

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT
November 27, 2022

Holy Communion at 8:30 a.m.

Greeting-Opening Words
Call to Worship – see below
Announcements
Prayer/The Lord's Prayer (spoken)
Scripture-Sermon
Holy Communion
Benediction

10:30 Worship Celebration

Sung Introit

Come Now O Prince of Peace

Poem

This Year
written by Anne Weems, adapted

Let us pray: **Holy God, we gather today and begin this Advent season with expectant hearts. Slow us down. Calm our hearts. Still our minds. (pause) Help us to be awake to your Spirit's nudging so we can witness the unexpected ways you are at work in us, in this hour, in this place.. O Come, O Come, oh Prince of Peace. Amen.**

Come, let us turn to God's Holy presence.

We come to worship God our Creator.

We bring our hopes, fears, dreams and longing,

We gather awaiting the Prince of Peace.

We bring our whole selves – body, mind, and soul.

We come to receive the Spirit who gives us life. Fill us with peace.

Opening Song

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (verses 1, 2, 4, 7) red hymnal #211

The Lighting of the Advent Candle of PEACE

Laura and Matt, Ellis and Calvin Banoub

Holy God, you are the great giver of peace, you are the one who calms the storms. We pray for your light to guide us on a more peaceful path, even when it doesn't feel possible. As we draw closer to Your coming into the world, we pray that you will grant us the spirit to wait and see, all that is possible. Guide us through this journey. In the name of Jesus, the Incarnate God, we pray. Amen.

Children's Message

Anthem

O Day of Peace That Dimly Shines

arr. Jantz A. Black

Time of Sharing and Silence for prayer

The Lord's Prayer – sung

Mallotte

Our Father which 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.

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 2.1-5

Personal Reflection

Ayo Akkinouye

Message

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An Advent Creed (insert)

Tithe and Offerings -

Please bring forward your gifts

Doxology – Praise God for gifts of hope and peace, praise God for gifts of joy and love! Praise God for sending Christ to dwell on earth for us: Emmanuel. Amen. (tune: OLD 100th, red hymnal #95)

Offering prayer- As we present our tithes and offerings on this first Sunday of Advent, we give thanks for every good gift you have bestowed upon us. May you bless these offerings of our first fruits, and multiply them as we do the work of your kingdom here on earth. May our lives bring peace and love to all. This we pray in the name of Jesus who is the Christ and say thank you and Amen.

Closing Song

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

red hymnal #218

Benediction

Postlude

Stay for Advent Wreath-Making Today!

Join us for coffee and tea.

Thank you for being here. We need you and God needs you.
Please fill out a connect card and let us know that you are here.