

Unwrapping the Gift of Jesus



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Peace United Church of Christ Worship Resources for the Second Sunday of Advent December 7, 2025

Welcome to Advent! If you have an Advent wreath at home, place it nearby and light it as part of the service.

Welcome

Opening Hymn “Hark the Glad Sound”

Hark, the glad sound! The Savior comes! The Savior promised long; Let every heart prepare a throne, And every voice a song.

Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace, Thy welcome shall proclaim; And Heav'n's eternal arches ring With Thy beloved name.

Prayer of Invocation

God, we are humbled to be in your presence as we await the Promised One.

Help us to know that peace is possible, to trust in the Prince of Peace. Guide us as by the murmur of angels or the brightness of a star, that we may be drawn not to power in might, but power in mutual love and respect. We pray in the name of the One to come, Jesus. Amen

Lighting of the Second Advent Candle: The Candle of Peace

Prayer: *Christ Jesus, your peace is a gift that calms our hearts. May your peace reign in us and through us, bringing healing to our relationships, our communities and the world. Amen*

Scripture Readings Isaiah 11: 1-10

Matthew 3: 1-12

Meditation

Prayers of the People/The Prayer of Our Savior (debts and debtors)

Closing Hymn “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

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.

Born Thy people to deliver, Born a child and yet a King,
Born to reign in us forever, Now Thy 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.

Benediction & Sending Forth