They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain. **Isaiah 11:9**

In his days may righteousness flourish and peace abound. **Psalm 72:7**

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing. **Romans 15:13**

"He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." Matthew 3:11

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Assistants

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Special Music

Terry Tucker Ardyth Gilbertson Handbell Choir

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Accompanist Sam Jannotta

Tech SupportMark Nutwell

To Our Guests

We are glad you are with us. Please sign the guest book by the front door and fill in a visitor's card from the pew pocket. After the service enjoy a cup of fair trade coffee with friends in the Fellowship Hall.

THE FONT OF IDENTITY

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+Introit 91 (2x)

Come, come Emmanuel. Come, Emmanuel. Come, come, Emmanuel. Come, Emmanuel.

Proclamation

In life and death we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God,
whom alone we worship and serve.

Call to Sabbath

*+Hymn 103

"Come, Now, O Prince of Peace"

Prayer for Sabbath (see insert)

+Response 92 (2x)

While we are waiting, come; while we are waiting, come. *Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting. Come.*

Declaration of Grace and Gratitude

*+Response 137, v. 2 (2x)

He came down that we may have peace; he came down that we may have peace; he came down that we may have peace; hallelujah forevermore!

Blessing the World

Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, United Arab Emirates, Oman, Yemen, Iran, Iraq

Response 158, v. 1-2

Born in the night, Mary's Child, a long way from your home; coming in need, Mary's Child, born in a borrowed room.

Clear shining light, Mary's Child, your face lights up our way;

Light of the world, Mary's Child, dawn on our darkened day.

First Pew

Response 158, v. 3-4

Truth of our life, Mary's Child, you tell us God is good; yes, it is true, Mary's Child, shown on your cross of wood. Hope of the world, Mary's Child, you're coming soon to reign; King of the earth, Mary's Child, walk in our streets again.

Welcome and Parish Life THE WORD OF HOPE

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Reading

Interlude

"Hodie"

Lesson

Matthew 3:1-12

Sermon

"Sabbath With Us: The Path of Peace"

*Hymn 373

"O Day of Peace"

THE BREAD OF LIFE

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Memorial Moment

Eucharistic Prayer

Offering Our Gifts

Offertory

"Jubilate Deo"

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*Credo

With believers in every time and place we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

*Sending (2x)

The peace of the earth be with you, the peace of the heavens, too. The peace of the oceans be with you, the peace of the rivers, too. Deep peace, falling over you. God's peace growing in you.

*Postlude

Since the advent of nuclear weapons, it seems clear that there is no longer any alternative to peace, if there is to be a happy and well world.

Dwight D. Eisenhower

*Please rise in body and spirit.

Lesson Translation

New Revised Standard Version

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Second Sunday of Advent, December 7

Isaiah 11:1–10 Psalm 72:1–7, 18–19 Romans 15:4–13 Matthew 3:1–12

8:30 a.m. Early Service of Worship with Communion – Sanctuary

9:30 a.m. Sunday Seminar – Fellowship Hall/Hybrid

11:00 a.m. Service of Worship with Communion – Sanctuary and Zoom Sunday Studio – Children K-5th Grade – Classroom 2

12:30 p.m. Youth Group Holiday Party – Downstairs

Tuesday, December 9

6:00 p.m. Property Committee Meeting – Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, December 10

7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room

Thursday, December 11

7:00 p.m. Stated Session Meeting – Fellowship Hall/Hybrid

Saturday, December 13

10:00 a.m. Deacon's Christmas Brunch – The Home of Donna & Brian Dettling

Third Sunday of Advent, December 14

Isaiah 35:1–10 Psalm 146:5-10 James 5:7-10 Matthew 11:2–11

8:30 a.m. Early Service of Worship with Communion – Sanctuary

9:30 a.m. Sunday Seminar – Fellowship Hall/Hybrid

11:00 a.m. Service of Worship with Communion – Sanctuary and Zoom Sunday Studio – Children K-5th Grade – Classroom 2

SERVICE MUSIC IN ADVENT: The Introit refrain centers on the name of Jesus meaning "God with us." The Response to the Prayer for Sabbath is a simple, meditative Advent hymn. The Response to the Declaration is a traditional Cameroonian call and response. The Introduction and Response to the First Pew tells the full arc of Incarnation (birth, life, death, resurrection, ascension, return) with a blues-like tune. The Communion Chant is by Stefan Waligur, setting the words of Julian of Norwich to music.

TODAY'S HYMNODY: The Opening Hymn was originally created for a 1988 world conference for the peace and reunification of the Korean Peninsula. The Sermon Hymn was created to offer non-nationalistic words for a popular British tune. The Sending Hymn is a Guatemalan chant.

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Season of Advent December 7, 2025 Second Sunday 11:00 a.m.

Woman Against War

"Almost like Christmas lights"
the bomber pilot said
of last night's strike against I guess
Baghdad
I turned the television off, the sound
and did last night's dishes dumbly
reflecting on my Christmas lights
downstairs in semi-sacred storage
reflecting on how real had been the urge
last night to go and get the globe
to hold it in my arms against my heart
and rock and pat and comfort it.

Lynne Atherton

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