



FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SIERRA VISTA, ARIZONA

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Order of Worship

2nd Sunday of Advent

December 4, 2022

At the sound of the chimes, please use this time to silently prepare for worship.

CHIMES

PRELUDE *"Prepare the Royal Highway"* - arr. Cherwien

GREETING "This is the day that the Lord has made!"
We will rejoice and be glad in it.

ADVENT READING - Diane Derr

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING - Kay McCleary

ALL: *We wait for the one who comes to us as close as our breath.
We wait for a messiah, the Prince of Peace, who walks the road
for peace for the whole world.
Come, Lord Jesus, come!*

INTROIT - *"Advent Song"* (verse 2) - Walker (Faith Choir)

***CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)**

We gather to praise God who created all things and sent his son into the world.
Come Lord Jesus, Come!

We sing joyous songs to God for God is good and merciful.

The Lord loves us and is with us in good times and tough times.

Fill our hearts with caring and understanding for all we meet.

Prince of Peace, lead us on your way and work to fulfill your Kingdom on Earth!

Dear God shower the world with peace, love and unity.

Come Lord Jesus, come!

*** OPENING HYMN** *"On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"* #96

* THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

Dear God, we praise and thank you for all the love and blessings you have given us. We confess that we take all these blessings for granted at times. We confess that we are not agents of peace in the world. We bring discord, anger, and judgment upon the people we love. We are rude to people trying to help us and our misplaced anger hurts those closest to us. Let us remember we are here to love and serve all your people and to care for your creation. In your ever-loving grace, forgive us for the wrongs we have done, and give us the strength to do better each day to fulfill your holy commands.

(silent reflection)

* THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON (responsively)

God so loved the world he sent his son to us to show us how to live in peace and harmony.

God has shown God's mercy through the ages.

Let us begin anew this day and bring peace to all our interactions!

With the help of the Lord's grace and love, anything is possible!

Friends, believe the good news!

In the love of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

* GLORIA PATRI

***Glory be to the Father; and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without
end. Amen. Amen.***

WELCOME

We invite all our guests to identify themselves as they wish.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDRENS TIME - Elder Richard Carter

ANTHEM - *"In the Bleak Midwinter"* - arr. Durham (Faith Choir)

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON - Isaiah 11:1-10

Holy wisdom, holy word, **thanks be to God.**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON - Matthew 3:1-12

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SERMON "Repent for Peace"

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD "THE APOSTLES' CREED"

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

SHARING OUR PRAYERS FOR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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 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, for ever. Amen.

RECEPTION OF OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

OFFERTORY - "The Advent Star" - Martin

* DOXOLOGY

*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 OF OUR OFFERINGS

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

May God be with you.

And also with you.

People of God, lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the One who holds us our hearts in loving hands.

Let us give thanks to God, who sets a Table for us.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

***CLOSING HYMN - “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates” #93**

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE - “While We Are Waiting Come” #92**

(Verses 1 & 3)

*While we are waiting, come;
while we are waiting, come.
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel,
while we are waiting come.*

*Come, Savior, quickly come;
come, Savior, quickly come.
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel,
while we are waiting come.*

***POSTLUDE - “Hark, The Glad Sound!” - arr. Cherwien**

