## **Second Sunday of Advent**

**December 8. 2013** 

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# The Approach to God

PRELUDE Peace Medley L. Cornwall, Piano

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP "Praise You, Praise You"

PRAYER FOR OUR CONGREGATION

INVITATION TO WORSHIP (Psalm 29)

Praise the Lord, you heavenly beings; praise his glory and power.

Praise the Lord's glorious name; bow down before the Holy One when he appears.

The Lord rules over the deep waters; he rules as king forever.

The Lord gives strength to his people and blesses them with peace.

\*HYMN OF PRAISE #149

"Watchman, Tell Us of the Night"

\*SALUTATION

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

#### **CONGREGATIONAL SONGS OF PRAISE**

"He Came down that we may have hope (3x)
Hallelujah forevermore.

He came down that we may have peace...
He came down that we may have joy...
He came down that we may have love ...
He came down that we may have life..."

"I've got peace like a river" (see insert)

RESPONSIVE READING #16 Psalm 72 (Page 484 Hymnal)

MINISTRY OF MUSIC "Peace Be With You" Chancel Choir

# The Word of God

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**SCRIPTURE** Isaiah 11:1-10 (Page 496 Old Testament)

#### MOMENT FOR CHILDREN

\*MOMENT OF FELLOWSHIP

\*HYMN #160 "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

SERMON "Advent: Peace"

## **Our Response to God**

\*CONFESSION OF FAITH Apostles' Creed (Page 12 Hymnal)

**RECEPTION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS** 

MINISTRY OF MUSIC "Wexford Carol" Hand Bell Choir

\*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## **CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER**

\*CLOSING HYMN #151 "Come, Thou Long-expected Jesus" (Our monthly Mission Offering will be collected during the first verses.)

\*BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE "Peace Be With You" Reprise

\*POSTLUDE

\*The congregation may stand.

December Memory Verse: Acts 1:8

"But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

### TODAY'S STEWARDS

Greeter: Barbara Araromi

Ushers: Bill & Sabra Leadbitter, Mike & Mandy Shafer

<u>Nursery</u>: Andy & Katharine Hoyt <u>Fellowship</u>: John & Sandi Torrant

Next week's stewards (December 15):

Greeter:

Ushers: Matt & Ruth Den Dulk, Duane & Becky Woodward

Nursery: Nancy Dey & Barbara Nickel

Fellowship:

#### SUNDAY EVENING PRAYER SERVICE TONIGHT

Come and join us at 6:30 as we gather in a circle in the sanctuary for our monthly Sunday Evening Prayer Service, which will include the Celebration of Holy Communion.

#### MISSION OF THE MONTH - DECEMBER

Each December we adopt a family (or several) from our sister church, ICC Iglesia, to share our love and to give back to others in need. Please look for the small Christmas tree in the Narthex, take one and share Christ's love by making their Christmas brighter this year. There will be tags with a name, age and size of someone who needs our help.

## WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Women's Fellowship Group will meet at 6:30 on Monday (December 9) in the Fellowship Hall for our Christmas pot luck. All ladies are invited to attend.

## TAX FREE IRA DISTRIBUTIONS

For the remainder of 2013, you may be able to make a <u>tax free</u> distribution from a qualified 401(k) or IRA directly to a qualifying charitable organization. If you are older than 70 1/2 this distribution may be applied to your RMD (Required Minimum Distribution). This ability will probably not continue into 2014. See your financial adviser for complete details.

#### FOOD PANTRY

Needed items are: cereal, sugar, coffee, tea, hot chocolate, canned milk, jelly, ramen noodles, beef stew, chili, condiments like ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise, hot sauce. They could also use laundry detergent, dish detergent, paper towels and toilet paper.

#### OPEN ART WORKSHOP

Please join us for our free Open Art Workshop which meets every Friday from 1-3. We meet in the Fellowship Hall and it is open to anyone, both inside and outside the church. Participants should bring any creative project in any medium and all their own supplies. Donations are optional.

# **Advent: Peace**

- I. Peace/Shalom in the Bible
- II. Why do we need peace?
- III. Isaiah 11 and the peace we need
  - A. Peace in our relationship to God
  - B. Peace in human relationships
  - C. All of creation
  - D. Final Shalom
  - E. Peace within our hearts and minds