

2nd Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 7, 2025

10:00am Worship

Welcome and Announcements

*Prayer for Illumination (Unison)

Merciful God, we need bread and we need laughter.
We need music and we need a hand to hold.
We need a chair to sit in and we need work to do.
But maybe more than anything,
we need your Word and a reason to hope.
So move through this space today
and speak to us as only you can.
Speak a word of hope deep into our weary bones.
For we need bread and we need laughter,
but most of all, we need you.
Amen.

*Opening Songs “Angels We Have Heard on High” (w 1, 3, 4) #238
“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” (w 1, 2, 3) #211

Lighting the Advent Candle

Mertz Family

Leader: In a world full of fear, where do you see glimmers of peace?

People: We see glimmers of peace in the quiet of early morning, when people shake hands, when loved ones say they're sorry, and when the church sings together.

Leader: You are right. Even in a fearful world, peace is all around us. Today we light the candle of peace as a reminder of this good news. May this flicker of light help us remember that even in a fearful world, peace is present. We only have to look for it.

ALL: Thanks be to God! Amen.

*Special Music & Reading “He Shall Reign Forevermore”

Words and Music by Chris Tomlin & Matt Maher

Common Grace

Children's Moment

During the Children's Message, children of all ages are welcome to come forward for a brief lesson with Pastor Brian. Pastor Brian will have a treat for the children to return to their seat with. The Children's Moment will be presented on our YouTube broadcast.

Prayer

During this time of prayer, we invite you to name aloud or quietly in your heart the prayers that are on your heart. After a time of prayer lead by Pastor Brian, we'll pray together the Lord's Prayer.

Naming our Celebrations and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Scripture Matthew 11: 1-11, Isaiah 43: 19-21 NRSV Julie Koerkel

Sermon

“When We're Running Out of Hope, God is At Work”

Pastor Brian

Sermon Series: “What Do You Fear?”

Sacrament of Holy Communion

(you are invited to bring your giving forward when you come up for Communion)

Liturgy

On Screen

*Closing Song

“I Want Jesus to Walk With Me”

Words and Music by Paul Zach

On Screen

Benediction and Blessing

Pastor Brian

***Please Stand** (Those who are unable to stand, please feel free to remain seated.)