

Unity Presbyterian Church

Sunday, December 10, 2023

2nd Sunday Advent

Lighting of the Candles (quiet please)

Gathering of God's People

Choral Call to Worship

Lighting of the Advent Candle – Smith Family

Welcome

Call to Worship

L: Welcome to this service of prayer and praise. Let us rejoice together, people of God.

P: We anticipate the coming of God's chosen one, who brings hope to the meek of the earth.

L: The promises of God are for all humankind, Jew and Gentile, rich and poor, servant and free.

P: Let us enter this season of preparation expecting to be changed as we worship God and serve the Holy One.

L: Come, O Come Emmanuel, that we may know the fulfillment You intend for us.

All: Amen and Amen.

Morning Prayer

+Hymn of Praise SH#8

“All Hail the Power”

+Call to Confession

+Prayer of Confession

O God, as we begin this Advent season, we are all too aware of the hypocrisy in our lives, the shadowy areas which we are afraid to bring to the light of day. We have wronged Your children, and thus we have wronged You. We have been too fearful to confront one another in love, and so we have allowed sins to persist within ourselves and others, sins which cause separations between us and them, between us and You, O God, Forgive us, Lord. As we prepare ourselves to receive Christ in our hearts, help us to learn to be honest and open in our dealings with one another and with You. Forgive us, Lord, and create in us a new heart so that we may create a new world. (Silence) Amen

+Assurance of Pardon

+Passing the Peace

Our Life Together (Announcements)

Service of the Word

Children's Time

Anthem

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: OT: Isaiah 7: 14 – 15 NT: Matthew 1: 18

Sermon: “Joseph's Story” Rev. Willem Bodisco Massink

Responding in Faith

+Hymn of Adoration SH#58

“Joy to the World!”

+Affirmation of Faith

+We believe that God created the universe, which stands firmly in God's glory. The Holy One is from everlasting to everlasting. We believe in Jesus Christ, who is the image of the unseen God; the first born of all creation; the Word made flesh who dwelt among us, full of grace and truth. We have beheld His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the eternal light of God and a reflection of God's power in the world. By the work of the Spirit, we are transformed into the likeness of God and claimed as His own, for the glory of God's commonwealth.

Amen

+Gloria Patri

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

+The Doxology

+Prayer of Dedication

Sending Out into the World

+Hymn of Commitment SH#64 “Hark, the Herald Angels Sing”

Charge and Benediction

Choral Benediction

Postlude

+ Please stand as you are able

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