

"Heavenly Peace"
DR. TIM BRUSTER
Luke 2:1-7, Isaiah 9:2-7

Traditional Worship
11:00 am
December 2, 2018

PRE-SERVICE CAROLING

Hymn 246 — Joy to the World
Hymn 238 — Angels We Have Heard on High (Verses 1, 2, 3)
Hymn 218 — It Came Upon the Midnight Clear
Hymn 219 — What Child is This (Verses 1, 3)

WE GATHER

Prelude — Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying
Gilbert M. Martin, arranger

Welcome

A Nativity Play

Part 1 — Jesus is Born

#230 O Little Town of Bethlehem, verse 1

Part 2 — The Angels Announce the Good News

#240 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing, verse 1

Part 3 — The Shepherds and Sheep Run to the Manger

#234 O Come All Ye Faithful, verse 1

Part 4 — A Visit from the Wise Men

#254 We Three Kings, verse 1

Part 5 — Savior of the World

#217 Away in a Manger, verse 1

Announcements

Call to Worship — Silent Night

Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright
round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy infant, so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace,
sleep in heavenly peace.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Scripture — Luke 2:6

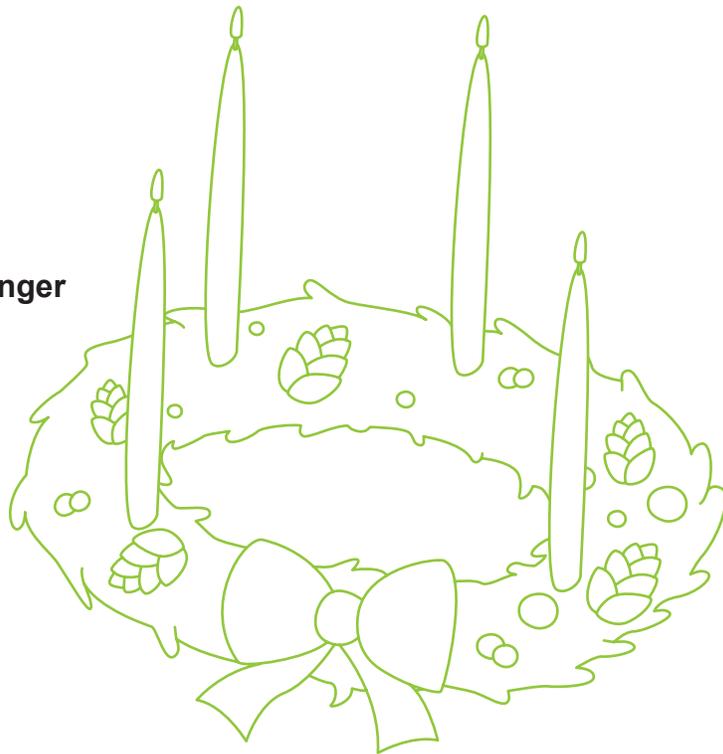
*Hymn 196 — Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Come, Thou long expected Jesus Born to set Thy people free; From our fears and sins release us, Let us find our rest in Thee. Israel's strength and **consolation**, Hope of all the earth Thou art; Dear desire of every nation, Joy of every longing heart.

Born Thy people to deliver, Born a child and yet a King, Born to reign in us forever, Now Thy gracious kingdom bring. By Thine own eternal Spirit Rule in all our hearts alone; By Thine all sufficient merit, Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

Word of the Day:
Peace

Memory Verse:
He shall be called...Prince of Peace.
— Isaiah 9:6



Consolation means to comfort or to make someone feel better.

WE PROCLAIM

Sacrament of Baptism

John Wills Lokey, son of Jaime and John Lokey

Baptismal Hymn 191 (vs. 1) – Jesus Loves Me

Jesus loves me! This I know,
for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong;
they are weak, but he is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Congregational Response

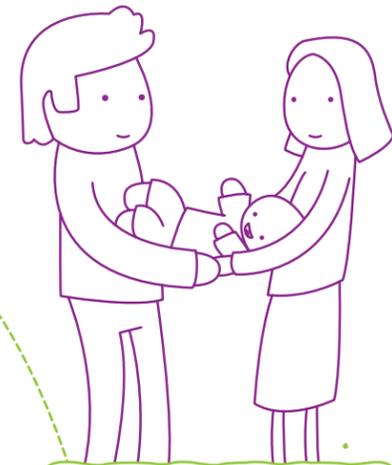
With God's help we will so order our lives after the example of Christ that **John Wills**, surrounded by steadfast love, may be established in the faith, and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.

