

UNTO US
a Child is Born

PRINCE OF PEACE

For a child has been born for us,
a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders,
and he is named
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9:2-7 (NRSVUE)

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Matthew 5:1-12(NRSVUE)

- Highland, A Place to be Seen, Known, and Loved -

Greeters: Connie & Dennis Jeff, Amy, Adam, Cameron and Addison Kane, Sue and Jim Hess, Joan Alexander

Ushers: Grant Schonour, Kay Houghton, Joyce Shaffer, Rachel Reist, Sara Shank, David & Marion Drain

The white roses recognizes and bears witness to the life and memory of Dr. Albert Price and Dolores Hackenberger

Gathering in God's Name

Chimes & Prelude

"God With Us"

by Jason Ingram & Leslie Jordan

Welcome & Ministry Highlights

Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Minute for Mission

Stewardship Presentation

Please sign and pass the "Friendship Pad" down the pew.

At the end of the row, pass it back so that we can greet one another by name after the service.

*Advent Wreath Lighting

Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Leader: Isaiah spoke to a people called chosen,
to a tribe called Israel, with a light of hope.
Gabriel came to a town called Nazareth,
to a girl called Mary, with the light of joy.
Mary went to a place called Bethlehem,
bearing the light of joy.

Leader: As we light our fourth Advent candle,

People: We pray for the holy joy of God.

Leader: Come now, O Child of Mary.

People: Come now, O Prince of Peace.

*Opening Hymn #28

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

Children's Dismissal to Sunday School

At this time, children 5th grade and under are invited to attend Sunday School. Teachers are stationed at the main doors of the sanctuary and will walk the children to the children's classrooms in the Narthex.

Parents/Guardians may pick up their children after the service in the classroom.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Rev. Dr. Robert Burns

Prayer of Confession

God our Savior, we pray for your mercy. Though we have heard the good news of the coming of the Messiah, we still seek security in pride and power in possessions. Though we know your story, we resist the costs of following you. We pass by those considered lowly in this world. We turn away from hungry people who still wait to be filled. Forgive us, we pray. Help us to work for the justice you intend. Make us messengers of the peace you bring. As we wait for you, turn our apathy into acts of love and service. Amen.

Kyrie Eleison 572

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: God is for us and not against us. For that very reason, God sent the Son into the world not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. People of God, believe the good news:

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Passing of the Peace

Leader: As we are forgiven and reconciled to God through Christ Jesus, let us be reconciled to one another. The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

*Gloria Patri 579

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.

Proclaiming God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Rev. Matt Drumheller

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 9:2-7

Rev. Matt Drumheller

Message

"Prince of Peace"

Rev. Matt Drumheller

Responding to God's Word

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Solo

'I Wonder as I Wander'

Abigail Martin
arr. John Jacob Niles

Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Matt Drumheller

Prayers of Thanksgiving, Lord's Prayer

Rev. Dr. Ann Osborne

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 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.

Going in God's Name

* Closing Hymn #56

The First Nowell

* Charge & Benediction

Rev. Matt Drumheller

* Choral Response

O come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel,

That mourns in lonely exile here Until the Son of God appear.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

*PLEASE STAND IN BODY OR SPIRIT
MUSIC: DR. PAUL THORLAKSON, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC
JONATHAN LEFEVER, ORGANIST
A/V: GUS BEAULIEU and JOHN HOLTZAPPLE

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