

BUCKINGHAM PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 24, 2022
COMBINED SERVICE - 10:00 A.M

Rev. Mark Piedmonte
Music – Gregory Fraser & Steve Frene
** Congregation please stand as you feel comfortable*

CHIMING OF THE BELLS

PRELUDE Ave Maria - Schubert

INTROIT – *A Child in Bethlehem*

SHEEP PEN: Light the Advent Candle 4

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING - RESPONSIVE READING

Leader: Love is the wick that is central to the candle.

All: Love is the wick, given by God. The flame that burns continually.

Leader: Love is the wick given by God that burns in the world.

All: Love is the wick given by God that burns in our hearts.

(All Three purple and one pink candles are lit.)

Leader: Let us pray:

All: Source of light, shine in our lives and in your world with your unending love.

Through Jesus in whose name we pray. Amen

ADVENT SONG: “*Light the Advent Candle*” verse 4

Light the advent candle 4, Think of joy forever more

Christ Child in a stable born, gift of love that Christmas morn

Chorus: Candle, candle burning bright, shining in the cold winter night

Candle, candle buring bright, fill our hearts with Christmas light



*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: My soul magnifies the Lord.

All: My spirit rejoices in God my savior.

Leader: For the Mighty One has done great things,

All: and holy is God’s name!

*OPENING PRAYER

Leader: By the light of Advent, let us pray:

Mighty God, your faithfulness is magnified in the coming of your Son, in the long-awaited birth of the promised Messiah. May we, like Mary, proclaim your greatness as we rejoice in our Savior, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN: What Child Is This? (GTG 145)

CALL TO CONFESSION:

Leader: Let us confess our sins to the One whose mercy endures from generation to generation.

All: Faithful God, we know that you are always there to guide us, yet we often make plans without listening to you and discover that our human agendas can drown out our ability to hear your will for us. We repent of these faults and turn to you in love.

Forgive our offenses and pardon our sins, that our lives may magnify your holy name forever. Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Sisters and brothers, by the faith of Christ, your sins are forgiven.

All: Blessed be the God of our salvation, whose mercy is everlasting! Amen.

*RESPONSE: GLORIA PATRI

*PASSING OF THE PEACE:

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with all of you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Let us take a moment to share a sign of Christ’s peace.

WORDS & GESTURES OF PEACE

SONG OF PRAISE: *My Soul Gives Glory to My God (GTG #99)*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION:

Leader: Astonishing God, send your Holy Spirit upon us as we await the coming of your on. Fill us with good things that we may conceive your reign on earth and glorify you according to your Word; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING:

Psalm 89:1–4, 19–26

Luke 1:26–55

RESPONSE TO THE READING OF GOD’S WORD

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord!

All: Thanks be to God!

Advent Sermon Series: ***All Your Favorite Christmas Classics - Hope, Peace, Joy and Love!***

MESSAGE: Week One: [A Little Love?](#)

Rev. Mark Piedmonte

HYMN: Love Has Come (GTG # 110)

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostle’s Creed (Please remain standing)

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.

PRAYERS FOR JOYS & CONCERNS (Please be seated)

THE LORD’S PRAYER (unison)

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OFFERTORY / DEDICATION: Mary Did You Know?

CLOSING HYMN: *It Came Upon A Midnight Clear (GTG 123)*

*BENEDICTION / *RESPONSE: *O Little Town of Bethlehem/The Glory of Christmas (see slides)*

POSTLUDE: Liszt



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