

Gaithersburg Presbyterian Church – December 6, 2020
Second Sunday of Advent
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Opening Music "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" arr. Wade Meyers

Greeting

Song "While We Are Waiting, Come" produced by Wade Meyers

Call to Worship and Lighting the Advent Candles [*responsive*]

As stars to the maker:

We are the work of God's hands.

As plants to the gardener:

We are the work of God's hands.

As clay to the potter:

We are the work of God's hands.

As we watch for the coming of the Christ Child, we turn toward God, yearning for peace. We light the second candle as a sign of God's peace, coming into our world.

Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;

let all creation sing for joy at the coming of the Lord.

Let all creation sing for joy at the coming of the Lord. (Psalm 80)

Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;

righteousness and peace will kiss each other. (Psalm 85)

Let us prepare for the coming of the Light of the world.

Opening Prayer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession [*together*]

Gracious and welcoming God,

have mercy on your people.

We confess that we do not

believe in your incarnation.

We do not heed your word each day

in all that we say and do.

We do not see others

as beloved people, created by you.

Luke 1:46–55

⁴⁶And Mary said,
⁴⁷‘My soul magnifies the Lord,
⁴⁷ and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
⁴⁸ for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.
Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
⁴⁹ for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.
⁵⁰ His mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.
⁵¹ He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.
⁵² He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,
and lifted up the lowly;
⁵³ he has filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty.
⁵⁴ He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
⁵⁵ according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.’

This is the witness to God’s word. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Bringing Peace

Rev. Mary Austin

We Respond to God’s Grace

Reflection “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” verses 2 & 3 produced by Wade Meyers

Invitation to Generosity

Communion Music

Invitation to the Communion Table and Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.
It is truly right, and our greatest joy...

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 debts,
as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

By the power of the Holy Spirit, Jesus Christ is present to us in this meal, and that presence comes through whatever elements we use. Please take the elements you have at home, and eat whatever kind of bread you have, and drink whatever cup you have prepared. The bread is the body of Christ, the bread of heaven, and the cup is the blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. Take and eat. Take and drink.

Prayer after Communion

We Depart for Service

Announcements

Passing the Peace

Greeting: "The peace of Christ be with you."

Response: "And also with you."

Closing Blessing

Closing Music

"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"
Music by Claudio Ferreira and Wade Meyers

Participating in the service:

Mr. Mike Baxter, Worship Leader
Ms. Carolyn Hayes, Director of Children and Young Families
Mr. Wade Myers, Director of Music and Worship Arts
Rev. Mary Beth Lawrence
Rev. Mary Austin

The Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon are adapted from
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