



Grove Presbyterian Church

Worship Service

**Second Sunday of Advent
December 6, 2020 10:15 AM**

The congregation is invited to hum or read the text silently while the musicians sing the hymns and responses. Please be sure cell phones are off or on airplane mode. Please wear a mask.

Welcome

Announcements

Prelude

Anglo-Irish Carol

"The Snow Lay on the Ground"

*The snow lay on the ground, the stars shone bright,
When Christ our Lord was born on Christmas night.*

Venite adoremus Dominum....

*'Twas Mary, Virgin Pure, of holy Anne
that brought into this world the God made man.*

Venite adoremus Dominum....

Lighting of the Advent Candle

One: God says, "Comfort, comfort to you my people."

All: God speaks tenderly to his people.

One: Today we light the second Advent candle, the candle of peace, as a reminder of God's comfort in good times and difficult, in striving and in peace.

All: Our comfort is in our Lord, Christ Jesus. He is our peace, he is our kindness, he is our Grace. Praise God.

Gathering Hymn

“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”

*Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates;
behold the King of glory waits;
the King of kings is drawing near;
the Savior of the world is here.*

*Redeemer, come!
I open wide my heart to thee;
here, Lord, abide.
Let me thy inner presence feel;
thy grace and love in me reveal.*

Prayer of Confession

God, we know that there is a fine line between being comfortable and being at peace. Being comfortable is a feeling that we seek in spite of God’s grace, and peace is a feeling God gives us because of God’s grace. We confess that often we seek comfort externally from all kinds of sources, instead of finding peace in you. Help us to seek your comfort and your peace each day.

~Silent Confession~

Assurance of Pardon

God, it is through your peace we find comfort. Praise God that we have peace through our savior and friend, Jesus Christ.

Passing of the Peace (*air waves, no touching*)

Musical Response

by Louis Benson (1855-1930)

*O sing a song of Bethlehem, of shepherds watching there,
and of the news that came to them from angels in the air.
The light that shone on Bethlehem fills all the world today.
Of Jesus' birth and peace on earth the angels sing always.*

Children's Sermon

Prayer for Understanding

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 40:1-11

Sermon

"It's You I like"

Holy Communion



We invite you at this time to participate in the tradition of Holy Communion. We encourage you to use your own elements, bread and fruit of the vine. We will share the elements together.

Lord's Prayer

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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Sending Hymn

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"Angels We Have Heard on High"

Blessing

Choral Blessing

by Keith Routledge

“My Peace”

*My peace I give unto you,
It's a peace that the world cannot give;
It's a peace that the world cannot understand.*

Peace to know, peace to live.

My peace I give unto you.

*My love I give unto you,
It's a love that the world cannot give;
It's a love that the world cannot understand.*

Love to know, love to live.

My love I give unto you.

*My peace I give unto you,
It's a peace that the world cannot give;
It's a peace that the world cannot understand.*

Peace to know, peace to live.

My peace I give unto you.

It's a peace that the world cannot understand.

Peace to know, peace to live.

My peace I give unto you.

Postlude

113 Angels We Have Heard on High

1 An - gels we have heard on high, sweet-ly sing-ing o'er the plains,
 2 Shep-herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?
 3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;

and the moun-tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
 What the glad - some ti - dings be which in - spire your heaven - ly song?
 come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.

Refrain

Glo - - - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o! Glo -

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Flowers today are given by Kessey Kieselhorst to the glory of God, in memory of her father, Tom Stayer.

Participants in today's service: Stephanie Smith Cooney (worship leader), Stephanie Cooney, Kessey Kieselhorst, Cathy Sanders, Sara Triffo (music), Lynne Pabst (children's sermon), Scott Lawvere (audio/video), Joy Christian (organist), Rev. Jason Clapper

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