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of John the
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Second Sunday of
Advent

December 8, 2024



**Choptank
Charge**

JOURNEYING WITH JESUS THROUGH THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

SEASONS OF ADVENT, CHRISTMAS, AND EPIPHANY

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC TO GATHER

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

A voice cries out:

“Prepare for God’s arrival!

Make the road straight and smooth,
a highway fit for our God.

Fill in the valleys; level off the hills.

Smooth out the ruts, and clear out the rocks,

For our God is coming.

Let us worship together.

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH—PEACE

RELIGHT PURPLE CANDLE OF HOPE.

READER: The prophet Malachi...LORD in righteousness”

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: **In a world driven by a passion to maintain the status quo, we choose to live with a passion for God’s peace, to listen to those who call us to righteousness, and to submit ourselves to God’s grace, that we might be refined and purified until we reflect God’s love throughout the earth.**

READER: LIGHT SECOND PURPLE CANDLE OF PEACE.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel,” vs 2 (UMH #211)

***PRAY: (After hearing requests, offer silent prayer for those on our list and in your heart.)

Glorious God of peace, you are greatly to be praised! You are gracious and merciful, very patient, abounding in faithful love. When we stumble into dark places we never intended, we know we can always come home. You are our patient, persistent, prodigal Father who sees us stumbling in the distance, then runs to embrace and kiss and celebrate us even in our unworthiness. We admire your grace-filled Spirit, O God, and are humbled by it. We praise you for the way you make peace.

Teach us, if you would, how to live peaceably with ourselves and each other. If someone is angry, help us not respond defensively, but to listen and seek understanding. If someone is hurting, remind us how you have consoled us in our affliction, that we might offer consolation to them. If someone is oppressed and needs an advocate, grant us courage to stand with them strong, and clear, and unafraid. Make us instruments of your holy peace.

Hear, O God, as we offer the prayer that your Son taught us to pray, **Our Father...**”

SING A HYMN: “It Came Upon a Midnight Clear” vss. 1 and 4.... (UMH #218) (CCLI 20203297)

1 It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold:

"Peace on the earth, good will to men, from heaven's all-gracious King."

The world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing.

4 For lo! the days are hastening on, by prophet seen of old,
when with the ever-circling years shall come the time foretold
when peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling,
and the whole world send back the song which now the angels sing.

READ SCRIPTURE: Luke 3:1-6

READ OR LISTEN: The Proclamation of John the Baptist.....(See insert) Pastor Nan

RECITE THE APOSTLES’ CREED: Beckwith.....(UMH #881) Pastor Nan

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS: Spedden and Antioch.....(See insert) Pastor Nan

SING A HYMN: “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” vss. 1 and 3 (UMH #206)

***OFFERING PRAYER...PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS...DOXOLOGY (UMH #95)

Holy One, this Advent season we wait in peace, and we give in peace. Receive these generous offerings, and use them to bring peace to our world. Amen.

INSTRUMENTAL OR VOCAL MUSIC

******BENEDICTION:** (Please remain quietly in your pew until the candles are extinguished.)

Be people of peace. Let peace live in your heart. Share the peace of Christ with all you meet by acting out of compassion and by listening to all sides of the story. In this Advent season, we need to see, feel, and share peace everywhere we go. **Amen.**

REFLECT AT HOME ON TODAY’S SCRIPTURE:

How do you respond to John’s call for repentance ?

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*<https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2013/08/call-to-worship-prepare-way.html>

**<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/articles/come-let-us-adore-him-advent-candle-lighting-liturgy-2024>

***<https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/11111/public-prayers-for-advent-christmas-2>

****<https://spaciousfaith.com/2017/12/01/offertory-prayers-for-advent/>

*****<https://www.liturgylink.net/2015/11/23/benedictions-for-advent/> (adapted)