

Wesley United Methodist Church

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

December 5, 2021

Second Sunday of Advent

At Wesley we foster a sanctuary culture by creating a safe environment where all feel welcomed, loved, accepted, valued, and affirmed for who they are, through intentional practices such as empathy, compassion, generosity, hospitality, and inclusion.

For the safety of every worshipper, please observe the following guidelines regardless of your vaccine status.

- **Wear a mask covering your mouth and nose all the time during worship.**
- **Keep social distancing in your sanctuary seating.**
- **Remain seated as we sing our hymns and praise songs.**
- **Please let an usher know if you have questions, need assistance, or have a concern about health or safety.**

Prelude

Two Harp and Organ Preludes
On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry
Savior of the Nations, Come
Lira Cady, harp; William Ness, organ

Charles Peery b. 1954

Greeting & Announcement

*Advent Candle Lighting

Allison & Peter Hansen, Liturgists

One: See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, says the Lord of hosts.

The first Advent candle is relit.

Many: The light of hope has awakened our spirits.

One: A voice cries out in the wilderness, "Prepare the way of the Lord, make the paths of the Lord straight."

Many: Renew in us your covenant, O God, that we may be ready for the dawn of your salvation.

One: We light a second candle to bring light to every darkness, and to guide us in the way of peace.

The second Advent candle is lit.

All: With gratitude for your light, O God, we will prepare to welcome a new birth of your love.

* Please stand in body or in spirit

Heralds of Christ, who bear the King's commands,
 immortal tidings in your mortal hands,
 pass on and carry swift the news you bring;
 make straight, make straight the highway of the King.

Lord, give us faith and strength the road to build,
 to see the promise of the day fulfilled,
 when war shall be no more, and strife shall cease
 upon the highway of the Prince of Peace.

Advent Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

We come before you, Merciful God, asking forgiveness and cleansing for our lives that are rough and unfinished. Cleanse us, purify us, give us your gentle love, your pure peace, and your shining hope. Let the offering of our lives be unhindered. Let our hearts be steadfast and sure as we face the future, knowing that the future is yours and held in your kind and loving hands. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

Praise Songs

Desmond Cheatham, keyboard

We will celebrate our God

We will celebrate our God!...
 Let his banner be raised, let his glory be seen.
 We will celebrate our God!...

Praise, O' praise, my God and King

Praise, O praise, my God and King.
 Hymns of adoration, sing;
 For his mercies, shall endure; Ever faithful, ever sure ...

 Alleluia, Alleluia!
 King of Kings and Lord of Lords!
 For his mercies, shall endure; Ever faithful ever sure...

Choral Call to Prayer

Prayers of the People & 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Choral Amen

Anthem

Wesley Choir and harp
Patrick Messick 1956-2021

Prepare the Way of the Lord

...for he comes! Every valley shall be exalted,
and every mountain shall be made low,
the crooked straight, the rough places plain.

Message

Rev. Byungmoo Lee

Holy Communion

May God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast.

With your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of God. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Child Jesus Christ, whom you sent in the fullness of time to be a light to the nations. Your own Child came among us as a servant, to be Emmanuel, your presence with us.

He humbled himself in obedience to your will and freely accepted death on a cross. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said, "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

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