

# Second Sunday in Advent

December 9, 2018

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**PRELUDE** *Wake, Awake!* J. S. Bach

## CHIMING OF THE HOUR

**CALL TO WORSHIP** Jeremiah 33:14-16

**Leader:** The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah.

**People:** In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.

**Leader:** In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety.

**People:** And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness.

**\*HYMN 12** *People, Look East* Besançon

**LIGHTING OUR ADVENT CANDLES** Peter, Lara, Nick and Alex DiCorpo  
Isaiah 9:2, 6, 7

Watch and wait! God is arriving in our hearts and in our world.

**We light candles of hope, peace, joy, and love, remembering the promises of God.**

We light this candle in hope.

We light this candle for peace. (*Light candles as reader is speaking.*)

God of hope, God of peace,  
you speak peace into the world  
through the way of the Christ-child.  
Help us to live as peacemakers  
that we may be called children of God.

**God of promise, God of peace,  
Surprise us with your presence in our lives this Advent.**

**Congregational Response - O Come, O Come Emmanuel**

**O come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here, Until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS OF CHURCH LIFE

### RECEIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

**Offertory** *Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying* Choral arr. J. S. Bach

**\*Doxology and Prayer of Dedication** Hymn 592

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him all creatures here below.

Praise him above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below.

Praise God above ye heavenly host. Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

### TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Children from kindergarten through 8th grade will be dismissed to their Sunday Spirit classes.  
(Please see announcements for full details)

### TIME FOR GREETING ONE ANOTHER

### SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

### PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

\*or "Our Creator"

### THE SCRIPTURE READING

 Isaiah 11:1-9

**Leader:** A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

**People:** The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD

**Leader:** His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;

**People:** he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

**Leader:** Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

**People:** The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid,

**Leader:** the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them.

**People:** The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

**Leader:** The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

**People:** They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain;

for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

**Special Music Presentation** *Fantasia on Christmas Carols* by R. Vaughan Williams and *Rejoice and Sing* by John Rutter (see insert)

**\*HYMN 31** *Hark, the Herald Angels Sing* Mendelssohn

### BENEDICTION

**BENEDICTION RESPONSE** *Veni Immanuel* John Bell

**POSTLUDE** *Fugue on the Magnificat* J. S. Bach

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The flowers in our sanctuary today are courtesy of Mary Lou Pappas. Everyone is invited for Coffee Hour following worship. Thanks to our hosts, Diane Richter and Harriette & Louis Scott.

**Please note:** Contributions to the children's offering (in the baskets) support Bridges to Community's continued efforts in Nicaragua. Contributions to the general offering (in the plates) support the general mission of PBC.

Children's bulletins are available at both entrances to the Sanctuary.

Comments? Suggestions? Feedback? Email us at [info@bedfordpreschurch.org](mailto:info@bedfordpreschurch.org)

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### WELCOME VISITORS!

We're glad that you've joined us for worship today and hope that you'll come to Coffee Hour, immediately following the service (through the door at the front of the sanctuary to Fellowship Hall). There you'll find coffee, a Welcome Table with information about the church, and people who would be delighted to talk to you.

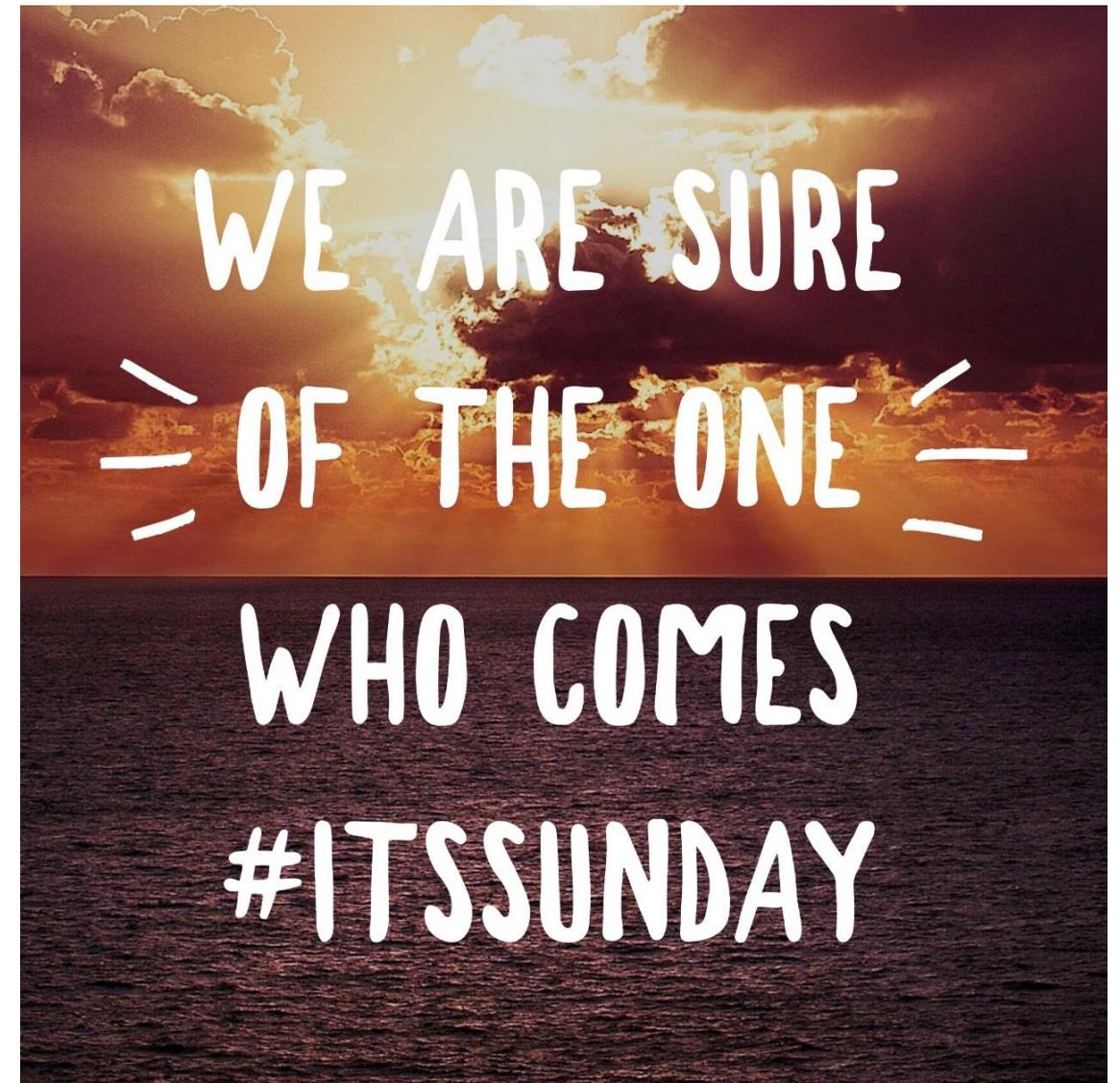
Parents - Childcare is provided for infants and toddlers in the education wing of our building. Just ask one of the ushers for directions.

A parent paging system is available for your convenience.

The Rev. John Patrick Vaughn, Pastor  
The Rev. Heather Brown-Huston, Minister for Congregational Life  
John Lettieri, Director of Music  
Kathy DiBiasi, Director of Educational Ministries  
The Rev. Leslie Mott, Coordinator for Spirituality and Practice  
Parish Associates:  
The Rev. Dorothy Muller and the Rev. Dr. James Fenimore

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