

# Second Sunday of Advent ... Peace

December 9, 2018

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS AND THANKSGIVINGS

PRELUDE

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

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH..... David and Toni Kellis family

CHORAL RESPONSE... "Light the Light, the Fire of Life" ... vs. 2 ..... 82

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON...readings from *Esther 3 and 4*.....

HYMN ... "O Come, All Ye Faithful" ... vs. *1, 3 and 4*..... 103

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE .....Brandi Powers

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**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 ... "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks" ... vs. *1, 3 and 6* .... 123

OFFERTORY PRAYER ..... Usher

OFFERTORY ... "What Child Is This" ..... Sylvia McAlister

LITANY OF PEACE ... Prayer of Saint Francis

LEADER: Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:

**PEOPLE: where there is hatred, let me sow love;**

LEADER: where there is injury, pardon;

**PEOPLE: where there is doubt, faith;**

LEADER: where there is despair, hope;

**PEOPLE: where there is darkness, light;**

LEADER: where there is sadness, joy.

**PEOPLE: O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console,**

LEADER: to be understood as to understand,

**PEOPLE: to be loved as to love.**

LEADER: For it is in giving that we receive,

**PEOPLE: it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,**

LEADER: and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

**ALL: Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Amen.**

ANTHEM ... "A Mid-winter Noel" ..... Choir

SERMON

CLOSING HYMN ... "O Little Town of Bethlehem" ... vs. 4 ..... 107

BENEDICTION

SHARING LOVE AND PEACE

POSTLUDE

## CALENDAR

### TODAY

4:00 p.m. .... Christmas play practice

5:00 p.m. .... CARE TEAMS ... RE-ORGANIZATION MEETING

6:00 p.m. .... Choir Practice

### TUESDAY

9:30 a.m. .... Leave for Shopping Trip to Greensboro

### WEDNESDAY

6:00 p.m. .... **PIZZA SUPPER**

6:30 p.m. .... **CHRISTMAS CAROLING**

### THURSDAY

11:00 a.m. .... Community Meal

### FRIDAY

7:00 a.m. .... Breakfast for faculty and staff at Green Ridge Elementary

### NEXT SUNDAY

## USHERS

**TODAY** ..... Dwight Saunders' Team

**NEXT SUNDAY** ..... Nancy Ruppert's Team

## CHILDREN'S CHURCH

**TODAY** ..... Tammy Dunn and Robledos

**NEXT SUNDAY** ..... Angel Robinson, Barbara Smith, Mary Williams

