

Let there
be HOPE



December 10, 2017 11:15 a.m.
2nd Sunday in Advent

Welcome and Living Our Faith

Gathering Song #92 “While We Are Waiting, Come”

Conversations with God

By Sarah Are

... Then God said,

**“Child, my child. You are my world.
You are my heart, and you are my Church.
What you speak of is hope.
You should keep speaking, and keep seeking,
for it is such a beautiful prayer.”**

Song #103 “Come Now, O Prince of Peace”
Verses 1 & 2

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Jeff Argus

Last Sunday we lit the first candle – the candle of peace.
Today we light the candle of hope.

**We light it fully aware that hope is elusive,
and in some parts of the world it is difficult to find.**

Yet in this season of Advent, we trust that Christ is coming;

Christ is always entering a wounded heart and a troubled world.

Song #103 “Come Now, O Prince of Peace”
Verses 3 & 4

Call to Confession

Leave your cynicism and despair behind
because God seeks to inspire in us a spirit of hope.

Let us confess our reluctance to be bold.

Prayer of Confession

Forgive us, O God, for the narrowness with which we approach our faith.
Through Christ, joy burst into our world,
yet we do not know how to be joyful.
Christ initiated your kingdom of peace,
yet we continue to spread war.
Hope was born in Christ,
yet we allow cynicism and despair to consume us.
We yearn for the rich and abundant life you offer us.
Inspire us to become passionate disciples
who are eager to spread your love throughout the world. Amen.

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Response #583

"Glory to God"

Passing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Scripture

Isaiah 11:1-9

Response

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

Thanks be to God.

Message

"Where We Find Hope"

Greg Jones

Song #89

"For You, O Lord, My Soul in Stillness Waits"

Offering

Please sign the blue friendship notebook and pass it to the person next to you.

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Song #87 "Comfort, Comfort Now My People"

Sending

Song #765 "May the God of Hope Go with Us"

Following worship, please join us in the Meeting Room for coffee, tea, and fellowship.

We are thankful for your presence and participation this morning. Westminster has two worship options each Sunday. Our other Sunday morning worship service is held at 9:00 a.m., and includes a choir, organ music and a brief Children's Message. Both services include prayers, singing, scripture and sermon.

Following worship, feel free to make a bouquet to brighten someone's day. Today's flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Betty Coker by her family.

Please remember in your prayers Ed Wat.

Children are welcome in worship. You will find yellow worship bags for all children at the chapel entrance.

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