

December 4, 2022  
10:30 a.m.

Order of Service: Second Sunday of Advent—December 4, 2022

The Rev. Canon Nancy Green, *Celebrant*

Dave Long, *Lector*

Rob Pearson, Mitzi Putney, *Keyboards*; Gina Rosbrook, *Song Leader*

**Call to Worship/Prelude** *A time to prepare your heart and thoughts for worship.*  
**O Come, O Come Emmanuel** arr. L. Smith

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Advent Presentation & Reading: PEACE**

*Please stand.*  
**Advent Song** **He Is Our Peace** Praise, Vol. 3, CCLI#28737 License#1483194

The image shows a musical score for the song "He Is Our Peace" in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The score is written on a single staff with a treble clef. It consists of six lines of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "He is our peace, who has bro-ken down ev-'ry wall. He is our peace, He is our peace. He is our peace, who has bro-ken down ev-'ry wall. He is our peace, He is our peace. Cast all your cares on Him, for He cares for you, He is our peace, He is our peace. Cast all your cares on Him, for He cares for you, He is our peace, He is our peace." The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, with some triplets indicated by a '3' over a group of notes.

**Collect**  
*Celebrant* O Root of Jesse, O Prince of 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, Redeemer, and Giver of Life, one God, now and forever.  
*All* **Amen.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY:** Beginning TODAY, Sunday, December 4, Pastor Rob will offer a 3-week class entitled “*The Amazing Cousins: Beginnings.*” It is an overview of the unique pre-birth and birth experiences of both Jesus and John the Baptist. It follows the worship service.

**SCF OPEN HOUSE/HOLIDAY DECORATING PARTY:** Saturday, December 17, 3 p.m., we will have an SCF Open House/Holiday Decorating Party to prepare our new sanctuary for the first worship services the next day. It is hoped that each household will donate a Christmas ornament or ornaments to decorate our SCF "Family Tree". If you are unable to attend in person, ornaments may be brought to a worship service and placed in a basket designated for that purpose. They can also be given to Chris Baldwin, Chris Hamilton, Liz Haberman or Gina Rosbrook. Please include a short message that shares the importance of the ornament to your family, as well as place your name on the ornament if possible. The plan is to create a book that contains the ornament pictures and stories that will keep the history of our SCF "Family Tree" as a treasure for all. We will gather in the new sanctuary at 3 p.m. to start our festivities. Please bring cookies or treats to share and the Hospitality Committee will provide beverages. Remember that no food or beverages will be allowed in the sanctuary except for water in a lidded container.

**DECEMBER 18 SERVICE IN NEW SANTUARY:** We will celebrate our first service in our new Sanctuary on December 18 at 10:30 a.m. It has taken almost two years to bring SCF into its new home and we look forward to greeting you as we celebrate the upcoming birth of Christ.

**NEW SANCTUARY DEDICATION:** On Sunday, January 15, 2023, the new SCF sanctuary will be dedicated as part of the worship service. This will be a great time of thanksgiving and praise for God’s gift to SCF and a reminder of the new and wonderful opportunities as SCF looks to the future.

**PASTORAL CALL COMMITTEE:** As you are aware, Pastor Nancy has announced her retirement date as June 4, 2023. This requires the formation of a Pastoral Call Committee to begin the work of seeking a new senior pastor for SCF. It is a detailed process and, in the opinion of the Managing Board, must be the work of the congregation and not the Board. Each member has a voice that needs to be heard as we shape the future of SCF. If you have a desire to serve on the Call Committee, please let any member of the Managing Board know of your interest in participating in this important work.

**SCF MANAGING BOARD:** The SCF Managing Board meets monthly, on the fourth Tuesday of the month, at 1:30 p.m. The Board meets next on December 29 at 1:30 p.m. by Zoom, and you may join us by emailing Linda Smith (smitmack@pacbell.net) to receive the Zoom link.

**ALTAR GUILD MEMBERS & CHALICE BEARERS NEEDED:** We currently have a shortage of Altar Guild Members and additional Chalice Bearers will also be needed as we move into our new sanctuary. If you are interested in either area of service or in both, contact Susan at - 503-704-6826 or [smhuseonica@aol.com](mailto:smhuseonica@aol.com).

**Post Communion Prayer**

All       **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of this Holy Eucharist. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**The Blessing**

*Celebrant*   May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope, and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you always.

All       **Amen.**

Please stand  
**Closing Hymn**

***Come, O Long Expected Jesus*** Chalice Hymnal OneLicense.net

1. Come, O long ex - pect - ed Je - sus, born to set your  
2. Born Thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and

peo - ple free. From our fears and sins re - lease us,  
yet a King. Born to reign in us for - ev - er,

Let us find our rest in Thee. Is - rael's strength and con - so -  
now Thy gra - cious King - dom bring. By Thine own e - ter - nal

la - tion, hope of all the earth Thou art. Dear De - sire of  
Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone. By Thine all suf -

ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.  
fi - cient mer - it, raise us to Thy glo - rious throne.

