

Prelude "Come, Redeemer of Mankind" arr. J.S. Bach
Melanie Manges, Organ

Welcome Dwight Herin

Hymn of Advent "Blessed Be the God of Israel" #158, vs. 1,2,3

Call to Worship* Praying the prayer of St. Francis of Assisi Dwight Herin

ONE: Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.

ALL: Where there is hatred, let me sow love.

ONE: Where there is injury, pardon.

ALL: Where there is doubt, faith.

ONE: Where there is despair, hope.

ALL: Where there is darkness, light. And where there is sadness, only joy.

Hymn of Peace "We Light the Advent Candles" Verses 1, 2 & 3; Alternate melody
(Melanie will play the new melody through one time, then congregation sings.)

We light the Advent candles against the winter night,
to welcome our Lord Jesus who is the world's True Light,
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The first one will remind us that Christ will soon return,
We light it in the darkness and watch it gleam and burn,
We light it in the darkness and watch it gleam and burn.

We light the second candle, and hear God's holy Word,
It tells us, cling to Jesus, prepare to meet your Lord,
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Lighting the Candle of Peace (light two purple candles) Shelba Barnes

ALL: Today we relight the candle of **HOPE** and light the second candle of **PEACE**. As we prepare for the coming of Jesus, we remember that Jesus is our hope and peace.

Kindle this flame of peace. May it burn bright and true.

Lighting the way that is of God, the journey we pursue.

God's realm is our desire, where peace and justice reign.

*Heaven and earth combined as one, when Christ shall come again.***

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Invitation to Prayer		Dwight Herin
Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer		Dwight Herin
New Testament Reading	Phillipians 4:4-7	Jacob Herin
Sermon		Lydia Herin
Worship Arts	"Peace, Peace"	The Herin Family
Invitation to the Table	(ushers will pass the trays)	Dwight Herin
Hymn of Peace	"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"	#154, vs. 1,2,4
Offering Prayer		Dwight Herin
	<i>Almighty God, giver of every good and perfect gift, Teach us to give to you all that we have and all that we are, That we might praise you not with our words only, But with our whole lives. Amen.</i>	
Offertory	"Once He Came in Blessing" Melanie Manges, organ	arr. J.S. Bach
Doxology	<i>Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise Him all creatures here below, Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.</i>	
Announcements		Dwight Herin
Benediction		Lydia Herin
Postlude	"Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying" Melanie Manges, organ	arr. Walther