



Let there
be PEACE

A blue silhouette of a hand with fingers spread, positioned to the right of the word "there". The palm of the hand contains a white starburst pattern with radiating lines and small dots.

December 3, 2017 11:15 a.m.
1st Sunday in Advent

Welcome and Living Our Faith

Gathering Song

#86

“The People Who Walked in Darkness”

Song #88

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”
Verse 1

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Lola Miller and Sue Weissinger

The church announces the coming of Christ because it speaks to a deep truth –
Christ is coming.

Even where there is war and discord, whether between countries,
within families, or within our own hearts,

God is present, calling us to a new future.

We light the first candle, the candle of peace,
**as we express our longing for healing, for justice,
and for the well-being of all creation.**

Song #88

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”
Verse 7

Call to Confession

What does the Lord require of us?

**To do justice,
to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with our God.** (Micah 6:8)

Prayer of Confession

**O God, forgive us for the times we fall short of what we can be.
Forgive our lack of sensitivity to the hurts of others;
our silence in the midst of injustice;
our cowardice in the face of oppression;
our lack of love among the unlovely.
Humble us where we are arrogant;
remake us where we are weak;
strengthen us where we lack faith;
guide us where we have lost our way;
that once again, by your grace,
we may become the people you would have us become. Amen.**

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Passing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Scripture

Isaiah 58:1-9a

Response

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

Thanks be to God.

Message

"A Prophetic Voice"

Greg Jones

Offering

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

Song #378 "We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom"

Communion of the People

Invitation

We come to the table as children of God.

We share a common faith and a common desire.

We come to be transformed into new people
who live according to the loving spirit of Christ.

May Christ transform us and bring us peace.

Song #769

"For Everyone Born"

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Eternal God...

The Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and Cup

The Lord's Supper is open to all who trust in Christ.

When you approach communion servers, please take a piece of bread, the symbol of Christ's love for you, and dip it in the cup, representing the new life in Christ.

If you are unable to come forward, please tell a host so that you may be served.

For those who have wheat allergies, we provide gluten-free rice crackers with the communion bread.

Prayer Following Communion

Song #753 **"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"**

Sending

Song #448 **"Peace of God Be with You"**

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 gratitude to our Westminster family from Josh, Rich and Alejandro (Thomas-Suarez family).*

Please remember in your prayers Eadie Churchill and Martha Dewees.

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

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SERMON SERIES: WHY CHURCH?

On 7 Sundays, Dr. Jones will lay out the reasons that the church is crucial to the state of the world.

December 10 **Where We Find Hope**

Previous sermons are available on the literature table and on the church website.



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