

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
TRADITIONAL SERVICE - 11:00 A.M

Rev. Mark Piedmonte

Music Director – Gregory Fraser

** Congregation please stand as you feel comfortable*

CHIMING OF THE BELLS

PRELUDE with SILENT PRAYERS – Weihnachtsbaum part two

INTROIT – *My Lord He's A Coming Soon*

SHEEP PEN: Light the Advent Candle 2

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING - RESPONSIVE READING

Advent Wreath Liturgy (Please be seated)

Leader: Peace is the flame given by God to be a light in the darkness.

All: The flame of peace is the promise of God.

Leader: Peace is the flame given by God to bring justice to the world.

All: The flame of peace is righteousness and equity.

Leader: Peace is the flame given by God to bring order to our lives

All: The flame of peace enters the world again with the birth of the Prince of Peace.

(Two Purple Candles are now lit)

Leader: Let us pray:

All: Source of light, shine in our lives and in your world with your everlasting peace.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

ADVENT SONG: "*Light the Advent Candle*" verse 2

Light the advent candle 2, Think of humble shepherds who

Filled with wonder at the sight, of the child on Christmas night

Chorus: Candle, candle burning bright, shining in the cold winter night

Candle, candle burning bright, fill our hearts with Christmas light

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Romans 15: 9b-13)

Leader: As it is written:

All: "Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name";

Leader: and again he says...

All: "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people";

Leader: ...and again...

All: "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him";

Leader: ...and again Isaiah says:

All: "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope."

Leader: May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit! **All: Amen!**

*OPENING PRAYER

Leader: Let us pray: **All: O Root of Jesse, O Peace, stir up your power within us, that in this time we may await with abundant expectation the fulfillment of your eternal presence in creation, for you live and reign among us, Maker, Savior, and Giver of Life, one God, now and forever. Amen.**



*OPENING HYMN: *Sing a Song of God Made Manifest (insert)*

CALL TO CONFESSION:

Leader: Let us lay before God and one another the distances between us, the impatience, idolatries, and lack of compassion that form our confessions this day. For if we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves. Yet in mercy, God will forgive us and renew us.

All: Gracious God, we confess that we do not heed your word each day in all that we say and do. We do not see always our neighbors, families, and friends as beloved children whom you have made. In your mercy, forgive us, for we repent of our ways and look to your power to heal us and raise us up, so that, at the last, you will gather us to you and give us peace. Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear this very good news, friends: The reign of God has come near and we are forgiven. Be filled with peace, rejoice and believe in the power of the risen Christ to bring you to new life.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

*RESPONSE: GLORIA PATRI

*PASSING OF THE PEACE:

Leader: May your hearts be filled with the peace of Christ! **All: And also with you!**

WORDS & GESTURES OF PEACE

SONG OF PRAISE: *Lo How a Rose E'er Blooming (PH #48)*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION:

Leader: Together let us pray for guidance and understanding of God's Word:

All: Your word, Holy God, was written for our instruction. By your Holy Spirit open our ears and fill us with the mysteries of your ancient love; through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING:

Isaiah 11:1-10

RESPONSE TO THE READING OF GOD'S WORD

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord! **All: Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE : Advent Sermon Series: *A Geography of Salvation*

Week two: *The Forest through the Stumps*

Rev. Mark Piedmonte

HYMN: Prepare the Way O Zion (PH #2)

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH, bases on Isaiah 11:1-10 (Please remain standing)

Jesus has taught us to speak of hope as the coming of God's Kingdom.

We believe that God is at work in our world turning hopeless and evil situations into good.

We believe that goodness and justice and love will triumph in the end,

and that tyranny and oppression cannot last forever. One day 'all tears will be wiped away'

and 'the lamb will lie down with the lion.' True peace and true reconciliation are not only

desirable, they are assured and guaranteed. This is our faith, and our hope

SHARING OUR JOYS & CONCERNS (Please be seated)

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE : Leader: Come Lord Jesus, **All: and hear our prayer**

THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

ANNOUNCEMENTS/OFFERTORY / DEDICATION

CELEBRATION OF LORD'S SUPPER (see insert)

CLOSING HYMN: *Thou Long Expected Jesus (PH #2)*

*BENEDICTION / *RESPONSE:

POSTLUDE: Weihnachtsbaum Part Three

ANNOUNCEMENTS
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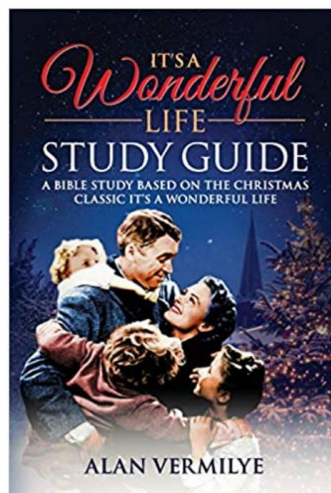
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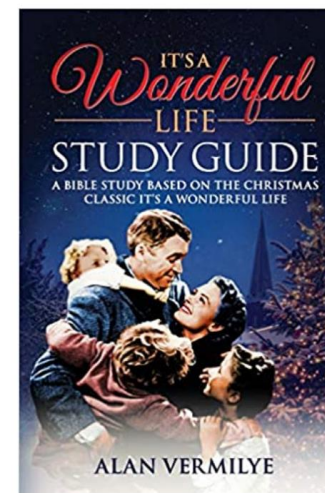
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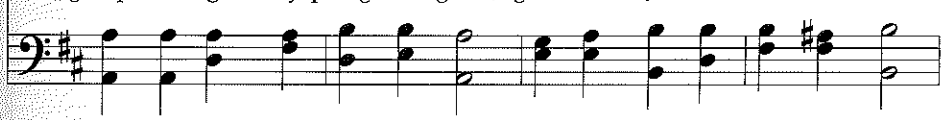
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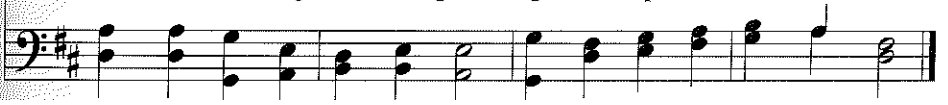
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