

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Carol of the Bells* Traditional
Megan Drollinger, Violinist

* *This Ukranian song is originally titled, "Shchedryk" and tells of a swallow flying into a household to proclaim the coming of peace and prosperity.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SILENT MEDITATION

ADVENT CANDLE PROCESSIONAL

The second Advent candle is processed into the sanctuary while the first and second verses of hymn 85 are sung by two soloists:

Soloist: Light one candle to watch for Messiah:
let the light banish darkness.
He shall bring salvation to Israel,
God fulfills the promise.

Soloist: Light two candles to watch for Messiah:
let the light banish darkness.
He shall feed the flock like a shepherd,
gently lead them homeward.

Leader and people then share in the following spoken call and response:

Leader: The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall live with the kid,

**People: the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.**

* **HYMN 104** "O Lord, How Shall I Meet You"

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

In preparation for confession, the congregation sings verse one of hymn 82:

**Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;
Dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.**

Prayer of Confession

**God of the lion, the wolf, and the lamb,
Lord of the leopard, the kid, the child,**

**we do not lie down together.
We step warily near the serpent's hole;
we are afraid of everyone,
and we make others afraid of us.**

**We watch for each other with swords in our hands.
You say, "I am coming. Change your hearts. Turn around."
We say, "Help us, O God, to bear the fruits of repentance,
and give us what we need to make peace,
because we are longing for the peaceable kingdom,
and for the peace that Christ will bring."**

Silent Prayers & Assurance of Pardon

*In response to the assurance of pardon spoken by the liturgist,
the congregation sings verse two of hymn 82:*

**Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a king,
born to reign in us forever, now they gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all sufficient merit raise us to thy glorious throne.**

* SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE

Hymn 92 "While We Are Waiting, Come"

**While we are waiting, come; while we are waiting, come.
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.
With power and glory, come; with power and glory, come.
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.
Come, Savior, quickly come; come, Savior, quickly come.
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.**

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Romans 15:4-13, p. 924 (NT)

ANTHEM *He Shall Feed His Flock* George F. Handel, from *Messiah*

He shall feed His flock like a shepherd,
And He shall gather the lambs with His arm, with His arm.

He shall feed His flock like a shepherd,
And He shall gather the lambs with His arm, with His arm.

And carry them in His bosom,
And gently lead those that are with young,
And gently lead those, and gently lead those that are with young.

And carry them in His bosom,
And gently lead those that are with young,
And gently lead those, and gently lead those that are with young.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Isaiah 11:1-10, p. 558 (OT)

SERMON "The Wolf and the Lamb"
Glimpses of Hope

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

* **HYMN 378** "We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom"

* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** from *The Confession of 1967* (9.31)

**To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world as
God's reconciling community. This community, the
church universal, is entrusted with God's message of
reconciliation and shares God's labor of healing the
enmities which separate people from God and from each
other. Christ has called the church to this mission and
given it the gift of the Holy Spirit. The church maintains
continuity with the apostles and with Israel by faithful
obedience to his call.**

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Glimpse of Hope from Guatemala Tom Fife

Offertory *Canon in D* Johann Pachelbel

* *Doxology* (Hymnal, back page)

* *Prayer of Dedication*

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your
kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in
heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the
time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the
power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

GOING OUT TO SERVE

* **HYMN 106** "Prepare the Way, O Zion"

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Bold font indicates congregational participation.

* You are invited to stand in body or in spirit.

POSTLUDE *Beautiful Star of Bethlehem* R. Fisher Boyce

END OF WORSHIP ... BEGINNING OF SERVICE



We light two candles in worship. The white candle reminds us of the presence of Christ’s spirit in worship. The smaller candle is in a candle holder made by a member of our partner church, Iglesia El Divino Salvador in Guatemala, and it reminds us of our covenant with them.

Today’s liturgist: Bill Carpenter
Today’s greeters: Bill and Marlene Johnson
Today’s ushers: Herschel and Linda Lewis

Out-to-Lunch Bunch

Everyone is welcome to join the Out-to-Lunch Bunch for lunch after church today! We will be going to JK’s Kitchen. See Marlene Johnson for more information about today’s lunch outing.

Deep Blue for Advent

Why are we using blue instead of purple for Advent this year? Deep blue is the color of the clear, predawn sky—the color that covers us in the dark, cold hours before the sun rises. Thus, many churches use blue for Advent as a sign of our hope-filled anticipation of the promised light of Christ breaking over the horizon at the dawn of a new day.

“Princettias” for the Sanctuary

Today is the last day to order your Princettias. The cost is \$5, and order forms are on the table in the Narthex. Please place your completed form with your payment in the box provided.

Christmas Fellowship Luncheon

Please join us after worship on December 15th for the last fellowship luncheon of the year. We will hear a special report from the Guatemalan team about their recent visit there. If you are able, please bring your favorite salad, soup, bread or dessert to share. A sign up sheet is in the narthex. Everyone is welcome!

Alternative Christmas Giving

The Outreach Ministry encourages you to consider giving alternative gifts during this Advent season. We are sponsoring the following three agencies on the local, national, and international levels: (1) Local: ABCCM Medical Ministry provides families in need with urgent care, medication assistance, and dental care; (2) National: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is the emergency and refugee program of the PCUSA; and (3) International: Scholarships for Guatemalan

Children will provide educational support to the children of our sister community in Guatemala. To learn more about these agencies, visit the Outreach table in the Narthex. You are invited to make a minimum donation of \$10 to receive an “honor card” to send to a friend or loved one for Christmas, telling them that you have made a donation to one of the above three organizations in their honor. Also, you are invited to visit the Equal Exchange table and consider giving fair trade items, such as coffee, tea, and chocolate bars, as gifts to loved ones. We are also offering a limited number of nativity scene ornaments and olive tree earrings from the Wi’am Palestinian Conflict Resolution Center.

Advent Series on Isaiah: *Glimpses of Hope*

This Advent, our lectionary sermon scriptures come from the prophet Isaiah, and each passage speaks to things we deeply hope for: peace between nations, reconciliation of enemies, renewal of life, and God’s presence with us. Join us in worship as we catch these glimpses of hope.

Narthex Banners: *Catching Glimpses of Hope*

The banners in the Narthex were hand-cut by our own Worship Arts Team! Look closely at them to find the following “glimpses of hope”: plowshares and pruning hooks, the wolf and the lamb, blooming crocuses, the stump of Jesse, the wise men, the shepherds, the angels, and Mary, Joseph, and Jesus.

Worship bulletin announcements for Sunday, December 15 are due to Administrator, Erin May, by noon on Wednesday, December 13.

Calendar

Sun	8	12:45	PM	Out-to-Lunch Bunch (see Marlene)
Tue	10	9:30	AM	Soul of Aging
Wed	11	7:00	PM	Choir Practice
Thurs	12	6:30	PM	Justice & Reconciliation
Sun	15	9:30	AM	Sunday Morning Class
		11:00	AM	Worship
		12:45	PM	Out-to-Lunch Bunch (see Marlene)

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11 o’clock



“The Wolf and the Lamb”
Second in the Series: *Glimpses of Hope*



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(Isaiah 11:6)