



Isaiah 11:1

**A** shoot will come up  
from the stump of Jesse;  
from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.

December 4, 2016 11:15 a.m.

Second Sunday of Advent

*Gathering Songs*

*Welcome and Living Our Faith*

*Passing of the Peace*

*Lighting of the Advent Wreath*

*Kelly and Aiden McCullough*

Last Sunday we lit the first candle – the candle of hope.

Today we light the candle of peace.

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

Yet in this season of Advent, we trust that God is never absent from us.

**God is always preparing something new.**

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.**

*Song #85*

“Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah”

*Verses 1-2*

*Advent Prayer*

**Loving God, in this time of preparation and planning,  
we thank you for the hope and peace you continuously offer us.**

**Show us the creative power of hope.**

**Teach us the peace that comes from justice.**

**Prepare our hearts to be transformed**

**and reveal your vision of peace**

**that we may walk in the light of Christ. Amen.**

*Song #86*

“The People Who Walked in Darkness”

*Scripture*

Isaiah 11:1-10

Gen Wallace Roe, Lay Reader

*Response*

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Song #129*

“Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming”

*Message*

“Out of a Dead Stump”

Greg Jones

*Song #91*

“Come, Come Emmanuel”

*Offering*

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

*Communion of the People*

*Invitation to the Lord’s Table*

*The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord’s Prayer*

*Song #103*

“Come Now, O Prince of Peace”

*Words of Institution*

*Sharing the Bread and Cup*

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

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

*Song #378*

“We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom”

*Sending*

*Response #95*

“Prepare the Way of the Lord”

*Following the service, we invite you to 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 Traditional Service, held in the Sanctuary at 9:00 a.m., includes a choir, organ music and a brief Children's Message. Our Alternative Service, Living Mosaics, is held in Rodney Chapel at 11:15 a.m. 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** Carol Harris, Frederick Iobst, Pauline Mason, Devon Riggs, Julie Schmitt and Tom Stout who were recently hospitalized.

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

**Image:** A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse  
<https://thenoontimes.files.wordpress.com/2015/12/isaiah-11v1.jpg?w=300&h=225>

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Pianist: Paul Fleckenstein

Oboist: Merideth Hite Estevez

Song Leader: Sharon Babcock



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