall burst forth in - to song, the
 bring to fru - i - tion your will for the earth, that

This 20th-century paraphrase of Isaiah 11:6–9 and 55:11–13 was created specifically for this anonymous shape note tune (whose name is Hebrew for “listener”). The movement from near rhymes in stanza one to exact rhymes in stanza two reinforces the theme of fulfilled prophecy.

GOD'S COVENANT WITH ISRAEL

peo-ples be led forth in peace, for the earth shall be filled
no one shall hurt or de-stroy, that wis-dom and jus-

with the knowl-edge of God as the wa-ters cov-er the sea.
tice shall reign in the land and your peo-ple shall go forth in joy.

The musical score is written in a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and a common time signature. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are placed between the vocal and piano lines. The first system ends with a double bar line, and the second system ends with a final cadence.