

*December 5, 2021*  
*Second Sunday in Advent*  
*8:30am; Joyce Teghtmeyer; 10:30am Todd Doyals*  
*\*Please Stand*

Prelude Sophia Lee

Welcome & Opening Prayer Rev. Chuck Horton

Announcements Liturgist

Call to Worship Liturgist

Leader: The prophet Isaiah said of the one God would send: "The government will be upon his shoulder, and his name will be called: "Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end. He will be upon the throne of David and will rule over his kingdom and establish it and uphold it."

**People: Zechariah said of John the Baptist: "And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way, to give knowledge of salvation to his people in the forgiveness of their sins...Then the day will dawn upon them from on high to give light to those who sit in darkness, to guide our feet in the way of peace."**

Leader: The angel said to the shepherds, "Be not afraid for I bring to you good news of a great joy which will come to all the peoples, for to you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior, who is Christ the Lord."

**People: Suddenly there was with the one angel a vast uncountable multitude of angels, armies of armies of angels from heaven, all were praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace among those with whom God is well pleased."**

Leader: Jesus said, "My peace I leave with you, my peace I give you, not as the world gives, do I give it to you."

**People: God is the God of peace, and through Christ, God gives us a peace that SURPASSES all understanding.**

Hymn: "O Little Town of Bethlehem" UMH 230

Unison Prayer: Liturgist

**O God, let us always hear the echoes of the Christmas angels who sang of peace on earth. Let us hear in our hearts the voices of your mighty prophets who said your Son would bring peace. Let us never forget that the Prince of Heaven, Jesus Christ our Lord, is the Prince of Peace. We pray for peace among the nations, for peace between neighbors, for peace between brothers and sisters,**

parents and children, husbands and wives. How we long for peace that surpasses understanding, to fill our hearts and overflow to those around us. Come, Lord, Jesus come, give us the peace our world so needs. In your name we pray. Amen.

## Lighting of the Advent Candle for the Second Sunday of Advent

8:30: Harold and Carol Wright; 10:30: Heston, Claudia, Abby & Ruby

On this second Sunday of Advent, as we think about the coming of Jesus Christ, we light the candle of peace.

Jesus Christ is our peace. (Ephesians 2:14). He is the Prince of Peace, and the fruit of His presence is peace. (Isaiah 9:6; Galatians 5:22)

Christ comes to bring justice, wholeness, and harmony to every relationship throughout all creation. He wants to continually grant us peace in every situation. (2 Thessalonians 3:16). Jesus, we pray, guide our feet into the path of peace. (Luke 1:79)

Anthem "Break Forth, O Beauteous, Heavenly Light" J.S. Bach

Scripture Luke 1:39-56 (RSV) Rev. Chuck Horton

Sermon "Why Is This Granted Me?" Rev. Chuck Horton

Children's Message Mason Carman

\*Hymn "Let There Be Peace on Earth, and Let it Begin With Me" UMH 431

Holy Communion

Breaking the Bread

Giving the Bread and Cup

UMH Hymns: 383 "This Is a Day of New Beginnings" (vs. 1,2,4,5)  
629 "You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"  
614 "For the Bread Which You Have Broken"  
616 "Come, Sinners to the Gospel Feast" (vs 1,3,5)

\*Benediction

\*Parting Hymn "O Come All Ye Faithful" (vs. 1-3) UMH 234

Postlude Sophia Lee