

***Welcome!***

**Prayer of Preparation**

*We wait, watch, look, listen!*

*We pay attention!*

*God, we know that you are doing a new thing!*

*We can feel it! We want to be a part of it!*

*Awaken our senses to the coming of Jesus in this Advent, we pray.*

*Amen*

**We will sing from the Red Hymnal today**

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRELUDE     *"Masters In This Hall"*             French Carol

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: We are pinning our hopes on a little baby.

P: ***Our God is with us and the world's peace is reborn!***

L: As into our world, into the stable, into our hearts,

P: ***we invite Jesus to come. Come, Lord Jesus!***

\*HYMN     *"There's A Voice in Wilderness"*.....no. 80

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

***God, we wait for you. We are impatient for you to come and set things right. Our fear and worry are overwhelming at times, yet we have refused your guidance and want you to do things our way.***

***Provide us with hearts of humility and a burning passion for your truth, justice, and mercy. We await your coming in the Christ!***

***Amen***

+SILENT PRAYER

+ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

L: Be ready for surprising grace!

C: ***We are waiting for the Child to come!***

\*PRAISE RESPONSE     *"Gloria Patri"*

*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 Amen*

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE: The Bethlehem Candle

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE READING     Isaiah 11: 1-10                             pg. 558

ANTHEM             *"Prepare Him Room"*                             Hayes

SCRIPTURE READING             Matthew 3: 1-12                             pg. 784

MESSAGE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

***We believe in God,  
creator and lover of the earth, origin and destiny of us all.***

***We believe in Jesus the Christ—  
God coming to us in the fragile promise of a baby yet unborn—  
who emerges as the herald of hope,  
God's laughter in the face of despair.  
Plunged into death and hell, he broke free the captives,  
and is leading the way to the land of promise  
where justice and peace will flourish.***

***We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
who implants the seed of truth,  
brings us to birth as the body of Christ, and empowers us  
to confront and transform all that is corrupt, degrading and deceitful.***

***We believe in the coming reign of God.  
Announced by the Baptist, it has drawn near to us in Jesus,  
and will be consummated in the marriage of earth and heaven,  
when all who have passed through the world's deep sorrow  
will be raised from the waters, robed in righteousness,***

*and gathered into the joyous fulfillment of God's desire.*

***For the coming of that day on this day, we work and pray:  
Come, Lord Jesus, Come!***

— written by Nathan Nettleton, and posted on his [Laughingbird](#) website.

\*HYMN “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” .....no. 79

OFFERING/OFFERTORY “A Christmas Pastoral” Weaver

CALL TO THE OFFERING

\*OFFERING RESPONSE/THE DOXOLOGY.....no. 382

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION/THE LORD’S PRAYER (debts)

\*HYMN “Hail to the Lord’s Anointed” .....no. 88

\*BENEDICTION AND THREEFOLD AMEN

\*RESPONSE “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

***O come, Desire of nations, bind  
all peoples in one heart and mind;  
bid envy, strife and quarrels cease;  
fill the whole world with heaven’s peace.***

***Rejoice! Rejoice!***

***Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!***

CHIMES, QUIET MEDITATION (Congregation seated)

POSTLUDE “Toccata on Adeste Fideles” Long

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(L- Leader; **P- People.** Those who are able, please \*- stand, +-kneel)

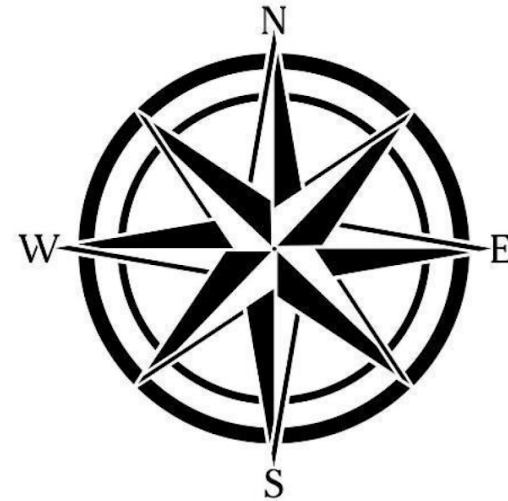
The altar flowers are given in memory of my son-in-law John Smith and my husband Claude by Bertha Adair.



# Peace United Church of Christ

To all who are weary and need rest; to all who are lonely and need fellowship; to all who mourn and need comfort; to all who pray and to all who do not but ought; to all who sin and need a Savior; and to whomsoever will come – this church opens wide the door and says in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ,

**WELCOME!**



**December 8, 2019**  
**Second Sunday of Advent**