

Second Sunday of Advent

December 7th, 2025

"We are rooted in God's love, united in connecting people to Jesus"

PRELUDE MUSIC

WELCOME and INVOCATION

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

P: Advent is a time for the human heart to wait, while trusting God's timing.

C: We wait in hope for the Lord; He is our help and our shield.

P: In Him our hearts rejoice,

C: for we trust in His holy name.

P: May Your unfailing love rest upon us, O Lord,

C: even as we put our hope in You. (Psalm 33.20-22)

P: We now light the first two Advent candles – the Hope and the Peace candles.



After the candles are lighted, we speak together:

C: Jesus, You are the world's hope and answer to the brokenness of this world! We place our hope and trust in You! Amen!

OPENING HYMN: "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty" (901)
Please use the hymnal as this is a new song for us to sing

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION OF SINS AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ,

and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

ADVENT LITANY PRAYER

P: O Christ,

C: In Your first Advent You fulfilled Your promise to come to Your people.

P: O Christ,

C: You came to save us from our sin. (Matthew 1.21)

P: O Christ,

C: You have promised to return and to liberate all of creation from the bondage to decay. (Romans 8.21)

P: O Christ,

C: We look forward to that day when You return!

P: O Christ,

C: May we not become weary as we wait for You!

P: O Christ,

C: May we be watchful and ready for Your return.

P: O Christ,

C: Come, Lord Jesus, come! Amen!

ADVENT HYMN OF PRAYER: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (357, vs. 1-4)

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray together:

C: Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, Amen!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (10:30)

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

The Old Testament reading for today, from **Isaiah 11:1–10**, gives us a stunning promise of the peace-filled kingdom that God will bring through the righteous Branch from Jesse's stump.

Our Epistle reading from **Romans 15:4–13** calls us to live in the hope and unity that Christ gives, so that His peace may abound among us..

The Gospel reading from **Matthew 3:1–12** shows John the Baptist preparing the way for Jesus, calling people to repentance so that they may receive the peace of His coming kingdom.

Please stand for the reading of the Gospel

L: These are the Words of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed (Screens)

SERMON HYMN: "What Hope! An Eden Prophesied" (342)

THE SERMON: Isaiah 11.1-10

THANKOFFERING and OFFERTORY

PRAYERS & THE LORD'S PRAYER

AFFIRMATION OF HOPE

P: To You, O God, Father, Son, and Spirit, be all honor and glory in
Your holy Church forever and ever. Amen!

**C: CHRIST HAS COME! CHRIST IS RISEN! CHRIST SHALL COME
AGAIN!**

BENEDICTION

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: "Lift High the Cross" (837)

Pastor: We have gathered this morning to worship the Lord, to be renewed
and strengthened in God's love and the forgiveness of sins. As we go, let
us remember who we are and what we do:

**C: "We are rooted in God's love, united in connecting people to
Jesus."**

Pastor: You are dearly loved and treasured by God, planted and growing
in God's love. As God's beloved children, go in peace! Love one another!
Be a blessing! Share the faith! Serve the Lord with gladness!

C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE MUSIC

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