

Order of Service for the 2nd Sunday of Advent

December 8, 2024

10:00 a.m.

Introit "Celtic Advent Carol" Angerman & Barrett
Welcome
Opening Prayer
Pageant

First Reading Luke 1:26-33
Carol No. 116 vs. 1,3 "Angels We Have Heard on High"

Second Reading Luke 2:1, 4-7
Carol No. 137 "Away in a Manger"

Third Reading Luke 2:8-16
Carol No. 134 vs. 1,4 "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

Fourth Reading Matthew 2:1-5, 7-12
Carol No. 130 vs. 1,3 "Joy to the World!"

Lighting the Advent Candle of Peace

Choir: *What can I give him, poor as I am? If I were a Shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
If I were a Wise One, I would do my part; Yet what can I give Him? I will give my heart.*

On this second Sunday of Advent we gather with great anticipation for the gift God will reveal.

We open our hearts to the gift of peace.

The promise of peace is the Divine Gift we receive.

And what will we do with this gift?

The gift of Christ's peace reminds us that we can have serenity even in the midst of non-peaceful situations. Peace is not simply the absence of conflict. Peace is an ever-present gift we can open at any time when we stop, breathe, and trust that we are never alone. And the gift of peace we can give is to be present for those who feel alone.

We light this Candle of Peace as a sign that we will be Present with Peace in the world.

Gospel Lesson Luke 3:1-6 (pew bible pg. 1593)

Sermon

Morning Prayers

Prayer of Our Savior

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 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 "Veni Immanuel" Iona

Offering

Doxology "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given!

So God imparts to human hearts the glorious love of heaven.

No one discerns God's coming, but in this world of sin,

Where yearning souls long to be whole, the dear Christ enters in.

Prayer of Dedication

In response to your gracious presence, in hope of your kin-dom, and in trust of your good purposes; we bring these gifts to you. Amen.

Hymn No. 109 "Watchman, Tell Us of the Night"

Blessing

Postlude

Thank you for joining us today!

Monthly Food Drive is this Wednesday from 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. This month's drive supports the Norton Senior Center.

Next Sunday, December 15, is Music Sunday - a celebration of Christmas Songs Around the World, featuring Choir, Organ, Handbells, Carol Sing-a-long, and refreshments! Following refreshments, all ages are welcome to carpool around town to spread Christmas joy by caroling for some of our at-home members and at Daggett-Crandall-Newcomb Home.

Coffee Hour Hosts: Valerie Jones & Linda Corsaro

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TCC Prayers and Blessings:

Heather Barto and family, friends of Esther O'Dette, on the passing of her husband Gene.

Pam Holman; Sandy Anderson; Pat Wedge; Mal Haskins; Jim Stewart; Becky McGrath;
Karen Antonio; Ed Dearborn; Margaret Blake; Lauren Penta, friend of Donna & Paul Salvas;
Leticia Suarez, friend of Kirk Anderson

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