



Second Sunday of Advent

Good Shepherd United Methodist Church
December 5, 2021 10:30 am Order of Worship

Prelude: *Prelude in G minor*, J. S. Bach

Dr. Larisa Soboleva, Music Director

Greeting

Call to Worship/Advent Candle Lighting

Worship Leader

Leader: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

Isaiah 9:2

People: Christ is our light. By grace he came, in power he rose; we wait for Christ to come again.

Leader: Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for God has looked favorably upon God's people and redeemed them.

Luke 1:68-79

People: God has raised up a mighty savior for us, as promised through the mouth of the prophets

Leader: to save us from our enemies, (Light the candles of Hope and Peace)

People: so we might serve God without fear in holiness and righteousness before God all our days.

Leader: By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us

People: to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Prayer of Confession

Worship Leader

Lord, hear us this day as we open our hearts and our spirits to you. These times in which we live are often confusing and fearful. We are pushed to make preparations for a season which is supposed to bring hope and peace; yet we crowd it with obligations and stresses and shut the door to your healing love and compassion. We find ourselves being on edge, fretful, wondering if we have done

enough, can do enough. You answer our fears with your voice, "Peace, be still". Help us to hear you. Slow us down. Encourage us to take some time to listen rather than shout, to stop and rest rather than run. Cause us to look around at situations and people who are in need and to place our focus on helping them. For it is in helping your people and reaching out in love that we will find true peace. These things we pray, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

Hymn: *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* #206 congregation sings if comfortable

Scripture: Acts 5:17-20; 12:1-11; 27:21-26

Worship Leader

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God

Sermon: *Peace: Wings Or No Wings*

Rev. Stephen K. Perrine

Offertory Music: *Duo Pastorale*, A. Guilmant

Doxology Hymnal #95

congregation sings if comfortable

The Great Thanksgiving (hymnal page 15)

Lord's Prayer

Communion

Hymn: *In the Bleak Midwinter* #221

congregation sings if comfortable

Announcements

Benediction/Blessing

Postlude: *It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas*, F. Parrino

Announcements

Advent Bible Study continues on Thursdays. *The Purpose of Christmas*, by Rev. Rick Warren, is led by Rev. Steve Perrine in person and on Zoom. Request the link if you are joining online.

December Food Pantry needs donations of fruit juice, Tide Simply 31 oz laundry detergent, toilet paper and your paper shopping bags. We have a surplus of pasta, canned fruits and vegetables, so please save those donations for another time. We are always thankful for your participation in this community mission.

Perrine Christmas Open House Sunday, December 12, 2021 at 12:00 pm, luncheon in fellowship hall and Christmas caroling in lounge. Please indicate your attendance on the sign-up sheet.

Thursday, December 16, 2021 Cass Community UMC Christmas dinner. Meet at 10:30 am at church to carpool. 100 each of wrapped sugar-free candy, wrapped small candy canes and small items (not candy) needed. Volunteers will wear masks.

Sunday, December 19, 2021 6-7 pm Christmas Caroling outdoors at Hubbard Manor West, 22077 Beech Street. Come sing Christmas carols as we stroll around the apartment building near the church. Bring a mask for possible indoor singing.