**Dismissal**

All       **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Coffee is served today by Diana & Pete Gustavson  
**Celebrant & Preacher next week:** The Rev. Mary Anne Gard

**Opening Hymn**

***On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry*** ELW#249 OneLicense.net A-740306

1. On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an - nounc - es that the  
2. Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin make straight the way for  
5. All praise to you, e - ter - nal Son, whose ad - vent has our

Lord is nigh; a - wake and hark - en, for he brings glad  
God with - in, and let us all our hearts pre - pare for  
free - dom won, whom with the Fa - ther we a - dore, and

tid - ings of the King of kings!  
Christ to come and it, en - ter there.  
Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er - more.

Please be seated

**The Scripture Lessons**

*Lector*   There have been great kings in the story of humankind, mighty kings, wise and noble kings. Of course, there have been tyrants, and indolent kings, but the Prophet Isaiah describes here the **ideal** king, a monarch coming to Israel in the tradition of David. As we hear this ideal king described, there are visions of Jesus, a king of truly rare majesty.

*A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah, Chapter 11, verses 1-10...*

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious. *The Word of the Lord.*

*People*       **Thanks be to God.**

A Moment for Meditation



**Psalm 72:1-7,18-19** Please read responsively.

- 1Give the King your justice, O God, \*  
**and your righteousness to the King’s Son;**
- 2That he may rule your people righteously \*  
**and the poor with justice;**
- 3That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, \*  
**and the little hills bring righteousness.**
- 4He shall defend the needy among the people; \*  
**he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.**
- 5He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, \*  
**from one generation to another.**
- 6He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, \*  
**like showers that water the earth.**
- 7In his time shall the righteous flourish; \*  
**there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.**
- 18Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel, \*  
**who alone does wondrous deeds!**
- 19And blessed be his glorious Name forever! \*  
**and may all the earth be filled with his glory. Amen. Amen.**

*Lector* Matthew introduces a strong character this morning, that of John the Baptizer. He was a man of the wilderness, not the city. He was a prophet who spoke not in the tongues of men or angels, but of fire and judgment. He probably was not comfortable to be around. Yet this is the man Jesus said was the greatest of the prophets in Israel, yet least in the kingdom of God.

*Please stand for the reading of the Gospel.*

*The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew, Chapter 3, verses 1-12...*

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

*Lector* In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, “The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.’” Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at

*Celebrant* On the night you were betrayed, Blessed Jesus, you took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to your friends, and said, “Take, eat: this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

And so we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you this bread. Sanctify it by your Holy Spirit to be the Body of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Remembering now your work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

*People* **We celebrate your death and resurrection, as we await the day of your coming.**

*Celebrant* Lord God of our Forebearers, God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebecca, Jacob and Leah and Rachel, God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

*People* **Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the bread.**

*Celebrant* Accept these prayers and praises, Eternal God, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

*People* **Amen.**

*Celebrant* As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

*All* **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

**The Fraction**

*Celebrant* Alleluia, Christ our brother gives himself unto us in perfect Love.

*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

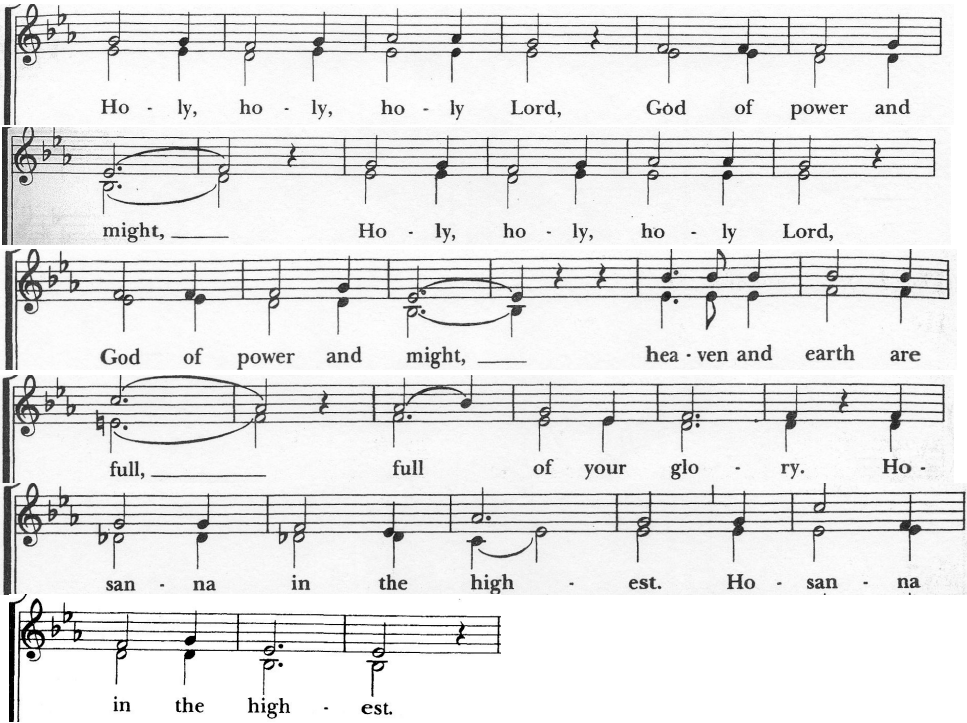
*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

**The Distribution**

Please be seated until the usher indicates that it is time for your row to go forward.  
All are welcome to receive Christ’s body .  
If you prefer a blessing, come forward with your arms crossed in front of you.  
If you wish to receive Communion at your seat, please notify an usher.  
You may respond with “Amen” as you receive Communion.

