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DECEMBER 8, 2024



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Second Sunday of Advent

10 AM

Chimes indicate the service is starting, and silence is appreciated to prepare for worship.

Prelude *Nun Komm, der Heiden Heiland (Savior of the Nations, Come)* (J.S. Bach)
Marcia Snavely, organ

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Vicki McGaw

Introit *Looking for the Light* (Ruth Elaine Schram) Federated Choir;
Marcia Snavely, piano

* **Call to Worship and Advent Candle Lighting** Eric, Jill, Abigail, and Noah Goodman

One: Come! Let's gather in a house of peace!

**All: May love be its foundation. May God be its cornerstone. May the Spirit be
the windows and hope be the walls, ushering in light and holding us close.**

One: This home we long for is a home that knows peace.

All: Peace in our hearts and the core of our being.

One: Peace flowing in and around our world.

All: Peace that surpasses all understanding.

One: This home we long for is a home that knows peace. So today, we light the candle
of peace as a reminder and a prayer.

**All: We give thanks for this foundation of love and peace as we gather for
worship. Amen.**

* **Hymn** *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* No. 119

Message for the Young At Heart Pastor McGaw

* **Passing of Christ's Peace**
(Children K-8 leave for Sunday School)

* Those who are able stand

Call to Confession/Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Pastor McGaw

One: Holy God, when John was born, Zechariah leaned down and whispered words of love into his ear. We know that you do the same for us, day in and day out, yet we often fail to hear it.

All: We forget that in the beginning we were made good. We doubt that we could possibly be enough. We hustle for our self-worth and wear ourselves out aiming for perfection.

One: We deflect words of praise. We hide behind shiny first impressions. Forgive us. Trusting our worth is the hardest job.

All: Open our ears as you open our hearts, so that we might rest on the foundation of goodness you have laid for us. Amen.

Words of Forgiveness

Pastor McGaw

One: No matter how old we get, God continues to say to us: "You are loved; you are forgiven." That is the foundation of our lives. That is the truth upon which we build our home. So breathe deeply. There is grace and peace here. Join me in proclaiming this good news:

All: We are loved. We are forgiven. We are claimed. This is our foundation. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Invitation to Generosity

Rev. Betsy Wooster

Anthem

Where Is the Child? (John Ness Beck)

Federated Choir;
Marcia Snively, piano

* **Doxology**

Tune: TRURO

**To God, all glorious heavenly light;
To Christ revealed in earthly night;
To God the Spirit now we raise;
Our joyful songs of thankful praise.**

* **Prayer of Dedication**

Pastor McGaw



Prayers of Thanksgiving and Fellowship of Prayer

Rev. Wooster

The Lord's Prayer

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

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| * Hymn | <i>The Church's One Foundation</i> (v. 1,2,5) | No. 272 |
| Scripture | Luke 1:57-80 | Rev. McGaw and Rev. Wooster |
| Sermon | | Pastor McGaw |
| * Hymn | <i>Zechariah's Lullaby</i> (Anna Strickland) | [words on screen] |
| * Benediction | | Pastor McGaw |
| Postlude | <i>Wake, Awake for Night is Flying</i> (W. Held) | Marcia Snavelly, organ |

~ Departing to Service~

UPCOMING WORSHIP

Sunday, December 15th, 10 AM
Third Sunday of Advent:
Children's Musical

*If you do not wish to take it home, please recycle your bulletin in the recycling bin
in the narthex on your way out.*