

PEACE

JOY

LOVE

HOPE



**ADVENTURE
TIME**



December 8, 2019
Second Sunday in Advent

We Covenant One With Another

Prelude

Our Great Band

Greeting and Announcements

Rev. Ken Heintzelman

Choral Call to Worship

“Lord’s a-Coming, We’re Awaiting”

By Ruth Elaine Schram, Shared by the Cornerstone Chorale

Sing Our Greeting to Each Other

All are welcome to this time and place. We especially welcome those who are visiting with us as we move through the wedgeblade season of Advent.

Gathered here in the mystery of the hour.
Gathered here in one strong body.
Gathered here in the struggle and the power,
Spirit draw near. (Sing two times)

Advent Liturgy

Led by Karen Dritsas

One: We have lit the first candle for peace. Today we light the second candle, the candle of joy. This should be the easy one, because joy is all around us—in the children, the lights, the music, the gathering together. But how often do we let our



preparations—or our memories—push joy to the side? Joy is like an underground spring that wells up within us, but joy is also a choice, an attitude. Like a muscle, it needs to be exercised. So today we open ourselves to joy, trusting that God has already planted it in us. All we need to do is give it care and offer it to share.

All: Loving God, we open ourselves to you, trusting that this is how you made us: you created us for joy-filled hearts and lives. Show us the creative power of hope. Teach us the peace that comes from justice. Fill us with the kind of joy that cannot be contained, but must be shared. Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you, that we may walk in the light of Christ. Amen.

(Our candle lighting liturgy, contributed by Jeanyne Slettom, reflects process-relational theology. We are grateful for the creative gifts of new theologians and liturgy crafters who share our values.)

Singing Our Faith

God Rest You Merry

New lyrics by Jeffrey Wilsor

1. God rest you merry gentlemen, Let nothing you dismay!
Remember Christ will bring love's light the dawn of
Christmas Day;
To lead us all from woe and sin when we have gone
astray.

Chorus

**O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy.**

2. God rest you also, women, who by men have been erased,
Through history ignored and scorned, defiled and displaced.
Remember that your stories too are held within God's grace.

Chorus

**O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy.**

3. God rest you queer and questioning, your anxious hearts
be still,
Believe that you are deeply known and part of God's good will
For all to live as one in peace; the global dream fulfilled.

Chorus

Being That Sensitive Part of Society

Celebrations

Led by Rev. Ken Heintzelman

Celebration Song

I feel good (echo) I feel good

I feel great (echo) I feel great

I think it's time (echo) I think it's time

To celebrate (echo) to celebrate

**Whether it's your birthday, anniversary, or you're just
having a good day**

We're glad you're here (echo) we're glad you're here

To celebrate (echo) to celebrate

We celebrate (echo) We celebrate

Your being here (echo) your being here

With being itself in history (echo) history

**No matter who, or what, or where you are on the
journey of life**

You're welcome here (echo) you're welcome here

To celebrate

We're glad you're here (echo) we're glad you're here

To celebrate

Yeah!

Word About Life

Shared by the Cornerstone Chorale

“Walkin’ Down the Road to Bethlehem” by Greg Gilpin

“Comfort and Joy” by Ruth Morris Gray

We are grateful to our choir for sharing their gifts week after week...
but we’re especially appreciative during Advent and Christmas.
Thank you, Forrest and Choir!

Invitation to Give

Shared by Karen Dritsas

Our offerings for the celebration of life in this place
and beyond, for the furthering of justice, inclusion,
and spirituality, shall now be received.

Offering and Offertory

“Coventry Carol,” arranged by Jay Rouse

Word About Life Pilgrimage From Sorrow to Joy

Shared by Rev. Ken Heintzelman

Words for Mission

Shared by Rev. Ken Heintzelman

One: Take time, in the busyness of this season, for quiet reflection. Find what makes you joyful and make that your gift to the world.

All: We will welcome new possibilities in our lives. We will offer ourselves to God's goodness. We will go forth in peace and joy.

One: The good news of Advent is this:
Christ is coming. Christ is always coming.
These are the times!

All: We are the people.

One: All of Creation is blessed!

All: May we love all and serve all!

One: God be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Amen.

All: Amen.

Departing With Joy

“Rejoice! Christ Is Born!”

Arranged by Joseph M. Martin

Shared by the Cornerstone Chorale



~A Love Letter About Today's Potluck~



We LOVE to eat together as a community, especially in this festive time of year. Here's a quick reminder of the jobs available after we eat—please feel invited to help out!

- Wash and put away coffee pots and coffee service items.
- Wash, dry, and put away serving utensils, bowls, and trays.
- Remove centerpieces and tablecloths.
- Take tablecloths home to be laundered.
- Clean serving tables and quick wipe any spills.

***The blind will see
and the deaf will
hear.***

***The lame will
leap and dance
and those
who cannot
speak will
leap for joy.***



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