

Northminster Presbyterian Church

December 6, 2020 *Welcomes You to Worship*
2nd Sunday of Advent 10:00 A.M.
Ministers: Everyone in the Congregation
The Reverend Dwight McCormick II, Pastor

Prelude “Of the Father’s Love Begotten” arr. CALLAHAN

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Call to Worship Ruth George

Leader: Listen to what the Lord our God says to us:

People: Peace is God's hope for us; salvation is God's gift to us.

Leader: See what the Lord our God reveals to us:

People: righteousness is the path to the kingdom; faithfulness is the highway we build.

Leader: Tell what the Lord our God asks us to speak:

People: prepare God's way; the Christ is coming to redeem us.

Hymn “Wild and Lone the Prophet’s Voice” Glory to God

Call to Confession Ruth George

Union Prayer of Confession

We confess that whatever our fine might have been that it has been paid, God of Comfort, yet we still insist on earning our way into your heart. We confess that you are beyond patient with us, but wish you would act quickly against those who hurt us. We confess that while your word will stand forever, it is our words of pain and anger that cause long term harm to others.

Your Messenger has come, Approaching God, crying out of your forgiveness and hope. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, you speak to us: not of punishment, but of peace; not of judgment, but of justice; not of a sentence, but salvation. And we offer our hearts in thanksgiving and hope.

Silence is kept for individual confession of sin.

Leader: Amen

Assurance of Pardon

Ruth George

Leader: Hear the Good News God speaks to you and says:
I love you; I forgive you; I restore you to new life.

People: We will not ignore the fact that God comes: not to condemn, but to comfort us; not to scold, but to speak tenderly to us of hope, of love, of joy. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Joys and Concerns

Lighting of the Second Advent Candle Diana Harrison

Leader: Blessed be the God of Israel, who has come to set us free.

People: All around the world there are wars and rumors of wars. Peace appears to be a distant dream.

Leader: Through the prophets of old, God promised peace.

People: Like the people of old, we too long for peace, not only as release from armed conflict, but as a way of living our lives freed from fears and anxiety.

Leader: Today, on this the second Sunday of Advent, we light the candle of PEACE. (The candle is lit)

May we find God’s peace in our hearts, and be bearers of God’s peace in our world.

People: God's light of Peace will shine on us this day, to guide our feet into the ways of peace.

First Reading Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 40:1-11

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

People: Thanks be to God

Second Reading New Testament Lesson Mark 1:1-8

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

People: Thanks be to God

Special Music “He Shall Feed his Flock Like a Shepherd” G.F. HÄNDEL

Sermon

Stewardship Reminder

Affirmation of Faith—Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended to the dead. On the third day He rose again; He ascended into heaven, He is seated at the right hand of the Father, and He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn	“Comfort, Comfort Now My People”	Glory to God
Benediction		
Closing Chorus	“Go Now in Peace”	BESIG
Postlude	“Awake, Awake and Greet the New Morn”	Hymn Tune

Thank you to David Hapner and Dawn White for leading us in song

Special thanks to Presbyterian Mission Agency for today’s liturgy

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