

Advent Wreath Lighting
Deacon Barry Milligan - December 7, 2025
2nd Sunday in Advent

Deacon: Today is the second Sunday of Advent. Advent is a time of waiting. We wait for God to send divine love and light into our dark world.

ALL: How does this happen?

Deacon: God's light comes through Jesus, who became a human being just like you and me, so that he could show us the way back to God's divine love and light.

ALL: "Merciful God, give us grace to heed the warnings of the prophets and forsake our sins, so that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer."

Deacon: A reading from the prophet Malachi: "Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the Lord of hosts," **(Malachi 3:1)**.

ALL: We continue to wait for the coming of Jesus. Last Sunday, we began in the dark, then lit one candle. Today, on the second Sunday of Advent, we light the candles of **HOPE** and **PEACE**.

Deacon Family Member (Lighting of the Candles)
(Lighting the 2 PURPLE CANDLES) ...

Deacon: Every week in Advent, we light another candle. Each candle that we light reminds us that the Light of the World will soon come to us in the human form of the baby Jesus.

ALL: The Way of the Lord is being prepared in our hearts. May every valley be filled, and every mountain and hill be made low. May the crooked paths be made straight and the rough ways smooth. When our Lord comes, may all of us then see the salvation of God.

Deacon: Closing Prayer



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*We thank God you are here and hope you get to know Jesus
by receiving His love and His church's ministries.
Please fill out a "Welcome or C.A.R.E. Card" & place it in the offering plate.*

11am

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PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP * 94 vs. 1 & 2 "Angels, from the Realms of Glory"

HYMN OF PRAISE * 118 vs. 1—3

"What Child Is This"

WELCOME/ ANNOUNCEMENTS

Keith Belvin, Deacon

LOTTIE MOON VIDEO

PRAYER

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Barry Milligan, Deacon

CHILDREN'S SERMON

ANTHEM

PARALLEL SCRIPTURE 2 Chronicles 14:1—6

HYMN OF OFFERING * 76 vs. 1 & 4 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Keith Belvin, Deacon

OFFERING

DOXOLOGY*

Hymn 253

SCRIPTURE Luke 2:8—15

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MESSAGE "A Promise of Peace"

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HYMN OF INVITATION * 101

"Gentle Mary Laid Her Child"

LORD'S SUPPER

BLESSING

Rev. Brian Williams

THE LORD'S SUPPER

CLOSING CHORUS * 387

"Blest Be the Tie"

POSTLUDE Please take this time to greet one another.

**Congregation Please Stand*

CLOSING CHORUS # 387

"Blest Be the Tie"

Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Chris—tian love;
The fel—low—ship of kin—dred minds
Is like to that a—bove.

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"As you go, make disciples..." Matthew 28:19
Pray, call, visit, minister, witness with members and others.