



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

“What Child is This?”

December 7, 2025

10:00 am

*please rise as you are able, in body or spirit.

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

INTROIT

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE – The Green Family

We light this candle of Peace for those who need it most.

For all who are being silenced.

For all who are afraid to speak out.

For all who know that peace comes with justice.

Our question for today at the scene of the nativity is this: “How will we cry out for true peace for ALL people? How will we soothe the trauma of the world in our time?” What child IS this?

**This, this, is the Prince of Peace who invites us to
proclaim his reign forever.**

CANDLELIGHTING CAROL

(Handchimes Choir rings 1 verse, then congregation sings)

**Why lies he in such mean estate
where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here
the silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear, shall pierce him through;
the cross be borne for me, for you.
Hail, hail, the Word made flesh,
the babe, the son of Mary!**

CONFESSION OF SIN *(Unison)*

**Gracious and welcoming God, have mercy on your
people. We too often keep silence when we should
cry out for justice. We do not see others as beloved
children whom you have made. In your mercy,
forgive us, for we repent of our ways. Show us the
true meaning of peace on earth, good will for all.
Amen.**

*The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.*

[You are invited to exchange signs of peace with one another.]

RESPONSE TO PARDON*

121, v. 4

**O holy Child of Bethlehem, Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin and enter in, Be born in us today!
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Emmanuel!**

A TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

SPECIAL MUSIC *“Lo, How a Rose”* Handchimes Choir

OLD TESTAMENT – Isaiah 11:1-10 Frieda Bostian

OFFERING OF MUSIC Adult Choir

“Let the Christ Child In”

GOSPEL* – Luke 1:5-25; 57-80

SERMON *“The Silent Word (Peace)”* Linda Dickerson

SAYING WHAT WE BELIEVE

The coming of Jesus was itself the coming of God’s promised rule. Through his birth, life, death, and resurrection, he brings about the relationship between God and humanity that God always intended.

HYMN* *“In the Bleak Midwinter”* 144

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

*The Lord be with you. **And also with you.***

*Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.***

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

... And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**♪ Holy, holy, holy, God of pow'r and might.
Raise we now, "Hosanna," to the highest height.
Heav'n and earth proclaim it, in all time and space.
Blest are we to meet you, in this holy space.**

... as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**♪ Christ came to uplift us, by his life we give.
Christ gave up his lifeblood, by his death we live.
Christ comes to us now, still, as we gather here.
Christ will come again, so, nothing shall we fear.**

**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.**

Words of Institution

Sharing of Bread and Cup

Prayer:

**♪ So, my friends and neighbors, now it's up to us.
May we welcome strangers, building faith and trust.
May we live like Jesus in our time and place
'Til this weary people know amazing grace.**

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION*

CHORAL RESPONSE, #92, V. 1* *Congregation and Choir*

**While we are waiting, come;
While we are waiting, come.
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel,
While we are waiting, come.**