

CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

BREAKING OF BREAD AND POURING OF CUP

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

We will hold each element and then partake together.

PRAYERS OF PEOPLE AND 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 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.

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP #172

"For Ages Women Hoped and Prayed"

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

*BENEDICTION

*Stand in body and or spirit.

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Stockbridge Presbyterian Church

December 5, 2021

11:00 am

Second Sunday of Advent

Celebration the Sacrament of Communion



*Let There
Be Light*

LIGHT OF PEACE

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

(Please silence all electronic devices during this hour of worship.)

PRELUDE

CHIMING THE TRINITY

CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Sandra Martin

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE The Szeto Family

Reader: Advent means the coming or arrival of something or someone important. We celebrate Advent as a reminder of the importance of Jesus coming to the earth as a little baby.

Reader 2: A Baby, born of Mary. In a manger.

Reader 3: Today we light the candle of peace. In Kenya the language is Swahili, the word for peace is Amani (aa-mah-nee). It is about calm, tranquility, and peace of mind. The word amani is important in the Kenyan culture to remember to live in peace, unity and freedom with each other. As we light the candle of peace may we be a reminder of not only peace in our hearts but peace with one another, living in unity.

People: Let there be light. Light the candle of peace.

(candle of peace is lit)

Prayer: God of peace and unity. Surround us with your peace. Help us to breathe in your goodness and then take it to the places we go and the people we encounter. May we take this moment to be at peace with ourselves, with one another, and with you. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE "Jesus, the Light of the World"
(verses 1 & 2 sung by choir and congregation to join in the chorus.)

**We'll walk in the light, beautiful light.
Come where the dewdrops of mercy shine bright.
O, shine all around us by day and by night.
Jesus the Light of the World.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Based on Phil 1:3-11)

Gracious God we come before you with hearts that are troubled. We long for peace and yet we see a world that is divided, lives that are separated and isolated. We have seen and been part of the breaking of peace in the world through our words and actions. Forgive us, Lord. Help us to gain insight into how to speak and act as peacemakers. Help us be sincere and tell the truth in love. Help us to live lives that give you honor and glory. We need your peace, we need to be part of your peace in the world. Hear our prayers. *(pray in silence)* Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear the words of Matthew 4:16 from the Indigenous translation "The ones who sit in darkness, where death casts a great shadow, have seen the light of a new sunrise." Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are able to see a new light, a light of forgiveness.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

**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, Amen.**

PROCLAIMING AND ENACTING THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Aaron Roberts

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 1: 68-79

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Light of Peace" Rev. Kristy Ray

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN OF RESPONSE "Canticle of the Turning" *(see insert)*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

BLESSING OF TITHES, GIFTS, AND OFFERINGS

ANTHEM "There Is No Rose of Such Virtue" Jessica Nelson
Sanctuary Choir

*DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from Whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below,
Praise God above ye heavenly hosts. Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen**