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December 9, 2018

Second Sunday in Advent

We Gather Together

Prelude — Andrew Sims

Welcome and Announcements

Advent Candle Lighting Litany — *The Candle of PEACE*

Sung Response (Congregation):

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and end this gloom of night.
Bring hope to the world, bring peace to the earth,
And fill us with love's pure light.

Litany (Please read the bold print):

In this season of Advent, we long for God's peace.
Christ is our light and the source of our peace.
We witness the hostility between nations and neighbours.
Christ is our light and the source of our peace.
We see a world full of fractured relationships and unforgiving hearts.
Christ is our light and the source of our peace.
We seek relief from our own inner turmoil and restlessness.
Christ is our light and the source of our peace.

A Reading (Choir member) — The Candle of Peace

Sung Response (Congregation) *(Please see above)*

Opening Prayer (in Unison)

Come child of Peace. Come and be born in our hearts.
Come and be born in this world. Come, child of Peace.
Come and be born!

*Opening Hymn — *People Look East* — **VU 9**

Children are invited to go downstairs during this hymn for the Christmas Pageant Rehearsal. There is a spot in the program for all children ages 3-12!

Special Music — *O Come O Come Emmanuel - Dobrinksi* — Handbell Choir Directed by Lois Samis Lund

We Listen for the Ongoing Word of God

Readings: — Doug Spaner
Psalm 46 — **VU 770**
Matthew 3: 1-12

Anthem — "Advent Trilogy" (*Wesley & Watts; arr.López)* — Choir Directed by Paula Roberts

Reflection — "The Voice in the Wilderness" — Rev. Valerie Oden
Special Help by Matthew Schoenhardt

*Hymn of Response — *Voice in the Wilderness* — **VU 18**

We Share our Prayers, our Gifts, our Lives

Sharing our Prayers — Dr. Joanne Olson, Parish Nurse/Care Coordinator

Prayer Hymn — *O Come, O Come Emmanuel vs 1* — **VU 1**

Prayer of the People / The Lord's Prayer (VU 921)

Offering Our Gifts — *Lo How a Rose - Dobrinski* — Handbell Choir

*Hymn of Offering Dedication — *In the Bleak Midwinter* vs. 4 — **VU 55**

*Offering Prayer

*Parting Hymn — *Herald! Sound the Note of Gladness* — **VU 28**

*Benediction

Come, child of Peace.
We await your birth with eagerness.
Come, child of Peace.
Send us into this day refreshed and ready to welcome you!

*Response — *Hope is a Star vs. 2* — **VU 7**

**denotes you are invited to stand as you are able and inclined*
***VU** refers to the red hard-bound hymnal called Voices United*

Welcome!

If you are new with us, we're glad you're here and we would love to meet you. Please also feel free to fill out a Contact Card found in the pew rack if you would like to receive our weekly email updates.

We now have a permanent new T-Coil Hearing Loop System.

Thank you to all who have donated toward it and we welcome further contributions toward the $6000 cost. Please see an AV Tech at the back if you need help or if you need a device for those without a-T-Coil

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Upcoming Events

Community Christmas Carol Sing	Sat., Dec. 15	4:00 pm
Children's Christmas Pageant	Sun. Dec. 16	10:30 am
Christmas Healing Service	Wed. Dec. 19	7:00 pm
Christmas Choir Cantata	Sun. Dec. 23	10:30 am

Christmas Eve Services

5:00 pm Candlelight Service with Choir
7:00 pm Candlelight Service with Choir & Handbells
9:00 pm Candlelight Service with Communion

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Staff Ministry Team

Valerie Oden, Lead Minister
Tom Sawyer, Minister Emeritus
Joanne Olson, Health & Care Ministry
Paula Roberts, Music Director
Andrew Sims, Accompanist
Lois Samis Lund, Handbell Choir Director
Emily Severson, Children's Ministry
Joel Fleck, Youth Co-Coordinator
Alex Rasmussen, Youth Co-Coordinator
Jacqueline Hunt, Office Manager

Ministry of the Community

Matthew Schoenhardt, Chair
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David Galbraith, Property & AV
Ray Hawrelak & Jesse Lim, AV
Carolyn Miller, Worship Slides
Peggy Robinson, Communion/Decor
Stephen & Fiona Bamforth, Communion