

Advent Program 2023 - Peace

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

GATHERING AND WELCOME

Pastor Julie

PRELUDE

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

Seth Butler

Composer: Traditional Plainsong | Arranger: Seth Butler

WELCOMING THE LIGHT OF PEACE

A: We dream of family home for the holidays.

B: We dream of good books and homemade meals.

A: We dream of sunset drives with the windows down.

B: These are beautiful dreams, but we also have urgent dreams.

A: We dream of conversations across party lines.

B: We dream of more bridges and fewer walls.

A: We dream of more laughter and less fear.

B: We dream of more listening and fewer tears.

A: But most of all, we dream of peace like a river.

B: Today we light the candle of peace.

[Light candle]

A: May it remind us that there is another way. Amen.

HYMN 79

"Light Dawns in a Weary World"

v.1, R, v. 2, R, v. 3, R

TELLING THE STORY

Pastor Julie

If you're John the Baptist with your insect, when you hear "John" in the reading you'll say: "Prepare the way!"

If you're Joseph with your wood piece, when you hear "Joseph" in the reading you'll say: "Mary's pregnant?"

If you're Mary with your blue fabric, when you hear the word Mary you'll say: "Awwww" (rock your baby)

If you're a Shepherd, you'll hold up your shepherd's staff and say: "Yo, sheep!"

If you're an Angel with your halo: "Do not be afraid!"

If you're a Magi with your crown, point and say: "Look! A star!"

If you're a Sheep with your sheep headband: "Baa!"

Let's listen for God's Dream in the Christmas story.

JOHN PREACHES

Mark 1:1-8

Noah Tollefson

SHINE Song

"Prepare the Way"

THE ANGEL APPEARS TO JOSEPH AND MARY

Ryder Connolly

SHINE Song

"Christ Child's A-Comin'"

verses 1 & 2

THE BIRTH OF JESUS

Parker Connolly

SHINE Song	“Christ Child’s A-Comin”	verses 3 & 4
THE ANGEL APPEARS TO THE SHEPHERDS		The Braley Family
SHINE Song	“Christ Child’s A-Comin”	verses 5 & 6
THE VISIT OF THE MAGI		Noah Connolly
HYMN	“We Three Kings of Orient Are”	verses 1, 5
THE WORD BECAME FLESH	John 1	Pastor Julie
HYMN 110	“Love Has Come”	all verses
AFFIRMATION OF FAITH		
<p>We believe that a voice cried out in the wilderness, Saying, “Prepare the way of the Lord.” And so, we show up in church pews on cold, blustery days. We march toward justice. We roll up our sleeves. We plant trees for our children. We make art. We choose hope. We gather at the Table. We set an extra plate. We sing loudly, with joy. We share stories and wisdom. We celebrate children. We fall together. We rise together. We love together. We do all these things because we believe that God loves us so much that God shows up. So we prepare and prepare for the next beautiful day.</p>		
OFFERING INVITATION & DEDICATION		Pastor Julie
OUR LIFE TOGETHER		Pastor Julie
MINI CAROL CONCERT- Parker Connolly – piano, Ryder Connolly – piano, Noah Tollefson - clarinet		
BLESSING		
POSTLUDE	<p>"March of the Wisemen" Composer: Elmer Samuel Hosmer (1862-1945)</p>	Seth Butler

This service has been adapted from one written by Jenna Campbell and Paul Osborne.