



The Best
Christmas Ever
“Peace”

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Second Sunday of Advent

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PRELUDE / COUNTDOWN

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor

WELCOMING OF GUESTS

Pastor

PASSING THE PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP AND LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT
CANDLE Liturgist

Liturgist: "They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious" (Isaiah 11:9-10 NRSV).

Congregation: We are the followers of that root of Jesse Isaiah spoke of. We are the ones who are now called to stand as a signal to the world, to all of creation, that peace is the will of the one who created us. Peace is the knowledge of the Lord that we proclaim from sea to shining sea.

Liturgist: "In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea proclaiming. "Repent for the kingdom of heaven has come near." And "bear fruit worthy of repentance" (Matthew 3:1,2, 8 NRSV).

Congregation: We light these candles, the candle of joyful hope and the candle of proclaimed peace, in part to remind ourselves that we are a people rising toward God's promise. But we also light them as a sign to the world, an announcement there are some who hold on to hope and there are some who work the ways of peace. We stand as a sign that Emmanuel is still our fervent prayer.

CHORAL RESPONSE

We Are Waiting

Choir

*SONGS OF PRAISE
(v. 1-4) UMH #462

Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

I've Got Peace Like a River

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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

Liturgist

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 Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended to Hell; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at 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 Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI (Inspired by *Angels We Have Heard on High*)

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(Please be seated after the singing of the Gloria Patri)

**Stand as you are able.*

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 9:6-7 (NKJV)

Liturgist

6 For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷ Of the increase of *His* government and peace *There will be* no end, Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, To order it and establish it with judgment and justice From that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

Liturgist: This is the word of God for the people of God.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S

SERMON

Pastor

CHILDREN'S PRAYER

Dear Heavenly Father, thank you for giving us peace when we are afraid. Help us to have "SHALOM" all the time. IN Jesus' Name we pray, AMEN.

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Philippians 4:4-

7

Liturgist

Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice! ⁵ Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord *is* at hand. ⁶ Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; ⁷ and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

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MISSION MOMENT

PRESENTATION OF PRAYERS AND PRAISE

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If you have a prayer need or praise that you would like to share with the congregation, please fill out a card and pass it toward the center aisle of the congregation as we are singing the Hymn of Preparation. The pastor will collect the cards during the song and pray over the cards at the chancel rail.

HYMN OF PREPARATION

(v. 1-4)

UMH #420

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

(Remain seated)

PASTORAL
PRAYER
Pastor

SERMON

Pastor

Title: The Best Christmas Ever

Theme: Peace

Purpose: Peace that transcends understanding is Christ's gift to us.
Receive His gift this Christmas season.

RECEIVING OF TITHES AND SACRIFICES (Celebrating Our Gifts)
OFFERTORY PRAYER

COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*DOXOLOGY *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings*
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*HYMN OF CELEBRATION *Let there Be Peace on Earth*
(v.1-3) UMH #431

*COMMISION / BENEDICTION
Pastor

May God, who has begun a good work within you, continue that work until the day when Christ Jesus returns. May your love overflow more and more; may you continue to grow in knowledge and understanding, so that you can clearly discern what really matters, and so that you may stand pure and blameless before God on the day of Christ's return. The God who calls you is faithful, and He will do it. Go in peace...and all of God's children said...Amen.

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Love and Fellowship*
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POSTLUDE