

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, December 6, 2020 – 10:30 AM
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Second Sunday of Advent Order of Worship

Welcome and Announcements

In the name of the Risen Christ, welcome to this morning's service of worship. If you are a visitor, we are glad you're with us and hope you will return. May God's Holy Spirit fill our worship with joy, our hearts with forgiveness, and our lives with hope.

Prelude

Prepare the Way

Hall

Advent Litany

Advent is a time for God's people to reawaken their longings.

Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

Where there is division, we long for unity.

Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

Where there is hostility, we long for resolution.

Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

Where there is separation, we long for reunion.

Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

Candle Lighting by Michael Broadhurst and Refrain sung by Choir

Invitation to Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession

The voice of one comes crying out in the wilderness... prepare the way of the Lord.

A messenger prepares the way, transforming us like the refiner's fire calling us to account.

For the prophets of old have spoken, announcing the breaking open of the dawn...

guiding our feet in the way of peace.

Merciful God, please forgive us.

Forgive us when we are quick to point the finger at someone else.

Forgive us when we put our heads down and ignore the cries of injustice.

Forgive us when we presume to understand the complexity of issues that divide and distract the people of the land where you once walked.

Merciful God, please forgive us, heal us, encourage us and speak through us, that we may be transformed through the refiner's fire, and the offerings of our hands and our hearts may prepare the way for the Christ child to be welcomed among us in peace.

Assurance of God's Grace

Doxology (Sung in our hearts)

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.