



The Chosen Advent Sermon Series:
"For All the People"
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PRELUDE / COUNTDOWN

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

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WELCOME OF GUEST

PASSING THE PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP / LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE OF PEACE

Liturgist

Reader: Advent reminds us that we are people who share a story, the story of Jesus, who enacts peace by judging in favor of the poor and deciding with equity for the meek of the earth. We long for the day when "the wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion will feed together, and a little child shall lead them" (Isaiah 11:6).

Congregation: Today, we choose to live the story of peace, believing that true peace comes when we seek the flourishing of all God's creation.

Reader: We light this candle of peace as a sign of our commitment to bring Light to the places the world seeks to hide until that day when all creation lives together in harmony and abundance.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Peace Like a River (v. 1-3)

TFWS #2145

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Christmas Affirmation

Liturgist

We believe in God, the creator and giver of life, who brought all creation to birth, who mothers us and fathers us, protecting, nurturing, and cherishing us.

We believe in Jesus Christ: God born among us as a fragile baby, embodying both love and the need for love, and calling us to rest in God as trustingly as a tiny child.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, breathed into us at our birth, always drawing us on to be born again, encouraging, exhorting, comforting, nourishing our growth and inspiring our living.

We believe in the reconciliation of the world to God, through Christ. Hunted at birth and humiliated at death, Christ entered our fearful darkness so that we might enter his glorious light and share the life of his resurrection.

And we believe that each new child is a glimpse of the face of God, a sign of the life to come, and a call to live in peace and celebrate living together. Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

UMH #70

GOSPEL READING: Luke 2:8-15 (NKJV)

Liturgist

⁸ Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid. ¹⁰ Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. ¹¹ For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹² And this *will* be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger."

¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying:

¹⁴ "Glory to God in the highest,

And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!"

¹⁵ So it was, when the angels had gone away from them into heaven, that the shepherds said to one another, "Let us now go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us."

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 God,

Thank You for sending Jesus and for the angels who shared the good news. Fill our hearts with Your peace and help us share peace with others. Amen.

MISSION MOMENT

PRESENTATION OF PRAYERS AND PRAISE

Prayer cards are on the information table. If you have a prayer request that you would like to share with the congregation, please fill out a card and pass it toward the center aisle as we are singing the Hymn of Preparation. The pastor will collect them during the hymn and pray over cards at the chancel rail.

HYMN OF PREPARATION

It Is Well with My Soul (v. 1-4)

UMH #377

PASTORAL PRAYER

Pastor

SERMON ANTHEM

Come Thou Fount

Choir

SERMON

Pastor

Title: The Chosen Advent Sermon Series

Theme: "For All the People"

Dominant Thought: Jesus has come to bring us peace within, because he makes peace between.

RECEIVING OF TITHES AND SACRIFICES (Celebrating our Gifts)

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Gracious God, as the angels proclaimed peace and goodwill to the shepherds, we bring our gifts with grateful hearts. Use these offerings to spread Your peace, comfort those in need, and shine Your light in the world. May our giving testify to Your love and help build a world of hope and unity. We dedicate these gifts to Your glory, praying that Your peace may become real wherever there is hurt or need. In Jesus' name, Amen.

COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings

UMH #95

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

*HYMN OF CELEBRATION

Let There Be Peace on Earth

UMH #431

*COMMISSION / BENEDICTION

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Based on Luke 2:8-15

As we prepare for Advent, remember the angels' words: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased."

May the peace of that night fill your hearts, guide you, and inspire acts of comfort, hope, and love.

May the Lord bless you and give you peace. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit...and all of God's children said...Amen

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Love and Fellowship

See screen

POSTLUDE

**Please stand as you are able*