Scripture – Isaiah 9:2-7

God speaks to us through the reading of scripture.

Thanks be to God.

Meditation – Heavenly Peace



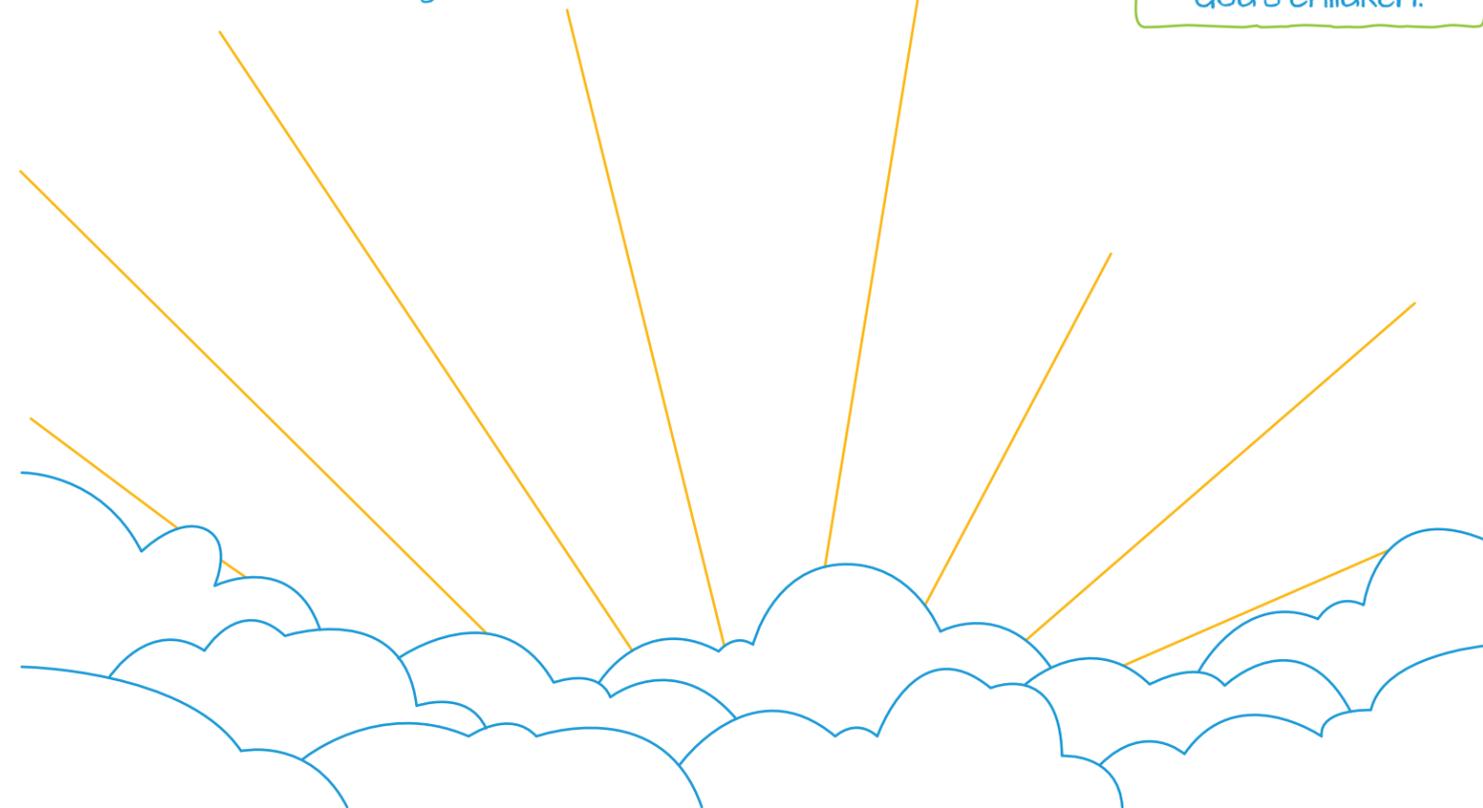
Baptism:
When someone is baptized, it's a chance for all of us to celebrate how much God loves that person. God loves each one of us, not because of anything we do, but simply because we are God's children.

