

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Passing the Peace of Christ

Introit

Lighting of the Advent Candle – Peace

*CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Welcome one another as Christ welcomes you;
let all together sing praise to the glory of God.

**ALL: Blessed be the God who brings us together
whose amazing wonders fill the universe.**

ONE: We are greeted by a voice beyond our hearing;
welcomed by a presence far greater than we can know.

**ALL: All creation speaks to us of our Creator
who calls us into this community of caring people.**

ONE: Listen, people of God, for a message of hope;
look around you for the opportunities to share good news.

**ALL: The God of hope fill us with joy and peace;
the Holy Spirit empowers us to serve in humble trust.**

*Song of Praise “Hark! the Herald Angels Sing” Celebration Hymnal No. 277

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION:

Defender of the poor and needy, meet us here in our own poverty and need. Prepare your way within us and among us. We want to lay aside all pretense and selfish ambition that cut us off from you and the people around us. Grant us here a vision of your realm in which harmony prevails and peace abound. Amen.

Worship in Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

*Doxology

*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.*

*Offertory Prayer

We gather...

Jim Haling and Elizabeth Schlaff

We connect...

Congregational Prayer

Sharing Prayer Concerns

Song of Reflection “It Came upon the Midnight Clear” Celebration Hymnal No. 267

Pastoral Prayer

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 debts,

as we forgive our debtors and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power

and the glory forever. Amen.

Choral Response

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 11:1-10

*Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.

World without end. Amen, Amen.

Choir Anthem

“Children’s Time”

Rev. Lew Worthington

Sermon

“Peace Attack!”

Rev. Lew Worthington

We receive...

*Hymn of Response “I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day” Celebration Hymnal #251

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

“Emmanuel”

Emmanuel, Emmanuel

His name is called Emmanuel;

God with us, revealed in us;

His name is called Emmanuel.

We respond...

*Postlude

*We invite you to stand if you are able.

Isaiah 11:1-10

- 11** A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots.
- ²The 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.
- ³His 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;
- ⁴but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
- ⁵Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins.
- ⁶The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them.
- ⁷The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
- ⁸The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.
- ⁹They 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.
- ¹⁰On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

All: Thanks be to God!

Church Covenant

We are banded together as a Christian Church to maintain the worship of God the Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer; to proclaim the gospel of Christ, to develop in ourselves and others a consciousness of our relationship and duties to God and each other; to create a spirit of love for truth, a passion for righteousness and enthusiasm for service; to respect and protect all of God's creation. To this end we pledge our loyalty to Christ and covenant with God and with each other to strive to express God's spirit in our individual and corporate life; to live together as Christians and to submit ourselves to the government of this church, working, giving, praying for its increase, purity and peace, seeking in every way to make it a power for the building up of the Kingdom of God.

We love...

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