



**December 9, 2018 11:15 a.m.**  
**Second Sunday of Advent**

*Welcome and Living Our Faith*

*Passing the Peace*

*Song #106*                      “Prepare the Way, O Zion”

*Lighting of the Advent Wreath*

Owen Morris, and his children Owen and Phebe

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.**

*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.**

*Response #103*                      “Come Now, O Prince of Peace”

*V. 1*

*Scripture Lesson*

Luke 3:1-6

Jim Wilson, Lay Reader

*Response*

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Response #103*            “Come Now, O Prince of Peace”

V. 1

*Message*

Sudie Niesen Thompson

*Song #86*            “The People Who Walked in Darkness”

*Offering*

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

*Prayers of the People*

*The Lord’s Prayer*

*Song #350*            “Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning”

*Sending*

*Song #95*            “Prepare the Way of the Lord”

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

***Please remember in your prayers*** Joyce Ruston who was recently hospitalized.

***Following worship, feel free to make a bouquet to brighten someone's day. The flowers are given to the glory of God and in gratitude for our loving and supportive Westminster family as we celebrate the baptism of Leonardo Kristian Suarez by Josh, Rick, Alejandro and Leonardo.***

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

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