



The Vision



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Manna for Meditation



Servants

In His Service

December 13, 2020

Second Sunday in Advent

Last Sunday we would have lit the first candle in our Advent Wreath, the candle of hope. We light it again as we remember that Christ, who was born in Bethlehem, will come again to fulfill all of God's promises to us.

- The second candle of Advent is the Candle of **Peace**.

Peace is a word that we hear a lot. It is one of the things that we hope for. Christ brought peace when he first came to us and he will bring everlasting peace when he comes again.

-The prophet Isaiah called Christ "the Prince of **Peace**".

When Jesus came he taught people the importance of being peace makers. He said that those who make peace shall be called the children of God.

- We light the candle of peace to remind us that Jesus is the Prince of **Peace** and that through him peace is found.

- **Peace** is like a light shining in a dark place. As we look at this candle we celebrate the peace we find in Jesus Christ.

- Let us pray: Thank you God for the peace you give us. We ask that as we wait for all your promises to come true, and for Christ to come again, that you would remain present with us. Help us today, and everyday to worship you, to hear your word, and to do your will by sharing your peace with each other. We ask it in the name of the one who was born in Bethlehem. Amen.

USHER

SOUND SYSTEM 10:30 AM-Chuck Richardson

DEACON-Ken McVey

NURSERY-

Small Talk-None

Junior Church-

(The previous week's attendance and financial status)

ATTENDANCE

FINANCIAL NOTES

		Monthly Need \$11,070.16
	Worship Service	Sunday School
November 1	\$2,204.06	\$49.00
November 8	\$1,898.00	\$33.00
November 15	\$1,823.00	\$50.00
November 22	\$2,042.00	\$44.00
November 29	\$ 660.00	
Operating Fund		
\$8,803.06		
	Total Receipts (Nov)	\$8,810.81
	Weekly Need	\$2,700.18

The Christmas Carol of the Birds

Written by Mrs. G. Hall

Do you know when we are having such good times at Christmas, what sweet music they have in Norway, that cold country across the sea? One day in the year the simple peasants who live there make the birds very happy, so that they sing, of their own free-will, a glad, joyous carol on Christmas morning.

And this is why they sing on that morning more than on any other. After the birds have found shelter from the north wind on Christmas-eve and the night is still and bright with stars, or even if the storm be ever so severe, the good people bring out sheaves of corn and wheat from their storehouses. Tying them on slender poles, they raise them from every spire, barn, gatepost, and gable; then, when the Christmas sun rises over the hills, every spire and gable bursts forth into joyous song.

You can well believe that these songs of the birds make the people of Norway very happy. They echo, with all their hearts, their living, grateful anthem, "Glory to God in the highest, on earth peace, goodwill to men!"

Salvation Army Bell Ringing

There is still a big need for volunteers to Ring Bells for the Salvation Army. There will also be a way at each kettle for people wanting to donate, but that do not carry cash can utilize their Apple and Google Pay or scan a QR code to donate electronically.

We know that these are trying times, however there are still many people in need that need this help at this time of year.

If you are interested in donating 2 hours of your time to do this Mission, please contact Ken to see when there are open spots available. The schedule is done online.



Due to the Covid-19 Virus, it has been decided that it would not be a wise choice to have our Annual Holiday Dinner this year.



Even though we do not have a Mitten Tree up this year we are still collecting mittens, gloves, hats and scarves for those in need. So on Saturday December 12, between 2 and 4 PM there will be someone at the automatic doors in the semi-circle drive in the front of the church to collect your donations. You will just need to drive through and drop them in a box.

DID YOU KNOW

The Hymn "O Little Town of Bethlehem" was written by a minister in 1867 especially for the children to sing for their Christmas Program. The tune was not finished until the night before the program.



PAYER REQUESTS:

Church Family:

Judy Thompson, Marilyn James, Betty Maxwell, the Giesbrecht Family, Family of Pam Thacker, Patty Giesbrecht, Brian Etchison, Tom Holman, Maggie Jordan, Patty Volz, Mary Jennison, Bob & Catherine Etter, Josh Owen, Grant Collinworth, Betty Williamson, Dixie Carter, Larry & Peggy Martin, Susan Polk, Bob & Dianna Jennings, Dee Dee Kaufman & Evelyn Denney

Community: Pray for America, our community, the leaders, our school boards, Youth and teachers dealing with this COVID-19 Pandemic situation.

For children and families facing crisis, and those in need in our community.

Military Personnel: Skyler Rynard, Dan Koong, Michael Pitz, Clint Plake, all military personnel serving at home and abroad.

Country People Affected by the COVID-19 virus, Situations in the country and abroad, the President & cabinet, political leaders, military personnel, our nation, police and firemen, the US economy and those unemployed, hurricanes and fire victims.

World: Peace, Middle Eastern conflict, global financial situation, and those serving on the mission field.

