



Nurture Good News

INDEPENDENCE PRESBYTERIAN

THE OLD STONE CHURCH OF INDEPENDENCE

I am bringing you Good News of great joy for all the people.



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT ~ PEACE

December 8, 2024



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Restore us, O God; make your face shine on us, that we may be saved.

~ Psalm 80:3

~ GATHERING TOGETHER ~

PRELUDE

ADVENT BLESSING (*Luke 2:10, Philippians 1:7, Kate Bowler*)

For see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all people.
For all of us share in God's grace.

GATHERING SAVIOR OF THE NATIONS, COME GTG #102
Ambrose of Milan (NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND) *Verses 1, 2*

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES

We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ.

As the Holy One has promised, in days to come:

the wolf will go and live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the young goat,
the baby cow and lion cub will be friends,
and a small child shall lead them.

In peace, let us walk in the light of the Holy One.



***HYMN** WHILE WE ARE WAITING, COME GTG #92
Claire Cloninger WAITING (Cason)

POURING THE BAPTISMAL WATERS

CHILDREN OF GOD THE BOY, THE MOLE, THE FOX AND THE HORSE

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we confess we prefer the crooked paths where we think we can hide from you. We'd rather you didn't examine us too closely, all we do and fail to do. Yet you are coming not to judge, but to save us from our sins and our love of sinning. So come, Lord, by crooked path or straight, to enter our aching hearts. In the certainty of your grace we make our prayer. Amen. [*Silent Confession*]

***RESPONSE** O LORD, HAVE MERCY GTG #578
Guarani melody ORÉ PORIAJÚ VEREKÓ

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON** *(based on Philippians 1:6-7)*

Believe the good news: **in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

***PASSING OF THE PEACE** *(from Rev. Bruce Reyes-Chow)*

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

SPREAD THE WORD

OUTREACH TEAM

~ SHARING IN THE GOSPEL ~

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

HEBREW BIBLE

MALACHI 3:1-4

Pew Bible p.838(OT)

HYMN

HE CAME DOWN

GTG #137

Cameroon song

HE CAME DOWN

GOSPEL LESSON

MARK 1:1-8

Pew Bible p.32(NT)

Hear what the Holy Spirit is telling God's people.

For all of us share in God's grace.

SERMON

NURTURE PEACE

FOR PEACE *(from Have a Beautiful, Terrible Advent)*

Restore us, O God; make your face shine on us, that we may be saved.

God, we long for peace, but we have already drawn our blades.

We are at war with each other and within ourselves.

Oh, Jesus, come to us.

Come suddenly, into the center of our deepest need.

Come swiftly into the chaos of our conflict and distress.

Establish the peaceful order of your rule, not ours.

Your kingdom, not ours.

Reign with mercy over our communities, our neighborhoods, our nation.

Blessed are we who look to you, Jesus,

to be the change we cannot enact.

Come, prince of peace, to our troubled world.

~ *TENDING THE GOOD NEWS* ~

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

COLIN BARKER ~ DOUG BARSTOW ~ JULIE BARSTOW
CAROLYN HOCUTT ~ TOM HOCUTT

PROFESSION OF FAITH (*Apostles' Creed*)

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

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| *RESPONSE | GLORIA A DIOS | GTG #585 |
| | Peruvian melody | MACHU-PICHU |

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

~ *GOING FORTH TO NURTURE* ~

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| *HYMN | LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING | GTG #366 |
| | Charles Wesley | HYFRYDOL |

*BENEDICTION (*from Luke 2*)

I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people.
They made known what had been told them,
and all who heard it were amazed.

POSTLUDE

Next Week: Third Sunday of Advent (Lessons and Carols)