

**Second Sunday of Advent-Peace
Communion
December 4, 2022**

PRELUDE

Improvisation on HYFRODOL

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Christopher Lyman Waldron

CALL TO WORSHIP - LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES

Raymond Family

“The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion will feed together, and a little child shall lead them.” (Isaiah 11:6)

What does peace look like in the new world?

Peace looks like a flowing river where every living thing has what they need to flourish.

Peace looks like a place where those who are weak are not afraid of those who are strong.

Peace looks like good conversations around big tables.

Peace looks like appreciating the gifts of life.

Peace looks like living into God’s goodness.

Advent is the beginning of this new world, a better world, where we can boldly build a good life together.

May it be so.

RESPONSE

One Candle is Lit (verse 2)

#128

Come quickly shalom, teach us to prepare, For a gift that compels us with justice to care. Our spirits are restless ‘til sin and war cease. One candle is lit for the reign of God’s peace.

*INVOCATION

God of the waiting wanderers in the wilderness, we enter this moment of worship expecting that when we leave this time of worship, we will be full of the courage needed to stand for what you stand for. We come to the mountain to feel closer to your presence, O God. May our gathering lead to peace for your people. May righteousness flourish and grace abound. We wait with anticipation for your wonders. May your glory fill this place as we worship you in spirit and in truth. Amen.

*HYMN

#125 Come, O Long-expected Jesus

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

CALL TO PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

Please Lord, we also pray for: Those suffering from the effects of flooding, fires and war; healing and comfort for Olive Barrett, Marcia Bibeault, John Glore, Michael Martens, Bev Poole, and Lois Walsh.

PRAYER RESPONSE

Creator of the Stars of Night

CALL TO OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY

PLEADING SAVIOR

Christians all, your Lord is coming, calling you to serve in deed. See the ones who hurt and suffer, hear their cry and act with speed. Set all selfish ways behind you. Purge your hearts of sinful greed. Alleluia, Alleluia! Christ in you will meet their need.

*UNISON OFFERING PRAYER

We dedicate these gifts that have been shared for the building of the beloved community. Let these gifts do justice in the world. Let them create an avenue for peace. Let them be a signal to the people that there is a God who saves, heals, and sets free. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Andy Marcoux

Isaiah 11:1-10

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots.
The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.
His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see or decide by what his ears hear,
but with righteousness he shall judge for the poor
and decide with equity for the oppressed of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb;
the leopard shall lie down with the kid;
the calf and the lion will feed together,
and a little child shall lead them.

The cow and the bear shall graze;
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.
They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain,
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord
as the waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

Through the words of scripture God spoke to our ancestors and speaks to us anew.

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

I want to walk as a child of the light

Thomerson

SERMON

Rev. C. Lyman Waldron

THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We gather together in this season of Advent, anticipating hope, praying for peace, attempting to cultivate joy and share love.

God, we admit that we do not always stand for your righteousness. In the hustle and bustle of our lives, we have left little room to witness—to be your hands and feet in a world that needs us now more than ever. In the warm belly of comfort, many of us have relaxed in the layers of our privilege, not attending to the needs of the least of these.

Forgive us, O God. Give us the courage to stand tall, to follow in the footsteps of the one who came to secure justice for the poor, bring equity to the meek, and to pacify the wicked with his lips.

Let us all walk together, calling everyone to this path of peace.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (in union)

“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.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

BLESSING THE ELEMENTS

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (in unison)

Holy, loving God, As we await the celebration of the Bethlehem birth, we are blessed on this day to celebrate this meal with each other and with you. Thank you for this bread and cup, which are food for our spiritual journey. Let it nourish our spirits. Remind us of our need for grace and connection. Bring us together as the Body of Christ as seek you out, following the star. Amen.

*HYMN

#122 Comfort, Comfort You My People

*BENEDICTION

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POSTLUDE

Geneva 42

Welch

USHERS

Judy Raymond. Jane Crandall

SERVING COMMUNION

Sam Griesmer, Janice Girard, Carol Feeney, Jim Walker

COFFEE HOUR

Choir 2

DECEMBER 11th

Coffee Hour: Flowers

MISSIONS MINISTRY NEEDS YOUR HELP

The Missions Ministry is hoping to assist Hashmat, the father of our family from Afghanistan, who is seeking part time employment to supplement his other part time employment. If you know of any positions available, please contact Hashmat's advocate, our own Judy Raymond 617/477/4375. Hashmat has an Afghanistan BA in Business Administration, with a green card obviously, he is a willing worker, speaks several languages, and his English is fluent. He is currently employed part time at Logan

Airport at a new cargo airline. He is working on obtaining a driver's license . A week-end position would fit nicely with his current employer.

Thank you. Hashmat says " no job is beneath me at this point in my life."

From BREAD and CUP to FAITH and GIVING

The Stewardship Theme for this year's Stewardship season is "From Bread and Cup to Faith and Giving." The theme connects God's generosity and our stewardship. Just as the bread and cup are gifts to us, the ability to fully participate in being generous is also a gift. Pledges for 2023 may be placed in the Joash Chest, through our church website, emailing Lori, calling the church office or dropped off at the church office.

Thank you to everyone who have kept their 2022 pledge up to date. Since we are now in December, pledges should be almost or at 100% fulfilled. If there are any questions or changes to your pledge, please contact Lori at lori@allinchurch.org or call her at 781-326-5050 on Wednesdays, 9am-12N.

Women's Union Annual Christmas Party

Our annual Christmas Party will be held Wednesday, Dec. 7, at 6 p.m. in the Stage Room. We will have a potluck buffet dinner, carols, games/entertainment, raffle baskets and a yankee swap. Please RSVP to Carol Sorsenson or Joanne Dickey if you are able to attend and let them know what dinner item you are able to bring: salads, soups, dessert.

Yankee swap gifts should be modest, preferably less than \$20.

We will be using air purifiers in the room and will space the tables in such a way that our participants will have several feet between each other.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at our annual bash!

SECOND FRIDAY with FAMILIES

Join us for a family gatherings on the second Friday of each month at 6pm. We'll share a meal together, a child friendly worship service with arts and activities, and have some time for social gathering and play. Our next gathering will be Friday, Dec. 10th. Everyone is welcome! We are in need of some volunteers as well. If you can help with these gatherings please reach out to pastor Chris.

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