



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
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Song Leader: Sharon Babcock



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