



Immanuel Presbyterian Church

Sanctuary Worship Service

First Sunday of Advent

November 28, 2021

*Discovering and displaying Christ
in here and out there*

Celebration of the Lord's Day

WELCOME

ADVENT VIDEO

Shalom (Peace)

The Bible Project

ADVENT PRAYER

ADVENT CANDLE OF PEACE

The Wooll Family

Readers: Prepare the way of the Lord. We light this candle in peace, the peace that Jesus, our Savior, gives to the world.

All: Prepare, then, the way of the Lord.

*HYMN

Watchman, Tell Us of the Night

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

Recording of the Immanuel choir and congregation, with brass quintet, timpani, and organ at the Music & the Word service for Christmas 2012.

**Watchman, tell us of the night,
What its signs of promise are:
Traveler, o'er yon mountain's height:
See that glory-beaming star!
Watchman, does its beauteous ray
Aught of joy or hope foretell?
Traveler, yes; it brings the day,
Promised day of Israel.**

**Watchman, tell us of the night;
Higher yet that star ascends:
Traveler, blessedness and light,
Peace and truth, its course portends.
Watchman, will its beams alone
Gild the spot that gave them birth?
Traveler, ages are its own;
And it bursts o'er all the earth!**

**Watchman, tell us of the night,
For the morning seems to dawn:
Traveler, darkness takes its flight;
Doubt and terror are withdrawn.
Watchman, let thy wanderings cease;
Hie thee to thy quiet home.
Traveler, lo, the Prince of Peace,
Lo, the Son of God is come!**

Words by John Bowring, 1825; music by George J. Elvey, 1859.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Romans 5: 1

One: Paul tells us in the book of Romans that "since we have been made right in God's sight by faith, we have peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us." Therefore, with confidence, let us confess the wrong we have done.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste the earth entrusted to our care. The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and turn them into bonds of oppression. Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ. Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

One: The good news of this Advent season is forgiveness of sin and new life. Let us commit our lives once again to Christ, the Prince of Peace.

All: Thanks be to the God of Advent, who comes among us, setting us free to love and bring peace to the world!

HYMN

'Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus

Kirkpatrick & Stead

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 9: 6-7 NRSV

⁶For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

One: The grass withers and the flower fades, but the Word of God endures forever.

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON SERIES

Advent Words

SERMON

Shalom (Peace)

Rev. John C. Tittle

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OFFERTORY

Fix You

Martin, Berryman,
Champion, Buckland

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(refrain)

One: We are seeking light

All: Shed your light upon this world

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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, forever. Amen.

*HYMN

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

No. 2

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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Bob and Carol Van Gelder, song leaders

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