

***Lighting of the Advent Candle of Peace**

One: Isaiah 7:10-16

All: The first candle of Advent was the candle of Hope.

The second Advent candle represents Love.

The third Advent candle represents Joy.

Today's Advent Candle represents Peace.

One: (The Acolyte lights the first, second, third, and fourth candles.)

All: Only the way of Christ can bring Peace to the world. Jesus is the Prince of Peace.

One: There are many ways in which we can have Peace where there was once strife and hatred, fear and anxiety.

All: May the Prince of Peace reign in our lives!

One: Let us pray:

All: O Creator, we ask for the true peace which only you can give. Encourage us to embrace the peace within us and around us and offer that Peace to all. Amen.

Children's Blessing

We Receive the Word

Hail to the Lord's Anointed #203, verse 4

To him shall prayer unceasing and daily vows ascend;

his kingdom still increasing, a kingdom without end.

The tide of time shall never his covenant remove;

his name shall stand forever, that name to us is love.

Sermon

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

Rev. Dean N. Prentiss

We Respond to the Word

Gift of Music, Julianne Howe-Bouwens

I Wonder As I Wander

The Example - Blessings

"So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you." John 13:14-15

Stewardship Celebration and Invitation

Offering UM Hymnal 219

What Child Is This

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

God of faithfulness and encouragement, we are grateful for the hope you freely give. By Christ's birth in a lowly stable, you prepared the way for his ministry, crucifixion, and resurrection from the dead. Fill us with your Spirit to tell others the good news. As we present our offerings, we ask you to bless the children, youth and adults whose lives will be uplifted through the mission of this congregation. We pray through Jesus our risen Lord. Amen.

Praying with a Partner

Find someone to share your prayers with. Let someone carry your prayer with them, as you carry their prayer in your heart.

"How can I pray for you this week?"

Please pray for me this week..."

We Take the Word into the World

***The Faith We Sing 2172**

Come! Live in the light!
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!
We are called to be light for the kingdom,
to live in the freedom of the city of God!

We are called to act with justice,
we are called to love tenderly,
we are called to serve one another,
to walk humbly with God!

Come! Open your heart!
Show your mercy to all those in fear!
We are called to be hope for the hopeless
so all hatred and blindness will be no more!

We are called to act with justice,
we are called to love tenderly,
we are called to serve one another,
to walk humbly with God!

Sing! Sing a new song!
Sing of that great day when all will be one!
God will reign, and we'll walk with each other
as sisters and brothers united in love!

We are called to act with justice,
we are called to love tenderly,
we are called to serve one another,
to walk humbly with God!

***Blessing**

Sending Forth Music

We Are Called

Wesley Park United Methodist Church

Fourth Sunday of Advent
11 am - December 18, 2016

We Gather Together

Gathering Music

Greeting

***UM Hymnal 238**

Angels We Have Heard on High

Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.

Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heavenly song?

Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Come to Bethlehem and see Christ whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord, the newborn King.

Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

See him in a manger laid, whom the choirs of angels praise;
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, while our hearts in love we raise.

Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

***The Faith We Sing 2164**

Sanctuary

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary
Pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
Sanctuary for you.

**Please stand as you are able or comfortable.*