



Worship Service for December 08, 2024
Second Sunday of Advent

Prelude	Marshall Davies
Chiming of the Hour	Margaret Stone
Welcome	Pastor Felix
Centering Moment	Pastor Felix
Praise and Worship Song	Congregation

“We Light A Candle”

We light a candle for hope
and our world that’s longing for hope

We light a candle for hope
and our world that’s longing for hope Holy One,
shine with the fire our lives oh

We light a candle for hope
and our world that’s longing for hope

We light a candle for love
and our world that’s longing for love

We light a candle for love

and our world that's longing for love Holy One,
shine with the fire our lives on
We light a candle for love
and our world that's longing for love

We light a candle for joy
and our world that's longing for joy
We light a candle for joy
and our world that's longing for joy Holy One,
shine with the fire our lives on
We light a candle for joy
and our world that's longing for joy

We light a candle for peace
and our world that's longing for peace
We light a candle for peace
and our world that's longing for peace Holy One,
shine with the fire our lives on
We light a candle for peace
and our world that's longing for peace

Announcements

Margaret Stone

Call to Worship

Margaret Stone

LEADER: In Advent, we watch and wait in wakeful alertness.

ALL: In Advent, we prepare to welcome the life of Jesus, who was sent into the world to embody divine truths.

LEADER: In Advent, we greet the Holy One, who transforms our hearts into living temples.

ALL: In Advent, we prepare to walk the path of discipleship and mission with unwavering devotion and commitment.

LEADER: Come, Holy Child, come!

ALL: Remind us of our divine essence and holy calling to peace.

LEADER: In Advent, we watch for signs of God's presence birthing new life in our midst.

ALL: Come, Holy One! Be born among us! Move in and through us! Make yourself known to us! May your peace blossom in our lives.

***Hymn**

Marshall Davies

TNCH #131 "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear vs. 3 & 4

And you, beneath life's crushing load,
Whose forms are bending low,
Who toil along the climbing way,
With painful steps and slow,
Look now, for glad and golden hours
Come swiftly on the wing;
O rest beside the weary road,
And hear the angels sing!

For lo, the days are hastening on,
by prophet bards foretold,
when with the ever circling years
come years the age of gold;
When peace shall o-ver all the earth
Its ancient splendors fling,
And all the world send back the song
Which now the angels sing.

Gathering Prayer**Congregation**

ALL: Holy One, we pray for the power to be gentle; the strength to be forgiving; the patience to be understanding; and the endurance to accept the consequences of holding on to what we believe to be right. We put our trust in the power of good to overcome evil and the power of love to overcome hatred. We pray for the vision to see and the faith to believe in a world emancipated from violence, a new world where fear shall no longer lead people to commit injustice, nor selfishness make them bring suffering to others. Help us to devote our whole life and thought and energy to the task of making peace, praying always for the inspiration and the power to fulfill the destiny for which we and all men and women were created.

Amen

Lighting of the Advent Candles

Margaret Stone & Pastor Felix

It is the season of short days and long nights. We light this candle to remember that even in natural darkness, our lights shine. The peace of God allows us to look at others through heaven's eyes and help guide the world to experience God's love. Peace from God allows us to trust in God's promises despite the dark, scary world around us. Let us slow down and listen to the sacred voice which is our guide, as we wait to celebrate the coming light in the Child Jesus.

Biblical Witness

Pastor Felix

John 14:25-27

I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom God will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

Contemporary Witness

Margaret Stone

Being Peace
Thich Nhat Hanh

Life is filled with suffering, but it is also filled with many wonders, like the blue sky, the sunshine, the eyes of a baby. To suffer is not enough. We must also be in touch with the wonders of life. They are within us and all around us, everywhere, any time. If we are not peaceful, we cannot share peace with others, even those we love, those who live under the same roof. If we are peaceful, we can smile and blossom like a flower, everyone in our family, our entire society, will benefit from our peace.

Reflection

Pastor Felix

“May Our Peace Blossom”

Special Music**Plymouth Choir****“Grant Us Peace”**

(Spoken): The world waiting with hope, watching expectantly for the peace promised by God in the scriptures

“Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed, yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken nor my covenant of peace be removed,” says the Lord.

That peace was brought to earth in the form of a Child, born in a stable in Bethlehem. “For unto us a Child is born, a Son is given. And He will be called the Prince of Peace.”

Dona nobis,
dona nobis pacem.

Born a child to grant us peace.
do-na no-bis pacem.
Grant us peace, Lord.

Away in a manger no crib for a bed,

the little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head;
the stars in the bright sky looked down where He lay,
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

Starlight shines in the evening sky while Mary sings a lullaby.
Peace on earth, good will for all.

Hope is born in a manger stall,
Dona nobis,
dona nobis pacem.

Born a Child to grant us peace.
Dona nobis pacem.

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.

Dona nobis,

dona nobis pacem.

Grant us peace.

Pastoral Prayer with Joys & Concerns Pastor Felix

Invitation to Offering Margaret Stone

Special Olympics Texas

Offertory Music Marshall Davies

***Doxology** Congregation

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise God all creatures here below

Praise God for all that Love has done

Creator, Christ, and Spirit one Amen.

Offertory Prayer Margaret Stone

**ALL: Holy One, we commit what we have offered
to help sow seeds of hope, peace, joy, and love in
the world. Bless now these offerings. May they be
used in the service of your divine light.**

Amen.

***Hymn**

Congregation

TNCH #128 "In the Bleak Midwinter" vs. 1, 3, & 4

In the bleak midwinter,
frosty wind made moan,
earth stood hard as iron,
water like a stone.

Snow had fallen,
snow on snow,
snow on snow,
in the bleak midwinter.

Angels and archangels
may have gathered there,
cherubim and seraphim
thronged the midnight air.

But his mother only,
in her maiden bliss,

worshipped the beloved
with a kiss.

What can I offer,
poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd,
I would bring a lamb.

If I were a wise one,
I would do my part;
but what I can I offer:
all my heart.

Benediction

Pastor Felix

Song of Parting

Congregation

TNCH # 154 "Go Tell It on the Mountain"

Go tell it on the mountain,
over the hill and everywhere.

Go tell the mountain,
that Jesus Christ is born!
(x2)

Postlude

Marshall Davies

Today's Worship Participants

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