

## Announcements

**Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> – Choir Practice** (6:30 pm)

**Next Sunday** – The theme for next Sunday's service is "JOY". The third Sunday of Advent has traditionally been referred to as "Gaudete Sunday" meaning "Rejoice" and marks the halfway point of our Advent journey to Christmas. It was a Sunday when the solemnity of the Advent season was set aside for a day of rejoicing at the nearness of Christmas. This year we are going to be marking the occasion by having a joyful and music-filled celebration as we are reminded of just how close Christmas is! The service this day will be designed with children in mind with lots of opportunities for them to participate! Come next Sunday ready to celebrate! This will surely be a service that you won't want to miss!

**The Easiest Bake Sale in the World** Folks are encouraged to bring their baked goods to church with them, already packaged. Everything will be placed on tables in the Fellowship Hall. After service, people are invited to shop. Nothing will be priced. Everything is by donation, money and cheques will be put into a jar, change can be made if necessary.

**The Huntington Society's amaryllis** fundraising campaign is underway. These kits, selling at \$17 each, make great gifts at Christmas time, especially for those hard-to-buy for people on your list. These kits include a bulb, soil, pot, and regrowing instructions, all in an attractive retail box with some background information on Huntington's disease. These are indoor blooming flowering plants that will brighten up anyone's winter. Contact either Stephen or Janet-Rose Hurst at 888-3013 to order one today!

Have you signed up to receive emails from the church?

It's a quick and easy way to stay connected with your church family!

Speak to Rev. Brad or our church administrator Cheri for more information.

### **Mission Moment**

"Where is God in all of this oppression and injustice?" Upon hearing the anguished cries of Palestinian Christians, Palestinian clergy felt it was crucial to respond pastorally and remind them that God is the God of justice, the God who cares about the oppressed. These Christians need God's hope. In 1989, Palestinian Christian theologians developed a theology that could be shared with fellow Palestinian believers. This led to the establishment of Sabeel Ecumenical Liberation Theology Center in Jerusalem, an ecumenical grassroots liberation theology movement.

We pray for Omar Haramy, Director of Sabeel Ecumenical Liberation Theology Center in Jerusalem, and Palestinian Christians as they work for justice and engage in peacebuilding.

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Second Sunday of Advent

*"to know, love and serve God wherever we are and  
to inspire others to do the same  
by our thoughts, words and deeds"*

*SPC Mission Statement*

## Our Approach to God

Call to Worship:

The light shines in the darkness,  
**We come to worship, seeking the peace of Christ.**  
Shine into our lives and your world this Advent.  
**Renew in us Jesus' call to be peacemakers this day.**

Hymn: **#126 On Jordan's bank**

Advent Liturgy & Candle Lighting

Hymn: **#114 Hope is a star** (verses 1 & 2)

Assurance of God's Love

Opening Prayers

***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, the power and the glory, forever and ever, Amen.***

Assurance of God's Love

Welcome & Announcements

Children's Time

Hymn: **#560 Put peace into each other's hand** (verse 1-3, 5)

## Listening for God's Word

Prayer for Understanding

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10  
Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19  
Matthew 3:1-12

Ministry of Music: "Comfort Thy People" (Lloyd Larson)

Message: "Advent – A Season for Looking Around"

Hymn: **#128 There's a voice in the wilderness calling**

## Our Response to God's Word

Offering

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise God all creatures high & low  
Praise God in Jesus fully known:  
Creator, Word and Spirit one.***

Pastoral Prayer

♪ ***Hear our prayer, O God. Hear our prayer, O God.*** ♪  
***Incline your ear to us, and grant us your peace.***

Hymn: **#115 Hail to the Lord's Anointed**

Benediction & Dismissal: **Walk in the Light**

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As you prepare for this morning's service to begin, you are invited to reflect on the following...

*"It's really a wonder that I haven't dropped all my ideals, because they seem so absurd and impossible to carry out. Yet I keep them, because in spite of everything, I still believe that people are really good at heart."  
~ Anne Frank*



*"When someone says 'Happy Holidays' instead of 'Merry Christmas', remember, they're not doing it because of political correctness. They do it out of respect. Because from the 20<sup>th</sup> of November to January 24<sup>th</sup> there's at least 14 different religious holidays. So, when someone says Happy Holidays to you, thank them, because they don't know what you believe in.  
It's called respect. Not a war on Christmas."  
~ Anonymous*

**Scripture Reading:** Isaiah 11:1-10 (NIV)

A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse;  
from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.  
<sup>2</sup>The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him—  
the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding,  
the Spirit of counsel and of might,  
the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the Lord—  
<sup>3</sup>and he will delight in the fear of the Lord.  
He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes,  
or decide by what he hears with his ears;  
<sup>4</sup>but with righteousness he will judge the needy,  
with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth.  
He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth;  
with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked.  
<sup>5</sup>Righteousness will be his belt  
and faithfulness the sash around his waist.  
<sup>6</sup>The wolf will live with the lamb,  
the leopard will lie down with the goat,  
the calf and the lion and the yearling together;  
and a little child will lead them.  
<sup>7</sup>The cow will feed with the bear,  
their young will lie down together,  
and the lion will eat straw like the ox.  
<sup>8</sup>The infant will play near the cobra's den,  
and the young child will put its hand into the viper's nest.  
<sup>9</sup>They will neither harm nor destroy  
on all my holy mountain,  
for the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the Lord  
as the waters cover the sea.  
  
<sup>10</sup>In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples;  
the nations will rally to him, and his resting place will be glorious.

**Responsive Reading:** Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19 (NIV)

<sup>1</sup>Endow the king with your justice, O God,  
the royal son with your righteousness.  
<sup>2</sup>May he judge your people in righteousness,  
your afflicted ones with justice.  
<sup>3</sup>May the mountains bring prosperity to the people,  
the hills the fruit of righteousness.  
<sup>4</sup>May he defend the afflicted among the people  
and save the children of the needy;  
may he crush the oppressor.  
<sup>5</sup>May he endure as long as the sun,

as long as the moon, through all generations.  
<sup>6</sup>May he be like rain falling on a mown field,  
like showers watering the earth.  
<sup>7</sup>In his days may the righteous flourish  
and prosperity abound till the moon is no more...  
  
<sup>18</sup>Praise be to the Lord God, the God of Israel,  
who alone does marvelous deeds.  
<sup>19</sup>Praise be to his glorious name forever;  
may the whole earth be filled with his glory.  
Amen and Amen.

**Scripture Reading:** Matthew 3:1-12 (NIV)

In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea <sup>2</sup>and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." <sup>3</sup>This is he who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah:

"A voice of one calling in the wilderness,  
'Prepare the way for the Lord,  
make straight paths for him.'"

<sup>4</sup>John's clothes were made of camel's hair, and he had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. <sup>5</sup>People went out to him from Jerusalem and all Judea and the whole region of the Jordan. <sup>6</sup>Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River.

<sup>7</sup>But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to where he was baptizing, he said to them: "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? <sup>8</sup>Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. <sup>9</sup>And do not think you can say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. <sup>10</sup>The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.

<sup>11</sup>"I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>12</sup>His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor, gathering his wheat into the barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire."