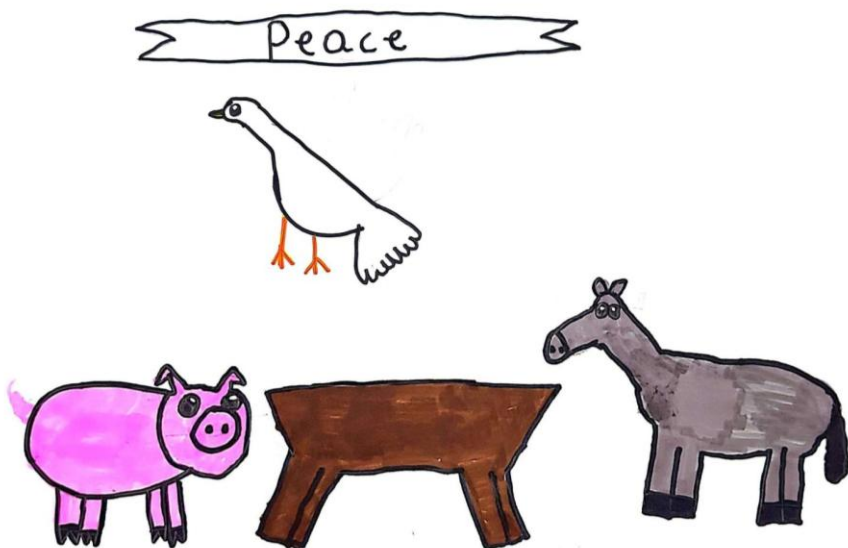


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December 7, 2025
Second Sunday of Advent

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

***SONG**

“He Came Down”
(Sing “Peace” for the changing word)

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***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: People of God,

All: Live in the peace of the Lord.

Lighting the Advent candle of Peace

The Dubs Family

Family: People of God,

All: Live in the peace of the Lord!

Family: We follow Christ, who was covered by the Spirit of the Lord.

People of God,

All: Live in the peace of the Lord!

Family: We watch for Christ, who judged with righteousness and equity.

People of God,

All: Live in the peace of the Lord!

Family: We worship Christ, who still calls creation together: wolf and lamb, leopard and goat, cow and bear, lion and ox; old and young, left and right, rich and poor, you and me. People of God,

All: Live in the peace of the Lord!

Family: We wait for God’s kingdom coming, when no one will hurt or destroy the earth; when all will be full of the knowledge of the Lord.

People of God,

All: Live in the peace of the Lord.

Family: We light the second candle, praying for God’s peace, God’s coming kingdom. People of God,

All: Live in the peace of the Lord.

***PASSING THE PEACE**

Peace be with you!

People: And also with you.

***SONG**

"While We Are Waiting, Come"

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CALL TO CONFESSION & PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, thank you for your grace. You have called us to walk with you, but we have not followed. Forgive us when we ignore you and each other. Have mercy on us and show us your way so that we can learn to do your will. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

***GRATEFUL RESPONSE**

"In Dulci Jubilo"

**Good Christian friends, rejoice, With heart and soul and voice;
Now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all, To gain His everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!**

THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Luke 1:26-56

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

THANKSGIVING

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERING MUSIC

***OFFERING RESPONSE**

(tune of *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God, all Spirit messengers below.
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

All: God of peace and possibility, we offer these gifts so that they may be transformed into your good news for the sake of the world. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

Prayer response: "Lord, in you Mercy, **Hear our Pray**"

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

HOLY COMMUNION

HYMN OF PREPARATION

"Come to the Table of Grace"

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WORDS OF INVITATION & GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also, with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE

Pastor: Therefore we praise you, joining the song of the universal church and heavenly choir:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

(Sanctus)

J. M. S.

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly

Lord God of power and might.

Heav'n and earth are full of thy glo - ry.

Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord Most

High. Ho - san - na in the high - est!

Bless - ed is He that come - th in the name of the

Lord, Ho - san - na in the high - est!

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

All: Christ has died! Christ has risen! Christ will come again!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION & DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

COMMUNION PRAYER

God our hope, we give you thanks that you have given us this foretaste of the justice, righteousness, and peace of your promised new creation. Strengthen us with this heavenly food as we seek to serve your holy realm. Lead us to live in joyful expectation of the coming again in glory of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SENDING

***SONG**

“It Came Upon a Midnight Clear”

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***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE