

Prince of Peace Presbyterian Church

*A joyful community, gathered by God's grace,
sharing Christ's love with all.*



SERVICE OF WORSHIP

2nd Sunday of Advent

December 6, 2020

10:30 a.m.

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Holy God, your glory is revealed to us day by day as valleys of despair are lifted up and mountainous problems are leveled. In your presence, we see more than our immediate situation. We catch a glimpse of your eternal purposes. So, come among us now and speak your words of peace. Feed us with your truth and equip us for Christ's coming so that we will glorify him now and always. Amen.

PRELUDE

"Prelude on Greensleeves"
Don Burleson, Recorder

arr. Callahan

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

CALL TO WORSHIP – LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH (The Candle of Peace)

The Tibbits Family: Matt, Krissy, Abby, and Mikey

Last Sunday we lit the first candle—the candle of hope. Today we light the second candle, the candle of peace. We light it knowing full well that peace is elusive, and in some parts of the world, it is almost completely absent. Yet in this season of Advent, we trust that God is never absent from us. God is always preparing something new. And even where there is war and discord, whether between countries, within families, or within our own hearts, God is present, gently leading us to new possibilities.... Please join me in prayer:

Loving God, in this time of preparation and planning, we thank you for the hope and peace you unfailingly offer us. Show us the creative power of hope. Teach us the peace that comes from justice. Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you, that we may walk in the light of Christ. Amen.

HYMN (GTG) 88

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"
Verses 1 and 6

(Veni Emmanuel)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of love and power, we confess that we are waiting for you, impatient for you to come and set things right. We are insecure with our world and anxious about ourselves. We are distracted and distrustful and tired. Forgive us for refusing your guidance and insisting on our own way. Forgive us for our failure to consider that you may be waiting for us—for some genuine act of contrition, for some selfless act of faith. Forgive us for doubting your presence and questioning your timing. Cleanse us by your Spirit, so that in this season of waiting we will discover more about you and ourselves through Jesus Christ our Lord.
(A time for silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

HYMN (GTG) 83 – "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus," Verse 2
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;
Dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 40:1-11; OT Page 667

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalms 85:1-2, 8-13; OT Page 543

SERMON

“At Last, Comfort!”

Rev. Elizabeth D. McLean

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

“Comfort, Comfort Ye My People”

Geneva Psalter

Ruth Andrasco, Nicole Campbell, Carlene Craytor, and Terry Puls; Bells

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

All who put their trust in Jesus Christ are welcome to partake in the communion meal, regardless of age or denominational affiliation. We will be celebrating Communion by “virtual” intinction. Please take a piece of bread, dip it into your juice/wine, and then eat the bread.

INVITATION

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Pastor gives thanks.

Congregation:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Pastor continues.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayer family of the week: Karen Kasner

Prayer institution of the week: First Presbyterian Church (Annapolis, MD)

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

BENEDICTION

Welcome to Prince of Peace Presbyterian Church!

If you are looking for a friendly church...

- † where you will be loved and accepted regardless of your age, class, race, ethnicity or orientation...
- † where you will be challenged to reflect on your beliefs, acknowledge your doubts, ask your questions, and grow in your faith...
- † where God's desire for compassion, healing, reconciliation, justice and joy is preached...
- † where you are given the opportunity to put your faith into action through effective outreach ministries...

Then we hope to get to know you as a new friend at Prince of Peace. No matter who you are, or where you are in your life journey, you are welcome here! Join us and discover how much you are loved, how gifted you are, and how together, we can experience and share the kingdom of God here and now.

On behalf of everyone at Prince of Peace, WELCOME! We're glad you've found your way here today, and we hope you had a meaningful encounter with God while you were with us. Prince of Peace is a living faith community inspired by the Spirit of God, joyfully encouraging all and collectively committed to serving and caring for one another, praising God through worship, music, and mission, imparting to our children a love and understanding of Christ, welcoming all of God's people without prejudice or judgement, and growing together in numbers and in the likeness and grace of Christ.

If there is anything that we can do to make your visit more meaningful, or if there are any questions we can answer, please do not hesitate to let me know. I look forward to the chance to meet you following worship, and hope you will take a moment to introduce yourself.

Once again, welcome – we're glad you're here!

In Christ,
Pastor Elizabeth D. McLean

If you are in need of prayer, you may call Deacon Melissa Hildebrand (410-956-5214) with your prayer request, and the Prayer Support Team will lift these concerns in prayer.

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The church office is open Monday through Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

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