

Second Sunday of Advent ... PEACE

December 10, 2017

PRELUDE..... Elizabeth Loflin

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS AND THANKSGIVINGS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH..... Jane Covington, Candy and Elizabeth Loflin

OPENING PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYER..... Pastor and Congregation

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP ... “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”... vs. 1..... 83

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON ... *Ezekiel 37:1-14* Molly Abbott

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ²He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. ³He said to me, “Mortal, can these bones live?” I answered, “O Lord GOD, you know.” ⁴Then he said to me, “Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD.” ⁷So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. ⁹Then he said to me, “Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.” ¹⁰I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. ¹¹Then he said to me, “Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.’ ¹²Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD.”

HYMN ... “O Come, All Ye Faithful” ... vs. 1, 3 and 4..... 103

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE Brandi Powers

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Pastor and Congregation

O Lord God, as we begin to prepare our hearts to receive the One whom you are sending, forgive us for all the times we have missed seeing you in our midst, for all the times we have doubted your presence, and for all the times we have failed to help others find their way. Forgive us, in the name of Jesus, the One who is coming. Amen.

Hear the Good News, in the name of Jesus, you are forgiven.

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MORNING PRAYER

OFFERTORY HYMN ... “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” ... vs. 1 and 3127

OFFERTORY PRAYER Usher

OFFERTORY ... “Angels We Have Heard on High” Ensemble

A LITANY FOR PEACE

Leader: All praise be to You, O God, because You have come to give us Your peace.

People: All praise be to You, O God, because You have opened up the way for us to experience peace with You.

Leader: All praise be to You, O God, because You give us peace when our hearts are troubled.

People: All praise be to You, O God, because You are in the process of establishing Your peace on earth.

Leader: May the celebration of the angels fill our hearts today:

All: “Glory to God in highest heaven and peace on earth to those with whom God is pleased.”

Leader: For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.

All: All praise be to You, O God, because You have come to give us Your peace.

ANTHEM ... “A Child Is Gonna Come” Choir

SERMON Pastor

CLOSING HYMN ... “As with Gladness Men of Old”... vs. 1 and 4 150

BENEDICTION

SHARING LOVE AND PEACE

POSTLUDE

CALENDAR

TODAY

12:00 noon Youth ... lunch and shopping for Foster Children

5:00 p.m. Play Practice for *A Keepsake Christmas*

6:00 p.m. Choir Practice

WEDNESDAY

6:00 p.m. **CHRISTMAS PARTY! ... COVERED DISH**

7:30 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting

THURSDAY

9:00 a.m. Advent Study Group meets in Fellowship Hall

12:30 p.m. Pack Chicken at Food Pantry

NEXT SUNDAY

5:30 p.m. *A Keepsake Christmas*

7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

