

MORNING WORSHIP AT 8:30 & 11:00 A.M.

“Finding Our Way into Peace”

GATHERING: PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

In Preparation for Worship

“It is not enough to say we must not wage war. It is necessary to love peace and sacrifice for it.”

— Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

As the lights are dimmed, please watch for the coming of the light.

Bringing the Light

Craig, Jessica, Eliza, and George Herceg (8:30a) Rob, Rebekah, Katelyn, and Jack Weaver (11:00a)

Call to Worship & Lighting of the Advent Candle

(Adapted: Isaiah 2:4 + ‘I Will Light Candles This Christmas’ by Howard Thurman)

One: As the Lord has promised, in days to come

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

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

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

One: A candle of hope where despair keeps watch.

A candle of peace for these tempest-tossed days.

May they help us to find our way.

All: Let us walk in the light of the Lord. Amen.

Opening Voluntary (A musical prayer offered on behalf of the people of God.)

(8:30a) “The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came” Basque Carol James Patten Janlee Richter, Organ

(11:00a)

“People, Look East” Helen Hofmeister, Organ

arr. Robert Powell

Sharing the Life of Westminster

Rev. Jen Porter

++ Hymn 82

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

Hyfrydol

Call to Confession

Rev. Laurie Hartzell

(Trusting that God is love, we express our lament, our brokenness, and our failings to God.)

Prayer of Confession

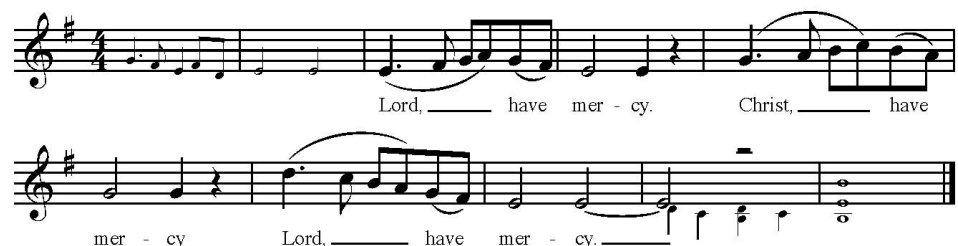
Holy God, Three-in-One, you are perfect unity, perfect communion, and perfect love. We are made in your image, yet we often fail to live into unity, communion, and love. We allow injustice in the world. Our lives are meant to glorify you, but we often glorify ourselves first. We are meant to be instruments of your peace, but we often sow the seeds of war. Forgive us when we fail, and when we ignore our neighbors, ourselves, and you. Hear our prayer, and show us mercy.

Silent Confession

Kyrie - Unison

“Lord, Have Mercy”

John Weaver



++ Stand as you are able

The Assurance of God's Grace

One: Comfort, comfort my people, says our God.

All: All our sins are pardoned. All our debts are paid.

One: Speak tenderly to one another, for we are all God's beloved,

All: Nothing is too hidden or too deep to escape the reach of God's love. Nothing.

One: In Christ, we are completely known, completely loved, and completely forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God! Alleluia. Amen.

++ Response Hymn 103 (Stanza 1, sing twice)

Come now, O Prince of Peace; make us one body. Come, O Lord Jesus; reconcile all people.

++ The Passing of the Peace (A sign of forgiveness and reconciliation.)

One: Christ came, in the fullness of time, teaching us to love one another.

All: For the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.

One: The commandments are summed up in this word: Love your neighbor as yourself. And bear one another's burdens.

All: In this way we will fulfill the law of Christ.

One: May the love of God dwell in your hearts, and may the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Ministry of Music

“Wexford Carol” Irish Carol Lee Copenhaver, Cello

arr. John Rutter

Blessings with Younger Disciples

(Children three years through second grade may finish their time of worship in the Worship Centers. Children's worship leaders or parents will shepherd them from the Sanctuary to their rooms. Parents may pick them up in their worship rooms following the service.)

In the pews: May the Lord be with each of you as you worship together.

Children: And may the Lord be with each of you as you worship together.

In the pews: Go in peace!

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

(We pray that the words of Scripture may be encountered as God's Word.)

Scripture

Isaiah 11:1-10

Old Testament p. 640-641

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Finding Our Way into Peace”

Gene Ryan

Scripture

Isaiah 11:1-10

Old Testament p. 640-641

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Litany of Beginning:

Rev. Laurie Hartzell

Interim Executive Pastor and Transitional Leader

Prayer of The People and The Lord's Prayer

Chris Dugan

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

All: It is right to give thanks and praise.

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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. Amen.

Call for the Offering

Offertory

(8:30a)

“No Wind at the Window” Irish Melody Melody and words from Hymn 101

arr. John Bell

Lee Copenhaver, Cello

(11:00a)

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

arr. Jeanne E. Shaffer

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand; Ponder nothing earthly minded, for with blessing in his hand, Christ our God to earth descending, our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth he stood, Lord of lords, in human vesture, in the body and the blood, He will give to all the faithful, his own self for heavenly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way, As the Light of Light descending, from the realms of endless day, That the powers of hell may vanish as darkness clears away.

At his feet the sixwinged seraph; cherubim with sleepless eye, Veil their faces to the presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry, “Alleluia, Lord, most high.” Keep silence.

Sanctuary Choir

++ Doxology (means “words of glory” — they are a traditional expression of praise to God.)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host;

Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost!

GOING OUT TO BE THE CHURCH

++ Prayer of Dedication

God, you are the giver of all things. You reach out your hand and we are fed. May these gifts return to you a portion of what is already yours. May our hands proclaim your praise. May our feet be guided by your providence. And may we be instruments of your peace, now and forever. Amen.