A STATEMENT OF FAITH FOR ADVENT

(John 1:1-5)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness and the darkness did not overcome it.

Amen and Amen.



Sermon Snips:
You don't have to "just sit there." Choose one of the sermon snips and let it guide you as you take your relationship with God to the next level.



HEAVENLY PEACE



Illustrate a line from your favorite Christmas carol.

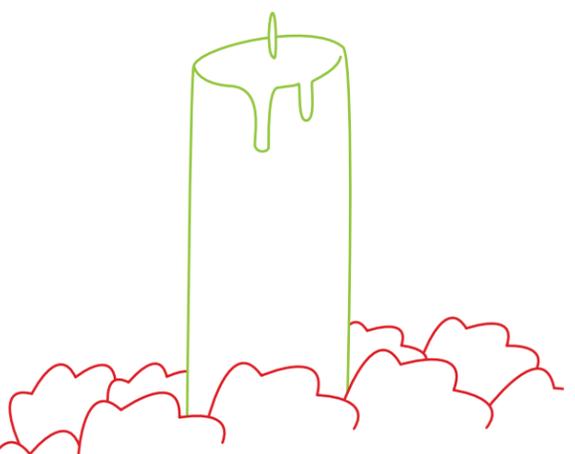
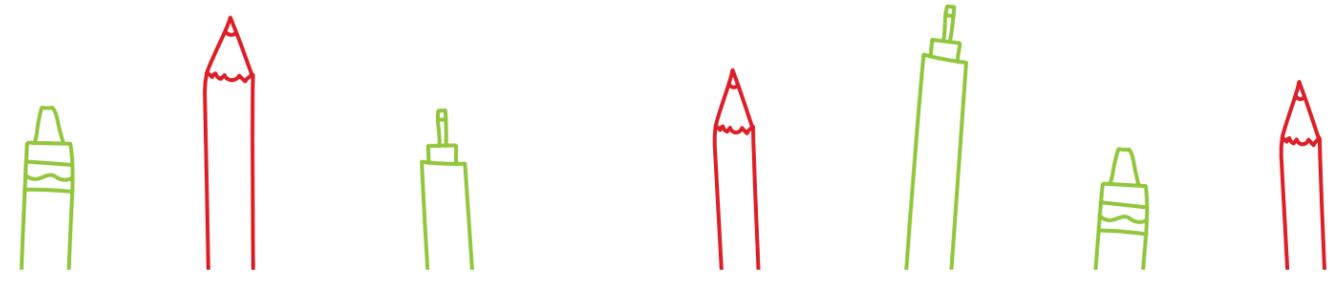


What is your favorite gift you ever gave someone else for Christmas. Write about it, or draw a picture?



This is an Advent wreath without its candles. Find the Advent wreath in our worship space. How many candles does it have? Add the same number of candles to your wreath.

This is the season of Advent — a time of preparing for the coming of Jesus. What are some of the ways your family is preparing your home for Christmas? What are some ways you are preparing your heart for Jesus?



Draw a light on this candle as you think about one of the following: Peace, Hope, Love, Joy, The Light of Jesus (pick a different one each week).

WE RESPOND

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name.

Thy kingdom come, Thy will be
done on earth as it is in heaven.

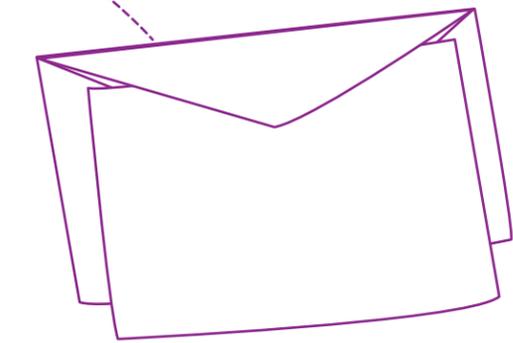
Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who
trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

FOR Thine is the kingdom,
and the power,
and the glory, forever.
Amen.

