Heritage
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 4, 2022 — 2nd Sunday in Advent

GATHERING IN THE LORD'S PRESENCE

Boldface = All speak
❖ = All who are able, please stand.

PRELUDE.... "Carol of the Bells" *M. Leontovich Arr. by Jeanine Yeager*

WELCOME

CHORAL INTROIT . "Brethren, We Have Met to Worship" vs 1 & 3 . **#396**
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ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

Last Sunday we lit the candle of Hope, remembering the hope which comes in Christ. Today we light the second candle of Advent, the candle of Peace. God has a peaceful dream for the world, and we dream it too. We dream of peaceful world full of wolves and leopards and lions eating and sleeping and dancing with lambs, kids, and calves.

We dream of a peaceful world where nations come together, where war is a memory, and we eat at one table.

We light this candle in Peace.

On this day, we remember the Lord of All who brings peace surpassing all understanding.

❖**HYMN**....“Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah” vs 2 ... **#85**
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❖**CALL TO CONFESSION**

❖**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God of the future, you are coming in power to bring all nations under your rule. We confess that we have not expected your kingdom. We accept lies as truth, exploit neighbors, abuse the earth, and refuse your justice and peace. (a time for silent confession) **In your mercy, forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your way, and to seek things that will endure when Christ comes to judge the world. Amen.**

❖**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

❖**AFFIRMING THE PEACE AMONG US**

The peace of Christ be with you!
And also with you!

The children may go back to Sunday School at this time.

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HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Savior God, guide us by your Word and Spirit that we might hear your truth, heed your call and be prepared for Christ’s birth this Christmas. Amen.

1st SCRIPTURE ..... Psalm 126, p. 887
Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. **Thanks be to God.**

MEDITATION ..... “Fresh Perspective”

❖**HYMN** .....“Give Thanks” ..... **#647**
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2ND SCRIPTURE ..... Luke 7:36-49, p. 1472
Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. **Thanks be to God.**

MEDITATION..... “Full Relationship”

❖**HYMN**..... “Spirit, Open My Heart” ..... **#692**
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3RD SCRIPTURE ..... 2 Timothy 1:1-7, p. 1695
Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. **Thanks be to God.**

MEDITATION..... “Recalling”

ANTHEM ..... “There’s Still My Joy”..... Heritage Choir
(Words and music by Melissa Manchester, Matt Rollings and Beth Chapman; arr. By Roger Emerson)

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

❖**HYMN**.....“In the Singing”..... **#533**
(Text: Shirley Erena Murray (1994), Tune: Carlton R. Young (1996) © 1996 Hope Publishing Company)

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.
It is truly right and our greatest joy…
…sing to the glory of Your name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.
You are holy, O God of majesty…
…Great is the mystery of faith:
Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.
Gracious God, pour out… … and forever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER (using debts and debtors)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION
The gifts of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God

SHARING OF THE MEAL
Those that wish to partake of communion within the worship space will be invited to the communion table (please remember social distancing) and you will be served a cup of juice and a cup of bread (all elements are gluten free.) Return to your seats to partake of the elements.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
Let us pray together: **God of grace, you renew us at your table with the bread of life. May this food strengthen us in love and help us to serve you in each other. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.**

❖**HYMN** ..... "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"..... **#82**
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OFFERING OUR RESOURCES & OUR ENERGY

DOXOLOGY ..... Genevan Psalter (Public Domain)..... **#606**

GOING FORTH TO SERVE

OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT AND SERVE
Check the Monday email for details about many upcoming opportunities to connect and serve, including:

- Christmas Dinner today at 5 pm.
- Outreach Community Center's Christmas Store volunteer opportunities
- Poinsettia Decorations - The cost is $13 for each poinsettia and payment is due by Dec 11.

❖**HYMN** ..... "Go to the World"..... **#295**
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❖**CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE ....."Rejoice and Be Merry"
Traditional English Arr. by Michael Scott

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