

COMMUNITY OF FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Sunday, December 4, 2016

Worship 11:00am

Second Sunday of Advent

+ All who are able may stand

*Regular type, one speaks; **bold type, everyone speaks.***

Preparing Ourselves

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Christ Candle

+Call to Worship

L: Blessed be the Lord our God, who alone does wondrous things!

P: Blessed be God's glorious name forever! May God's glory fill the whole earth!

+Prayer of the Day

We are here to praise and worship you, O God, for the wonderful works you fill our hearts and lives with. You are the center of our being; you belong to us and we are yours. May we truly be changed by your presence in our lives. Hear us as we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who taught us also to pray: *Our Father in heaven, hallowed by your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.*

First Reading Isaiah 11:1-10

+Hymn of Praise

Comfort, Comfort You My People

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Prayer of Confession

John the Baptist calls us to repent, not only because we regret our actions but also because the kingdom of God is near, and we must prepare. What do you need to repent of this week? Please share with someone near you; then pray with each other for the forgiveness of Christ.

Response: Advent Candle Lighting

P: *This morning we light the second candle, the candle of peace. When we offer peace to one another, it isn't just a greeting, it is the power of God. As God's people we have this power, if we will only use it. We begin with ourselves, offering ourselves peace; we move to our families and friends, bringing peace to their lives; and we go into the world carrying God's peace with us.*

L: The peace of Christ be with you all.

P: And also with you.

Anthem

Hearing God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

God of light and life, open our hearts and minds to your word, that we may find in it hope for our lives and for the world. Amen.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 3:1-12

Sermon

The Power of Peace

Rev. Sharon Carter

Responding With Thanks and Praise

The Service of Giving

Prayer of Dedication

Musical Offering

+Response of Praise

O Come, All Ye Faithful (refrain only)

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O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him,

O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

Celebration of Holy Communion

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and Lord's Prayer

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Holy holy holy is the Lord of hosts (2x)

The whole world is full of his glory (3x)

Holy is the Lord!

Great is the mystery of faith: **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

Breaking of the Bread, Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

Going Forth to Love and Serve

+Sending Hymn

Shalom Chaverim!

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+The Charge

+The Benediction

+ The Postlude