Many years
after Jesus went
to heaven, the
early church
added this part
of the prayer.
Hold the prayer
CROSS close to
your heart as
you say this part.



A Time of Giving

Offertory – In Dulci Jubilo

Dale Wood, arranger

Find the offering envelope in your worship kit. Write your first and last name on the envelope, then put in the money you plan to give to the church. Place the **envelope** in the offering plate. Every dollar makes a difference!

* Invitation to Christian Discipleship

* Hymn 206 – I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

I want to walk as a child of the light.
I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world.
The star of my life is Jesus.

Refrain — In him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

I want to see the brightness of God.
I want to look at Jesus.
Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path,
And show me the way to the Father.

Refrain

Special Music – Season of Peace

Mark Patterson, composer

* Benediction

Our gathering will soon be ended, where will we go, and what will we do?

We will go out to be God's people in the world.

May grace, peace, hope, love, and joy forever accompany you. Amen.

* Congregational Closing – Silent Night

Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright
round yon virgin mother and child.

Holy infant, so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace,
sleep in heavenly peace.

* Postlude – Postlude on "Gloria"

Jason D. Payne, arranger

The poinsettias and decorations in the Sanctuary are given in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. A.J. Broderick and Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Smith.

Worship Leaders:

Sermon, Dr. Tim Bruster, Senior Pastor

Soloists: Mr. Nathan Benivedes and Mr. Aaron Hampton

Liturgists: Rev. Linda McDermott, Rev. Zhenya Gurrina-Rodriguez,
Rev. Phyllis Barren

Cornerstone Youth Choir

Special Music: Cornerstone Youth Choir

Mrs. Erin Ypya, director, Mr. Dawen Li, accompanist

Soloist: Ms. Katie Stewart

9:30 Acolytes: Bethany Factor, Chase Markle

11:00 Acolytes: Catie James, Jules Young

*Please stand as you are able.

How are you going
to be one of God's
people in the world
this week?



WORSHIP KIT

↪ INSIDE YOU WILL FIND ↪

TREASURES OF NATURE BOX

One of the best ways we can experience God's power and love is by cherishing God's handiwork in the wonders of nature. Carefully open the box and discover what treasures wait inside.

BLANK CARD

You can use the pencil and crayons to make a *Thank You* note for someone in the Sanctuary who helped make worship feel special to you. It could be a parent, a minister, a choir member, an usher, or someone in the next pew who gave you a friendly wave. After the service, ask your parents to take you to hand-deliver the card.

ANOINTING BALM

Use the anointing balm to bless a friend or family member sitting next to you. Rub a tiny bit of the balm on your thumb and trace the sign of the cross on your neighbor's forehead or back of the hand (whichever they prefer). As you do this, say a simple blessing, such as "God bless you." (It's not just for sneezes.) Or, for a longer blessing, you could say:

*You are a special person.
God loves you, and so do I.
Bless you.*

And don't forget to allow your neighbor the privilege of getting to bless you.

PIPE STEMS

There are so many things you can do with pipe stems. You could:

- Listen to the sermon and sculpt an object you hear mentioned.
- Shape them in the initials of someone you'd like to pray for.
- Look around the Sanctuary and sculpt something you see.
- Sculpt a flower and give it to a family member.
- Make a friendship bracelet and give it to a friend, or to a new member.

PRAYER CROSS

The cross is such a powerful symbol of God's love and hope. Anytime is a good time to hold on to the cross. See inside the bulletin for how to use the prayer cross during the Lord's Prayer.

TANGLE

Listen to a piece of music or a Bible story and mold the tangle to show how it makes you feel.

Does it make you feel:

- Open and ready for God's presence?
- Tangled and confused?
- Wrapped snugly and securely?
- Calm like a gentle stream?
- Not sure?

PENCIL AND CRAYONS

Use these to write notes in your bulletin, draw a prayer, illustrate a story you hear in the sermon, or even ask hard questions.

CLOTH FIGURE

Here are just a few things you can do with the cloth figure:

- Have it act out the events in the Bible story.
- Help it read the bulletin.
- Gently hold it the way God is holding you right now.

EYE SPY CARD AND TELESCOPE

Use the Eye Spy card to identify some of the many meaningful objects and symbols in our Sanctuary. Use the telescope to help you explore.

