

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE ~ PEACE

Jim and Carol Hall

December 6, 2020

Second Sunday in Advent

Bolded words indicate where you may join in speaking.

*Those who are able are asked to stand.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE GREETERS.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

GATHERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

In the midst of our waiting, God prepares and invitation for us. The rough places are made smooth, the soft flutter of angel wings is heard. God keeps the promise, the signs are everywhere: a twinkle of light from a stable, a new bright star. Deep in our hearts, we must journey in a new way to Bethlehem and kneel in worship as we join in the angelic voices singing “Glory to God”.

*HYMN NO. 511

“Come, Behold! The Feast of Heaven”

*OPENING PRAYER

Merciful God, You come into our midst longing for communion with us, becoming one of us. Break our resistance to life with You. Show us the path toward just relations and bring us into Your unimaginable peace, even in this new season of life. In Jesus name, Amen.

THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 9:6-7(Pg. 638)

NEW TESTAMENT

Luke 2:8-20 (Pg. 58)

EPISTLE

Ephesians 2:13-17 (Pg. 192)

L: Word of God for the people of God
P: Thanks be to God

SERMON

“Rediscovering Peace In Our Struggles”

*HYMN NO. 123

“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”

SENDING

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

THIS WEEK AT E.S.P.C.

WE WELCOME all who worship with us today. Members, friends and visitors are all invited to share in the ministries and activities of our congregation.

PRAYER REQUESTS: Please use the blue prayer request cards in the pews for your prayer requests. Place them in the offering plate so Pastor can include them in the Pastoral Prayer.

LAY READER for today is Karl Schrick.

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS this week are Ann Healy, Gregory Menio Jr., Larry Desko.

THE FLOWERS this week are sponsored by Sandra Rydell in memory of loved ones.

Church Staff

Nicole Vogel
Jen Carmella
Linda Schaller
Bob Lee
Sami Carmella

Pastor
Secretary
Music Director
Sexton
Nursery Attendant

THIS WEEK AT E.S.P.C.

Today ~ Adult Education Class, 9:00 a.m.
~ Worship Committee meeting, 9:00 a.m.
~ Worship, 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday ~ Women's Circle, 1:00 p.m. in the church lounge