

*All who are able are invited to stand.

Please silence electronic devices.

2nd Sunday of Advent

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Rise Up, Shepherd and Follow
Handbell Choir

Lloyd Larson

(Please use this time to pray and prepare your heart for worship.)

LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE

(8:30) Jan Thomson, Barbara Logan
(11:00) Kim and Tom Sauer

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 85)

(8:30) David Martin (11:00) Katherine Harding

Leader: Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, for He will speak peace to His people.
People: Surely God's salvation is at hand for those who fear Him, that His glory may dwell in our land.

Leader: Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

People: Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky.

Leader: The Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.

People: Righteousness will go before the Lord and will make a path for His steps.

*HYMN 48

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

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*CONFESSION OF SIN (in unison)

Almighty God, you come to us bringing the good news of peace and forgiveness. You have provided peace and grace through the cross. We confess that we are sinful, and we do not always want peace or strive for it. Often, we are combative, preferring to inflict physical or rhetorical violence on others. Please forgive our lust for violence and show us the way of Jesus Christ. Help us to be people preparing for his peaceable kingdom, on earth as it is in heaven.

(Time of silent examination, petition, and reflection)

Leader: We pray in the name of Jesus Christ.

People: Amen.

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

HYFRYDOL

Come, Thou long expected Jesus, born to set Thy people free; from our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in Thee. Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth Thou art; dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

THE WORD

*SHARING OF GRACE

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

(Please greet those near you with an expression of grace as we worship together.)

TIME WITH YOUNGER CHRISTIANS (11:00)

ANTHEM (11:00)

The King Shall Come
Chancel Choir

Howard Helvey

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

CeCe Duke

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 11:1-10

Pew Bible page 548 Adventure Bible page 753

SCRIPTURE READING Galatians 5:16-26

Pew Bible page 948 Adventure Bible page 1292

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Striving for the Peaceable Kingdom

Dr. Will Jones

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (in unison) Galatians 4:4-7

When the fullness of time had come, God sent His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES, OFFERINGS, AND OURSELVES

OFFERTORY

O Magnum Mysterium
Chapel Singers

Morten Lauridsen

(O great mystery and wonderful sacrament, that animals should see the newborn Lord, lying in a manger! Blessed is the virgin whose womb was worthy to bear the Lord, Jesus Christ. Alleluia!)

*DOXOLOGY

VENI EMMANUEL

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING

*HYMN 13

Prepare the Way, O Zion

BEREDEN VÄN FÖR HERRAN

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*CHORAL RESPONSE (11:00)

*POSTLUDE

Fughetta on "People Look East"

Richard Shepherd



WORSHIP ARTS TODAY

The King Shall Come

The King shall come when morning dawns and light triumphant breaks; when beauty gilds the eastern hills and life to joy awakes. Not, as of old, a little child, to bear and fight and die, but crowned with glory like the sun that lights the morning sky. The King shall come when morning dawns and earth's dark night is past; O haste the rising of that morn, the day that e'er shall last. And let the endless bliss begin, by weary saints foretold, when right shall triumph over wrong, and truth shall be extolled. The King shall come when morning dawns and light and beauty brings: Hail, Christ the Lord! Thy people pray, come quickly, King of kings.

O Magnum Mysterium

The origins of this Medieval Latin responsorial chant are not completely clear, though it is believed to date to sometime before the 10th century. The image of the oxen and donkey next to the crib is found in Isaiah 1 and is traditionally related to the nativity scene at the birth of Jesus in Luke 2. In the apocryphal Gospel of Pseudo-Matthew, both animals are specifically named. The image continued to spread from the 13th century onwards when it was included in the Golden Legend. It became the most popular symbol for the mystery of the self-abasement of God in his Incarnation (Phil 2:6-7). The second part of the text relates to the words with which Elizabeth welcomes Mary, mother of Jesus, on her visitation (Luke 1:42-43).

On the cover: Edward Hicks, *The Peaceable Kingdom* (1826), National Gallery of Art, Washington, DC, online collection.

Welcome to worship at Germantown Presbyterian Church. Our sincere prayer is that you will find a place here among those who already call GPC home. If you have any needs or questions, please consult one of the ushers. We are truly glad God brought you here!

Interested in joining GPC? *You are welcome here!* For more information on how to become a member, please contact Anne Tansil at 901-754-7957, 901-826-5437(cell) or Ltansil@bellsouth.net.

Child care for infants and children through age four is provided during Sunday morning services. The nursery is located on the lower level under the Activity Center in the preschool hallway.

Extended care for individuals of all ages with exceptional needs is available during the worship hour as an extension of our special needs ministry. The room downstairs is LL112. Text "ETC" to 901-299-1216 to have a caregiver meet you there.

If you are having difficulty hearing, or reading the bulletin, please notify an usher. Headsets for additional volume and large print bulletins are available from an usher in the narthex.

GPC's pastors can always be reached in an emergency or crisis. Please call the church, 901-754-5195, and then press 1 to reach the on-call pastor.



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