

Second Sunday of Advent



**2nd Sunday of Advent
Rev. Dr. Barbara Booth-Jarmon
December 7, 2025
9:30am**

PRELUDE

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gathering of the People

ADVENT WREATH CANDLE LIGHTING

Today we light the second candle of Advent, the candle of Peace.

God has a peaceful dream for the world, and we dream it too. In a world with wars and oppression, we long for a peaceful world where wolves and leopards and lions eating and sleeping and dancing with lambs, kids, and calves. We dream of a peaceful world where nations come together, where war is a memory, and we eat at one table.

We light this candle in Peace.

All: On this day, we remember the Lord of All who brings peace surpassing all understanding.

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Adapted from Psalm ##)

Liturgist: A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

People: **The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him—the Spirit of wisdom and understanding.**

Liturgist: His coming brings justice for the poor and peace for all creation.

People: **In his days, the wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and a little child shall lead them.**

Liturgist: Prepare the way of the Lord!

All: **We come to worship the One who brings peace—
Come, let us worship God!**

***GATHERING SONGS**

"It Came Upon The Midnight Clear"

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"I Wonder As I Wander"

John Jacob Niles

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, You promise a world made new—where justice flows, where the vulnerable are lifted up, where peace takes root and grows. Yet we confess that we have grown used to the old ways. We are quick to speak of peace, but slow to walk in it. We let conflict harden our hearts. We ignore the cries of neighbors in need. We cling to what is comfortable instead of turning toward your transforming grace.

Silent Confession

*Please stand if you are able **Bold – Congregants speak.**

Forgive us, O God. Prepare our hearts as you prepare the way. Make room within us for repentance, courage, and the bold, gentle peace of Christ. In his name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***GLORIA PATRI**

Hymn #813

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy Spirit, Rest upon us as you rested upon the promised Child. Speak through ancient words that they may become living words of hope and peace for us today. Prepare the way in our hearts, that we may receive what you long to give. Amen.

CHILDREN’S SERMON “The Peace That Starts Small”

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 11:1–10
Matthew 3:1–12

p. 686
p. 957

SERMON “A Shoot of Peace”

Pastor Barbara

Responding to the Word

***HYMN OF RESPONSE** “Let There Be Peace On Earth” Sy Miller and Jill Jackson

CALL TO OFFERING

In the wilderness John proclaimed repentance and called God’s people to lives that bore good fruit. As an act of joyful response, let us offer our gifts—signs of our hope, our repentance, and our commitment to the way of peace.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of new beginnings, Bless these gifts, use them, and use us, to help your peace take root and grow. Amen.

***DOXOLOGY**

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THE LORD’S TABLE

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

Breaking of the Bread

Communion

Prayer After Communion

Gracious God, We thank you that at this table you have fed us with your hope, strengthened us with your Spirit, and renewed within us the peace of Christ. Amen.

Sending

***SENDING HYMN** “Hark The Herald Angels Sing”

Wesley & Mendelssohn

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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Announcements

Prayer Concerns - If you are worshipping with us online, please use the chat feature to type your prayers and we will include your concerns.

Bundles of Blessings - KMPC Deacons are once again collecting gifts for children and families for Christmas. Please visit the Christmas tree in the connector for details.

Bible Study: Monday nights at 6:30pm on zoom.

Topic: Finding Ourselves at the Manger: the Shepherds.

Zoom address: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82175285260?pwd=2lZEQTJBOTgxJ09rHCb0aQrfwgx1.1>

Christmas Ornament Crafting Sunday, December 7 from 1-3pm for ages K thru grade 6. Registration forms are on the table in the connector and on our website.

🔔 **The Bells of Kirkpatrick** will be playing the prelude on Dec. 14th.

Bell choir meets every Wednesday from 6 to 7 PM. Please join us in the sanctuary for one hour of camaraderie, stress reduction, improved memory, increased creativity and so much more! Want more info?

Please contact Sharyn at (908) 399-3468 or sharyndan@gmail.com.

Christmas Table Flower Arrangement: Dec. 14th following worship. The cost will be \$45 per person and include fresh flowers in the arrangement as well a light lunch with beverage prior to the class. Class size is limited to 15 people. Please email Norma at enzimmerman@comcast.net to sign up.

Staff Vacation: Chris K.: Thursdays in Dec: Dec 4, 11, 18

Pastor Barbara: December 28 - January 3 (Pastor Spildooren presiding on Dec. 28)

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