

**Second Sunday of Advent
December 5, 2010
8:45 a.m.**

UMH = United Methodist Hymnal (Red) FWS = The Faith We Sing (Black)

Prelude "Sleepers, Awake" J. S. Bach
Welcome and Announcements
+Opening Prayer
+Hymn "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" Verses 1-4 UMH 211

Lighting the Advent Wreath*

Reader: In Isaiah 11:9, the prophet declares,
They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain;
for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of God,
as the waters cover the sea.
We light this candle as a sign of hope
that truth will prevail, and justice be done,
for all people. (Candle is lit.)
As we pray and work
for truth, compassion, and justice, near and far—

**Congregation: Risen Christ, Light of the world,
shine in our lives
and shine among us now.**

Response:*

*Holy baby, holy child, we await your coming now.
You bring us hope, you bring us peace; you bring us joy, you bring us love.
Holy baby, holy child, come to us now.*

Morning Prayer
A Time with the Children
Anthem

"Away in a Manger" Arr. Marie Pooler
Morning Glory Choir

Old Testament Reading* Isaiah 35:1-10 **Thanks be to God.**

Offering Our Gifts "Gloria" Paul T. Langston

+Response*
*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

+Prayer of Dedication

+Gospel Reading* Matthew 3:1-12 **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "Peace: Beginning with a Child"
Hymn "Let There be Peace on Earth" UMH 431

Service of Holy Communion

Invitation
Prayer of Confession

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the way of peace. Come into the brokenness of our lives and our land with your healing love. Help us to be willing to bow before you in true repentance, and to bow to one another in real forgiveness. By the fire of your Holy Spirit, melt our hard hearts and consume the pride and prejudice which separate us. Fill us, O Lord, with your perfect love, which casts out our fear, and bind us together in that unity which you share with the Father and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving UMH 17

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.

Breaking the Bread

Giving the Bread and Cup

Everyone who is present today is welcome at the Lord's Table.

The ushers will invite you to come to the altar rail to kneel or stand as you are able.

Receive a piece of bread with open hands and eat.

And take and drink a small cup of juice.

Gluten-free wafers are also available as you come forward.

Monetary gifts left at the rail go to emergency needs in our church and community.

Prayer after Communion

+Hymn "Emmanuel" UMH 204

+Benediction

+Postlude "Savior of the Nations, Come" J. S. Bach

+ Please stand as you are able.
Please silence all electronic devices.