

Second Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 4, 2022

THEME: Visioning a Renewed Nation and World



A voice cried out,
"Make straight in the desert a highway." Isaiah 40:2

GATHERING

Greeting and Welcome to Worship

Call to Worship

Leader: In these darkening days, we come seeking peace.

People: We seek serenity within ourselves.

Leader: We seek harmony within our families.

People: We seek goodwill among our neighbors.

Leader: We seek a ceasefire among all nations.

People: We seek not just the absence of conflict,

Leader: But the presence of shalom, we seek—

People: Abiding peace, the healing of life, the unrelenting justice that God calls us to in Christ.

Leader: Let us worship with Divine hope.

*Opening Hymns (3)

Advent and Christmas Carols are located between pages 82 and 153 in *Glory to God*.

Please be prepared with the page number of the carol you wish to sing.

Lighting the Advent Candles – Hope and Peace

Reader 1: In a world where so many experience violence, God lights a candle of peace in our hearts.

Reader 2: We wait together for a Saviour, who will be Immanuel, Christ the Lord.

Reader 1: Hear the word of the Lord: By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.' Luke 1: 78, 79

Hymns (2)

* Hymn "Away in a Manger" #115

Time with Our Children

Scripture: Isaiah 40:1-11

*Hymn #163 "Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice"

Meditation- "The Day Jesus Drew Bad Press"

Hymns (3)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

God of timeless grace, you fill us with joyful expectation. As we offer our gifts, make us ready for the message that prepares the way, that with uprightness of heart and holy joy we may eagerly await the kingdom of your Son, Jesus Christ, who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. AMEN

Closing Carols (3)

Charge to the People:

Leader: God who has compassion on our weaknesses and concern for our wellbeing, give us confidence in the generosity of Your forgiveness and an enormous thankfulness out of Your liberality—a liberality of grace which helps us again and again.

People: As people who gathered by the Jordan River for change and renewal, help us to grow the courage, love, and understanding which are the hallmarks of Your Reign; and to live in ways to make this world a place where life can flourish. AMEN

Please be seated as we sing "Silent Night" #122

The End of Worship

The Beginning of Service

*Those who wish may stand

Rev. James Shuler, Interim Pastor

Mrs. Dianne Yuninger, Organist/Choir Director

Prayers of the Congregation

Prayer Family this week: **John Jr. & Kristine Shirk**

The Sanctuary Flowers are in Memory of my husband Eugene Sowers
who passed away 6 years ago

Given by Betty Sowers

Chancel Choir rehearsal follows worship this morning.

Also, our **Advent Study** continues following worship. We will meet together to learn about and reflect on scriptural understandings of time and the proclamations surrounding them.

The forms to order **Poinsettia plants** are in the Narthex. Please complete the form along with your payment to the church office by next Sunday, December 11.

Our next **Community Meal** will be this Thursday, December 8. The menu is ham, mashed potatoes, green beans, cranberry sauce, and cookies and ice cream for dessert.

The **Toys for Tots** box is in the narthex until the middle of December. Please give as you want. Last season we gave to over 5,000 children. If it wasn't for Toys for Tots, there would be children who receive nothing for Christmas. There is much need in Lancaster County. Thanks ahead of time for your help!

Leacock Presbyterian Church

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