



Sunday, December 8, 2024
Second Sunday in Advent

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined.
You have multiplied exultation; you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder.
For the yoke of their burden and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.
For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.
For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders,
and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
Great will be his authority, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David
and his kingdom.
He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time
onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Isaiah 9:2-7 (NRSVUE)

- Highland, A Place to be Seen, Known, and Loved -

Greeters: Mary Ellen Cantrell, Darla & Jack McKim, Joanna Roth, Sara Woodbury & Bob Ganse, Denny Davish

Ushers: John & Gail Robinson, John Herr, Phil Smith, Donna Kinsey, David Levens, Gary & Sandy Cross

Gathering in God's Name

Chimes & Prelude

Welcome & Ministry Highlights

Rev. Allison Beaulieu

*Please sign and pass the "Friendship Pad" down the pew.
At the end of the row, pass it back so that we can greet one another by name after the service.*

*Advent Wreath Lighting

Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Leader: A voice cries out in the wilderness:

"Prepare the way of the Lord."

A choir sings in the silence,

"Come, Emmanuel."

Every valley shall be filled.

Every heart shall be made whole,

for peace is stronger than turmoil,

and love is louder than hate.

Leader: As we light our second Advent candle,

People: We pray for the holy peace of God.

Leader: Come now, O Child of Mary.

People: Come now, O Mighty God.

*Opening Hymn #12

"People Look East"

Children's Dismissal to Sunday School

Rev. Dr. Ann Osborne

*At this time, children 5th grade and under are invited to attend Sunday School. Teachers are stationed at the main doors of the sanctuary and will walk the children to the children's classrooms in the Narthex.
Parents/Guardians may pick up their children after the service in the classroom.*

Silent Prayer of Confession

Rev. Dr. Ann Osborne

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Dr. Ann Osborne

Mighty God, you have laid claim on our lives and you have sent us prophets, yet we have rebelled and refused to listen. We confess that we have ignored your powerful presence, and tried to make our own way in our lives, in our church, and in our society. Forgive us, we pray, and renew your covenant within us. Amen.

Kyrie Eleison 572

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Assurance of Pardon

Rev. Dr. Ann Osborne

Leader: If we repent, God, who is mighty, is sure to forgive us. The One who began a good work in us will make that work complete. People of God, believe the good news:

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Passing of the Peace

Rev. Dr. Ann Osborne

Leader: As we are forgiven and reconciled to God through Christ Jesus, let us be reconciled to one another. The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

* Gloria Patri 579

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Proclaiming God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Rev. Matt Drumheller

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 9:2-7

Rev. Matt Drumheller

Message

"Mighty God"

Rev. Matt Drumheller

Responding to God's Word

Invitation to the Offering

Sarah Hostetter

Offertory Choral Anthem

"Gloria in Excelsis Deo"

A. Vivaldi

Prayer of Dedication

Sarah Hostetter

Prayers of Thanksgiving, Lord's Prayer

Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Going in God's Name

* Closing Hymn #14

Savior of the Nations, Come

* Charge & Benediction

Rev. Matt Drumheller

* Choral Response

O come, Thou Day-spring, come and cheer, Our spirits by Thine advent here;

Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, And death's dark shadows put to flight.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

*PLEASE STAND IN BODY OR SPIRIT

MUSIC: DR. PAUL THORLAKSON, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

JONATHAN LEFEVER, ORGANIST

A/V: MARK ANDERSON AND KEN OSBORNE

Please be advised that services are recorded and you may be incidentally captured on video as part of the recording of the service. The back of the right side of the sanctuary as you enter is out of the range of the camera.

A description of the stained Chancel window can be found in the front of the hymnal.

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