

Wesley Park United Methodist Church

First Sunday of Advent

9:15 am - December 2, 2018

We Gather Together

Prelude

Entrance of the Light of Christ

Welcome

*Lighting the Advent Candle of Peace

One: We enter this season of waiting by lighting this first candle of Peace.
It reminds us of the star that shone over Bethlehem for all to see.

Pastor: Advent God, we open ourselves to your call today to become those who not only wait, but also work for peace in our lives, our families, our communities, and our world.

All: Fill us with your peace and light, make the world so calm and bright.

*Hymn of Preparation #158

Come, Christians, Join to Sing!

We Receive the Word

Discovering the Light #230, Verse 1

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Children's Blessing

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Isaiah 2:1-4, 9:2, 6-7

Witness to the Light in Music

Adore

Witness to the Light in Word

Rev. Dean N. Prentiss

We Respond to the Word

*Hymn of Response

We Need a Silent Night in Here

We need a silent night in here. We need your presence to be near.

Give us the hope we need and the peace we seek. We need a silent night in here.

Give us the hope we need and the peace we seek.

We need a silent night, we need a silent night, we need a silent night in here.

Offering Gifts to God and the World

Stewardship Invitation

Offertory

*Doxology #64

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Confession and Assurance

Invitation

The Great Thanksgiving

Receiving Communion

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion! Gluten-free bread and sealed communion cups are available from the acolyte. Any are welcome to come forward by the center aisle to receive communion by intinction. Take a piece of bread and pass it to the others in your pew. Pass the tray to the person next to you and take a cup for yourself. Hold onto the bread and cup until all are ready to receive together. Let us be in prayer for the world.

Prayer After Communion

We Go Forth Into the World

*Hymn of Hope #431

Let There Be Peace on Earth

Benediction

**Go with God into this day,
May the Spirit guide your way.**

Offer peace to all you greet.

Like Christ, see God in all you meet.

Postlude

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

Our Mission is to build a Christian community with all people.

Our vision: by 2018, Wesley Park will strive to inspire from the youngest to the oldest and everybody in between to live out the greatest commandment: to love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength, and love your neighbor as yourself.

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9:15 am Worship Servants:

☀ **Greeters:** Heinz Herzog, Lynda Edsall

☀ **Ushers:** Max & Gail Gibbard, Jeff & Pam Osborn

☀ **Communion Servers:** Max & Gail Gibbard, Ken & Linda McKenney, Jeff & Pam Osborn, Bob Williams, Vicky Van Dalsen

☀ **Sound Tech:** Pat Carruthers

☀ **Computer Tech:** Paula Hartley

☀ **Video Tech:** Tommy Schick

☀ **Acolytes:** Kiarra Jones

☀ **Nursery:** Skyler Maitner, Sheryl Jones (9:15), Jorie Schafer (11:00)

☀ **Information Desk:** Jane Johnson

☀ **Musicians:** Sara Kropp, Adrienne Prentiss, Dave Strumfeld

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