**The Great Thanksgiving:**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.  
*People* **We lift them up to the Lord.**  
*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People* **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**  
*Celebrant* God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.  
*People* **Glory to you forever and ever.**  
*Celebrant* At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.  
*People* **By your will they were created and have their being.**  
*Celebrant* From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.  
*People* **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**  
*Celebrant* Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.  
*People* **By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**  
*Celebrant* And therefore we praise you, joining with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and  
might, \_\_\_\_\_ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,  
God of power and might, \_\_\_\_\_ hea - ven and earth are  
full, \_\_\_\_\_ full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na  
in the high - est.

the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.” *The Gospel of the Lord.*

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

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Please be seated

**Musical Reflection**

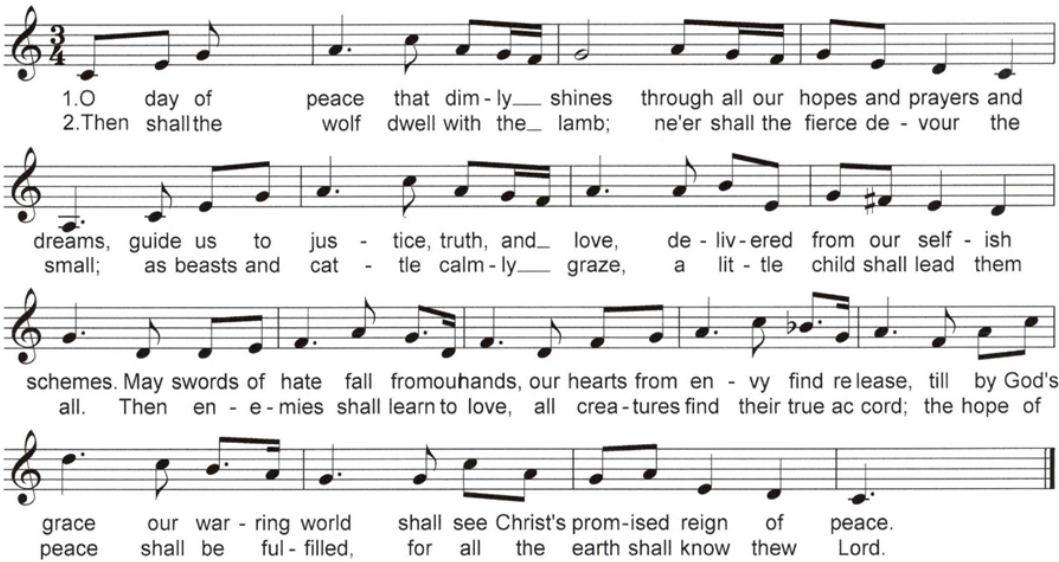
**Advent Meditation** arr. J. Krug The Bells  
Margaret Beard, Barbara Bocker, Donna Pensinger  
Jan Tuckerman, Jane Vakoc, Alison Weatherhead

**Sermon**

Pastor Nancy

**Response Hymn** Please stand

**O Day of Peace** WOP#762 OneLicense.net



1.O day of peace that dim-ly\_\_\_ shines through all our hopes and prayers and  
2.Then shall the wolf dwell with the\_\_\_ lamb; ne'er shall the fierce de - vour the  
dreams, guide us to jus - tice, truth, and\_\_\_ love, de - liv-ered from our self - ish  
small; as beasts and cat - tle calm-ly\_\_\_ graze, a lit - tle child shall lead them  
schemes. May swords of hate fall fromouhands, our hearts from en - vy find release, till by God's  
all. Then en - e - mies shall learn to love, all crea - tures find their true ac cord; the hope of  
grace our war - ring world shall see Christ's prom-ised reign of peace.  
peace shall be ful - filled, for all the earth shall know thew Lord.

*All*

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## Prayers of the People

*Lector* We pray for all in need: for the sick, the destitute, and the dying; for strangers in our land, for the invisible ones; for the elderly and children; for parents and grandparents; for those who live alone and those who live lonely in the midst of family, and for those in the Southeast ravaged by tornadoes. This day we lift up those we love who are in need: Tobin & Michelle K., Debbie & John B., John S., Michal H., Carol F., Barbara H., Jennifer H., Patti K., Shirley S., Ann W., Sandi M., Peter R., Maya L., Joan S., Patty K., Jennie F., Alma M., Bob W., Erik E., Lynne E., Carla A.,

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**