

MORNING WORSHIP

December 8, 2024

Half past Ten O' Clock

Second Sunday of Advent

*When the organ begins, please prepare for worship through silent prayer and meditation.
Following the service, greet one another with joy and affection!*

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

TIME OF MEDITATION AND REFLECTION

+WELCOME AND NOTICES

PRELUDE

In Dulci Jubilo

J. S. Bach

INTROIT

He Is Born
Selwyn-Quail Hollow Ringers

arr. Mark Arnold

LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE

The Riley Family

Reader: People of God, listen! A voice cries out in the wilderness.

People: What does the voice say?

Reader: People of God, look! The time has come to plan for the coming of God's kin-dom.

People: When will the kin-dom come?

Reader: The kin-dom of God is near at hand, and the glory of God shall be revealed.

People: We will plan and prepare for the way of the Lord.

UNISON PRAYER

Creator God, all too often, we put too much faith in our own plans.

Help us to trust in Your plans present in the covenant of baptism.

As we continue to plan for the coming of Christ, help us trust in Your plans for salvation,

which You embodied by coming to live among us. As we plan for our upcoming celebrations,

help us to remember to plan for the coming of Your Kingdom, on earth as it is in Heaven. Amen.

+*HYMN 372

"O for a World"

AZMON

*CALL TO CONFESSION

If we say we are without sin, we are not truthful. We have need of God's grace each day to restore the peace between us and God and one another.

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, too often we seek a peace of tranquility, rather than zeal. We seek to keep a peace that retains our privilege and status quo. We fail to seek a peace that is joy and hope for the oppressed, the lost, the lonely, and forgotten. We lack zeal for peace that demands sacrifice, humility, and change. By Your spirit, send us to be peacemakers with Your zeal. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel!

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

A MESSAGE FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Immediately following the Baptism, children age four through second grade are invited to Children's Chapel.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM FOR PARKS SOULE BROMBERGER

Clark Walton, Assisting Elder

+Invitation to Baptism

The Meaning of Baptism

Questions to the Parents and Congregation

*Affirmation of Faith (Unison)

The Apostles' Creed

Prayer and the Act of Baptism

Greeting a Child of God

Leader: Parks Soule Bromberger is now identified as a child of God in Christ's Church. Through Baptism God has put His seal upon Parks to share with us all the benefits of Christ's sacrifice. Let us be supportive of Ross and Hannah as they nurture Parks and assist him to be a faithful disciple.

People: **With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome Parks into Christ's Church, for we are all one in Christ. We promise to love, encourage and support you, to share the good news of God's love with you, and to celebrate with you God's unfolding blessings.**

*SUNG RESPONSE 159

"O Sing a Song of Bethlehem"

KINGSFOLD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 9:6-7, pew Bible p. 625

SERMON

"Peace and Zeal"

Brian Daoust

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND CALL TO OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

Text to Give

704-734-9818

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

In the Bleak Midwinter
Selwyn-Quail Hollow Ringers and Gay Pappin, organ

arr. Cathy Moglebust

*DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

Lord of blessings, prince of peace, take these gifts and bless them to be used to build a world of justice for all, so we may live together in harmony. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 623

"I've Got Peace like a River"

PEACE LIKE A RIVER

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Hark! The Glad Sound

arr. John Leavitt

*Those who are able please stand.

+Ushers may seat late worshipers

SELWYN AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WARMLY WELCOMES ALL WHO VISIT

Selwyn Avenue is glad you are with us this morning. We welcome all visitors, celebrating God's creativity in human diversity. We'd like to stay in touch with you! Please take a moment to fill out a pew card and place it in the offering plate. Please ask an usher if you need help locating the nursery, restrooms, changing tables, or large print hymnals.

Membership is by one of three paths: 1) profession of faith in Jesus Christ (for those who have never been part of a Christian church); 2) re-affirmation of faith (for those who formerly were part of a congregation but have not been involved in recent times - for example, you were baptized and/or confirmed but moved and never engaged with a new congregation); or 3) transfer of membership from another congregation (your membership is with another church). New members and prospective members are invited to participate in Orientation Classes, which are scheduled several times a year, and are a wonderful way to meet others and learn about our church and all the opportunities here. We always stand ready to be in communication with you about your particular situation. The contact information for all staff members is in the bulletin each week.

WORSHIP BAGS FOR 4 YRS. - 5TH GRADE Age-appropriate activities for readers and non-readers to encourage their participation in following along in worship are available in the narthex. Please return the bag to the basket after worship.

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