

CELEBRATION THROUGH COMMITMENT

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM 'Holy, Holy, Holy' Bell Choir

*DOXOLOGY (tune - "What Child Is This")

**"Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost!"
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste, to bring him laud, the babe the son of Mary.**

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Pastor: Holy One, this Advent season we wait in peace,

People: And we give in peace.

Pastor: A peace deeper than our anxiety and fear.

People: A peace growing from our trust in your loving power.

Pastor: Receive these generous offerings,

People: And use them to bring your peace to our world.

Amen.

HANGING OF THE GREENS

INTRODUCTION TO THE HANGING OF THE GREENS Barbara Cooley Thaw

MINISTRY OF MUSIC "Come Let Us Worship the King" Tommy Walters, Eli Nitzberg
Diana Spencer, Rebecca Spencer

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING LITURGY (The Candle of Peace) The Pease Family

Leader: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light:

People: Those who lived in a land of deep darkness, on them light has shined.

Leader: The light grows gradually brighter as we move through Advent together.

People: The candle of hope already burns bright. Today we light the candle of peace.

Leader: Our peace is found in God and in His son, Jesus Christ. John the Baptist and all the prophets remind us that to receive peace we must be prepared for it.

People: We light this candle today to remind us that Christ is the Prince of Peace, the one promised from the beginning of the world. We thank God for the hope he gives us and for the peace he bestows.

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE OF PEACE

HYMN (to the Tune "Away in a Manger" No. 217

**Light two Advent candles, experience the glow
Of peace that exceeds any peace you may know.
Light two Advent candles and wait for the morn
When new birth will happen and light will be born.**

**Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay
close by me forever and love me, I pray;
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.**

PRAYER

**O God of Peace, Emmanuel, we pray for you to send your peace into our hearts at this time.
May we walk in paths of peace. Amen.**

EVERGREEN WREATHS Reader: Jean McQuade

MINISTRY OF MUSIC "The First Noel" Eli Nitzberg

POINSETTIA Reader: Kurt Gaebel

During the singing, all who have received a poinsettia are invited
to bring it to the front for placement in our "tree:

ANTHEM "Glad Noel" Chancel Choir

HOLLY Reader: Steven Akers

MINISTRY OF MUSIC "Come, Come, Everybody Worship" Children's Choir

NATIVITY SCENE Reader: Dai Morgan

MINIISTRY OF MUSIC "What Child Is This?" Cottage Edge

LIGHTS Reader: Gail Gratton

MINISTRY OF MUSIC "O Holy Night" Rebecca Spencer & Tommy Walters

CELEBRATION THROUGH SENDING

*BENEDICTION

Be people of peace.

Let peace live in your heart and share the peace of Christ with all you meet.

Share peace by acting out of compassion and not fear.

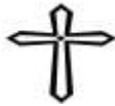
Share peace by listening to all sides of the story.

Share peace by praying for our world.

In this Advent season, we need to see, feel, and share peace.

As you go out into the wonder of God's creations, share peace and hope with those you meet.

Amen.



*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

"The First Noel"

No. 245 (Refrain)

**Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel
Born is the King of Israel!**

*RECESSIONAL HYMN

"Emmanuel, Emmanuel"

(sing twice)

**Emmanuel, Emmanuel,
His name is called Emmanuel.
God with us, revealed in us,
His name is called Emmanuel.**

*POSTLUDE

"Magnificat"

Johann Pachelbel

This service is dedicated to Kim Weber Slobodnyak.

Kim was raised as a Mifflin Avenue Methodist and throughout her lifetime, she was an active member and dedicated volunteer for all things MAUMC. Some of the positions she held included MYF leader, Church Council president, Kitchen Guru (along with her forever sidekick, Nick) and Women's Circle president. Near and dear(est) to her heart was the annual Hanging of the Greens service. Her passionate leadership shone brightest when she stood in the back of the sanctuary, directing and smiling at all who participated. Thank you for sharing in this Advent Service and continuing Kim's Lasting Legacy. In addition, I would like to express my gratitude to all – young and old(er), regulars and visitors, those who live nearby and those who traveled to attend, for sharing your gifts with us today.

~~Barbara Cooley Thaw



Second Sunday of Advent HANGING OF THE GREENS

December 4, 2022

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**Those who are able are invited to stand*

PRELUDE

"Pastoral in F major"

J.S. Bach

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CELEBRATION THROUGH ADORATION

*OPENING HYMN AND BRINGING FORTH THE LIGHT

No. 211 vs. 1, 2, & 4

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Today, we come together to prepare for the birthday of the king.

People: Today, we make ready our welcome for God's only Son, Jesus of Nazareth.

Pastor: We continue this special and holy season of Advent, the season of going toward the birth of Christ.

People: As we renew the special meaning of the Advent season, the season of going toward new home and eternal life.

Pastor: Let our songs and symbols represent our personal rededication to the glory of God and the manifestation of His love through His Son, Jesus Christ.

All: For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.

OPENING PRAYER

Holy God, we long for your peace, and trust in your promise; we hear your call to turn toward you, to change our lives and welcome you in. Meet us here and fill our minds with your wisdom and our hearts with your peace, that our worship together may open us to the challenge of your dream of wholeness for all. In the Name of the One who is coming, we pray. Amen!

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS