

As We Prepare Our Hearts for Worship

“Peace comes from within. Do not seek it without.” ~**Buddha**

“Until he extends the circle of his compassion to all living things, man will not himself find peace.” ~**Albert Schweitzer**

“God cannot give us a happiness and peace apart from Himself, because it is not there. There is no such thing.” ~**C. S. Lewis**

We Gather Together

Prelude:
Lighting the Path
Ring of the Bells
Welcome and Trinitarian Greeting

Tina Andersen

A Time for Praise and Preparation

Introit: *Celebrate the Child* (Rouse)

Call to Worship

Leader: Comfort, comfort ye, my people.
People: We find sustaining comfort in the midst of daily struggle.
Leader: Comfort, comfort ye, my people.
People: We find joyous comfort in the promise of daily blessing.
Leader: Comfort, comfort ye, my people.
People: We find empowering comfort in the grace of daily service.
Leader: Comfort, comfort ye, my people.
People: We find trustworthy comfort in God’s surprising timing.
Leader: Comfort, comfort ye, my people.
All: We find holy comfort in the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

Opening Hymn: *O Come All Ye Faithful* *Chalice Hymnal #148*

Children’s Message

Mission Moment

Lighting the Second Candle of Advent: Peace **The Gawne Family**

Leader: Last Sunday we lit the first Candle of Advent — the Candle of Hope. (The Candle of Hope is lighted again)
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.

People: We Light the Candle of Peace!

Leader: Loving God, in this time of preparation and planning, we thank you for the hope and peace you unfailingly offer us.

People: 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

***The Gloria Patri:**

Glory be to the Savior, and to our God, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, love without end. Amen.

***Passing of the Peace:**

With a “Holy Hug” or a “Holy Handshake,” we greet those around us as a sharing of God’s love with the words, “Welcome, the Peace of Christ be with you.”

Jubilation Choir: *Little Baby Jesus* (Thygeron)

Announcements, Joys & Concerns

***Please pray for members of our congregation, their friends and families.

Bill Andersen	Dee Cruise	Sandy Lindblom	Marie Wayne
Brad Andrus	Bob Freeman	Mazie Marshall	
Michelle Atwood	Mary Freeman	Jean Martin	
Bill Behrens	Michael Heinrich	Ed Niesen	
Lynn Belcher	Hornbuckle Family	Joanne O’Brien	
Mary Cass	Joe Hudgins	Ethel Perkins	
Doc Coleman	Norm Kuhman	Sandy Veselka	

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord’s Prayer

Prayer Response: *Come and See the Newborn King* (Johnson)

Responding to God’s Gifts and Grace

The Call for the Offering

Offertory Hymn: *I Love to Tell the Story* *Chalice Hymnal #480*

***The Presentation - The Doxology:**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God for all that love has done; Creator, Christ and Spirit One. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication of Gifts and Self:**

God, generation after generation, your prophets called people to lives of grace and generosity, to lives shining with your presence. I know their voices still speak today, and they call me to live with grace and generosity, shining with your holy presence. So I bring you my treasures, my time, my hands, my life and ask that you bless it all so that all may be used to bless all creation and grow your Kingdom on earth. In the name of your Son, Jesus. Amen.