

**Sunday, December 8, 2024**

**Advent 2 - Peace**

**Guest Preacher:** Pastor Trevor Tristram

**Music Director:** Victoria Warwick

**Reader:** Gerry Payne

**Tech Team:** Glenn Erwin, Gabriela and Rick Dell, Bruce Wilcox and Marina Commisso

**WELCOME, CALL TO THE GATHERED & ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE LAND**

**HYMN MEDLEY: VU #38 "Angels We Have Heard on High" (v. 1,2, 3)**

1. Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
and the mountains in reply; echoing their joyous strains.

**Refrain: Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!**

2. Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heavenly song? **Refrain:**
3. Come to Bethlehem and see Christ whose birth the angels sing;  
come, adore on bended knee Christ, the Lord, the newborn King. **Refrain:**

**VU#43 "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" (v. 1,2)**

**Refrain: Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere.**

**Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.**

1. While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,  
behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light. **Refrain:**
2. The shepherds feared and trembled when lo, above the earth  
rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Saviour's birth! **Refrain:**

**OPENING PRAYER:** read by Gerry Payne

**LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF HOPE:**

One: On this second Sunday of Advent, we come in peace as a community of faith.

**All: We watch, we wait, we wonder.**

One: Let peace begin with us. In every breath we take, may we live in the peace of God's promise to be with us always.

**All: We wait for Jesus, the Prince of Peace, to come into the world.**

One: As we light the second candle in our wreath, we take a moment to breathe in the Spirit of peace.

**SUNG RESPONSE: "Light a Candle"**

Light a candle for peace in the darkness. Souls content, we know you are near;  
Advent watching and waiting for Jesus, God with us, resolving our fears.  
Emmanuel, peace is here; Peace is here!

**THEME CONVERSATION:**

**SCRIPTURE:**

**SPECIAL MUSIC: VIVO** "How Far is it to Bethlehem?"

**SERMON:**

**GIVING OF OUR GIFTS**

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM: VIVO** "Sweet Silent Night"

**SUNG RESPONSE: VU# 55 (V. 4)**

What can I give him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;  
if I were a wise man, I would do my part; yet what I can I give him – give my heart.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD'S PRAYER** read by Gerry Payne**CLOSING HYMN: VU#18 "There's a Voice in the Wilderness"**

1. There's a voice in the wilderness crying; a call from the ways untrod:  
prepare in the desert a highway, a highway for our God!  
The valleys shall be exalted, the lofty hills brought low;  
make straight all the crooked places where God, our God, may go!
2. O Zion, that bringest good tidings, get thee up to the heights and sing!  
Proclaim to a desolate people the coming of their King.  
Like the flowers of the field they perish, like grass our works decay;  
the power and pomp of nations shall pass, like a dream, away.
3. But the word of our God endureth, whose arm is ever strong;  
God stands in the midst of nations, and soon will right the wrong.  
God shall feed the flock like a shepherd, the lambs so gently hold;  
to pastures of peace will lead them and bring them safe to fold.
4. There's a voice in the wilderness crying; a call from the ways untrod:  
prepare in the desert a highway, a highway for our God!  
The valleys shall be exalted, the lofty hills brought low;  
make straight all the crooked places where God, our God, may go!

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