

Service for the Lord's Day
Paw Creek Presbyterian Church • December 6, 2020
Second Sunday of Advent



Preparatory Music

Immanuel

Michael Card

Welcome and Lighting of two Candles on the Advent Wreath

*Grace be unto you, and peace, from the one who is and who was and who is to come,
and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness. "I am the Alpha and the Omega", says the Lord God.
Hallelujah!*

Prelude

In the Bleak Midwinter/O Sanctissima

arr. Liz Story

Call to Worship

from Isaiah 40

O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion,
get thee up into the high mountain.
O thou that tellest good tidings to Jerusalem,
lift up thy voice with strength;
lift it up, be not afraid;
Say unto the cities of Judah, behold your God!

Hymn 82

"Come, Thou Long-expected Jesus"

*Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.*

*Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a king,
born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all-sufficient merit raise us to thy glorious throne.*

Prayer of the Day

Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming nurture our growth as people of repentance and peace. Through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Psalm 85

You have been gracious to your land, O Lord, you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.
You have forgiven the iniquity of your people and blotted out all their sins.
You have withdrawn all your fury and turned yourself from your wrathful indignation.

Restore us then, O God our Savior; let your anger depart from us.
Will you be displeased with us forever? will you prolong your anger from age to age?
Will you not give us life again, that your people may rejoice in you?
Show us your mercy, O Lord, and grant us your salvation.

I will listen, O Lord God, to what you are saying,
for you are speaking peace to your faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to you.
Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you, that your glory may dwell in our land.

Mercy and truth have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
Truth shall spring up from the earth, and righteousness shall look down from heaven.
O Lord, you will indeed grant prosperity, and our land will yield its increase.
Righteousness shall go before you, and peace shall be a pathway for your feet.

Hymn 373

"O Day of Peace"

*O day of peace that dimly shines through all our hopes and prayers and dreams,
guide us to justice, truth, and love, delivered from our selfish schemes.
May swords of hate fall from our hands, our hearts from envy find release,
till by God's grace our warring world shall see Christ's promised reign of peace.
Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb, nor shall the fierce devour the small;
as beasts and cattle calmly graze, a child shall lead them all.
Then enemies shall learn to love, all creatures find their true accord;
the hope of peace shall be fulfilled, for all the earth shall know the Lord.*

Sermon

Mercy and truth, righteousness and peace

Offertory Solo

Not That Far from Bethlehem

Borders, Borders & Alexander

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Announcements and Prayer Concerns

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Including the *Lord's Prayer*, the Words of the Institution, and the sharing of the elements

Hymn 104

"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

*Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;
ponder nothing earthly minded, for with blessing in his hand
Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.*

*King of kings yet born of Mary, as of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords in human vesture, in the body and the blood,
he will give to all the faithful his own self for heavenly food.*

*Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way,
as the Light of light descendeth from the realms of endless day,
that the powers of hell may vanish as the shadows clear away.*

*At his feet the six-winged seraph, cherubim, with sleepless eye,
veil their faces to the presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry,
"Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, Lord most high!"*

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Let There Be Peace on Earth

Sy Miller and Jill Jackson

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