++ Hymn 87

“Comfort, Comfort Now My People”

Genevan

++ Charge and Benediction

Closing Voluntary

(8:30a)

“Comfort, Comfort, These My People” Janlee Richter, Organ

Johann Pachelbel

(11:00a)

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel!” Helen Hofmeister, Organ

arr. Robert Powell

The Charge

Go into the world in peace. Have courage. Hold on to all that is good. Return no one evil for evil. Strengthen the fainthearted. Support the weak and help the suffering. Honor all people. Love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

**ADVENT:
FINDING OUR WAY**



Artwork: Painted by Sue Naum

Finding Our Way into Peace

**THE SECOND SUNDAY OF
ADVENT**

**DECEMBER 8, 2019
8:30 & 11:00 A.M.**

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

PreacherGene Ryan, Seminary Intern
LiturgistsRev. Jen Porter, Assoc. Pastor for Faith Formation & Pastoral Care
Rev. Laurie Hartzell, Interim Executive Pastor & Transitional Leader
..... Chris Dugan, Clerk of Session

Minister of MusicHelen Hofmeister

Music for Worship

8:30a & 11:00a - Lee Copenhaver, Cello
8:30a - Janlee Richter, Organ
11:00a - Sanctuary Choir
Janlee Richter, Accompanist

TODAY'S GREETERS - Are Deacons

8:30a: AtriumMelissa VanderZyden and John Preston
NarthexEric and Tracy Lanning
11:00a: AtriumRandy and Stephanie Flood
E. NarthexScott and Sharon Koop
W. NarthexSharon VanderWilp

USHERS - Team C

8:30a: Doug and Joanie Dowling, John and Sue Porter
11:00a: Keith Combs, Kari and Chris Fuller, Ann and Jim Jarvis, Kevin Larr,
Ben and Sharon Vander Wilp, Rich Zimmerman

CHILDREN'S CHOIR AND WORKSHOPS: During Christmas holidays, there will be no children's choirs or children's workshops between the services on **Sundays, December 22 and 29**. There will be worship centers and nursery during our worship services. Enjoy all our special Advent and Christmas worship experiences!

NURSERY 8:30 & 11:00a: Joel Fortuna and Staff

WORSHIP CENTER - 8:30a - *Advent II*

Leader Edie Bultman

Center 1 - 11:00a (5-year old & Kndg.) - *Advent II*

LeaderJennifer Molitor
Greeter Maggie Molitor

Center 2 - 11:00a (1st & 2nd graders) - *Advent II*

Leader Tim Born
Greeter Ian Dengerink-Van Til

Nurturing Center - 11:00a - *Safe at Last!*

LeaderCarla Fortuna
GreeterThe Radle Family

DEVOTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 8 - PSALM 72: 1-7; 18-19

Martin de Porres, born December 9, 1579, was a Peruvian lay brother of the Dominican order often celebrated by mixed-race people and those committed to dismantling racism. The son of a Spanish nobleman and a former slave from Panama, he was an advocate for those on the margins, establishing an orphanage and hospital for children. Often depicted with a broom, he considered all work sacred and was committed to service and sacrifice.

Prayer: Lord, teach us to delight in your web of life and to know ourselves in community. Amen.

From Common Prayer: A Liturgy for Ordinary Radicals.

AHEAD IN WORSHIP

Sunday Services at 8:30a & 11:00a

December 15 - The Third Sunday of Advent

Finding Our Way into Joy

Rev. Jen Porter, Preaching

Scripture: Isaiah 35:1-10

Music: Judy Kempf, Flute at 8:30a

Cantus, Cherub, and Carol Choirs

Chapel and Kirk Singers, and Sanctuary Choir at 11:00a

December 22 - The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Finding Our Way into Love

Rev. Laurie Hartzell, Preaching

Scripture: Isaiah 7:10-16

Music: Beth Colpean, Harp at 8:30 and 11:00a

Sanctuary Choir at 11:00a

FAITH FORMATION OFFERINGS
9:40 - 10:40 A.M.

Finding Our Way: Art in Advent

Throughout Advent, pieces of art will be on display in the chapel responding to each of our four passages from Isaiah. Over these four weeks, the chapel is open to walk through in prayer and reflection. During the Formation hour (12/8, 12/15) we will reflect and have conversation together. December 8 will highlight Isaiah 2:1-5 and 11:1-10, and Dec. 15 will highlight art for Isaiah 35:1-10 and 7:10-16. **In the chapel from 9:40-10:30**, with Rev. Jen Porter. *Thank you to the members of the congregation who spent time reflecting on Isaiah and finding their way into these various art mediums.*

Please remember in your prayers this week...

Advent blessings to all. May we wait with hopeful expectation, patience, and joy.

Welcome to Westminster

If you are new to Westminster, this information may help you get oriented.

WELCOME

Join us after the service in the Gathering Place or Parlor for coffee and cookies and community.

ASSISTANCE

If you'd like a large-print bulletin or a hearing device, please ask one of the ushers at a sanctuary entrance. For T-loop hearing assistance, set your hearing aid to T.

CHILDREN

Children are welcome throughout the service! Please don't worry about their coos, questions, laughs, cries, or dropped markers. Stop by the Gathering Place shelves for special worship bags/folders and children's bulletins to help children engage with worship.

Staff and volunteers offer nursery care to little ones (0-3 years) from 8:20a until 15 minutes after the 11:00a service ends. A Moms' Nursing Room is available down the Children's Ministry hallway, accessible through the nursery.

Children ages 3 through 2nd-grade will be invited to continue worship in an interactive setting in our Nurturing (ages 3-4) and Worship (K-2nd grade) Centers. They'll wait for you at the end of the service in the Children's Ministry hallway off the Gathering Place.