



## ***The People of God in Worship***

**December 10, 2017**

**Eleven O'Clock in the Morning**

### ***Second Sunday of Advent***

#### **THE GREETING**

The Rev. Dr. Michael K. Cheuk

To our Guests, Members, and Friends: In the pew rack you will find a small brochure to give us the opportunity to get to know you and serve you better. Fill in where appropriate, and place it in the collection plate. Welcome and thank you!

#### **THE CHIMES**

Three chimes are sounded, awakening us to the presence of God, alerting us to the voice of Christ, centering us in the embrace of the Spirit.

#### **THE PRELUDE**

Please consider the organ prelude as an invitation to quietly, reverently prepare yourself for worship.

#### **\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Mrs. Nancy Sale

**Leader:** We come to worship the Lord God of Israel, for God alone does wondrous things.

**People:** **We will always praise God's glorious name, for God's glory can be seen in all the earth.**

**Leader:** Let peace and justice rule every mountain!

**People:** **Let cities overflow with food and the hills be covered with grain.**

**Leader:** Let the people in the cities prosper like wild flowers!

**All:** **Let us worship the Lord as long as the sun and the moon endure. Amen.**

(Based on Psalm 72)

#### **\*HYMN OF PEACE - HYMN No. 264**

*Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light*

#### **\*INVOCATION AND THE GLORIA PATRI**

Mrs. Nancy Sale

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.*

#### **THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH**

##### **THE CANDLE OF PEACE**

Deborah and Sarah Raessler

**Leader:** We light this candle to proclaim the coming of God's light into our world.

As we faithfully walk in this light, may we pursue the path of peace.

**People:** **Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you!**

**\*THE ADVENT RESPONSE (Stanzas 1 and 2)**

*On This Day, Earth Shall Ring*

**HANGING OF THE GREENS**

The Community

**THE FIRST READING**

Isaiah 40:1-11

Mrs. Nancy Sale

Leader: A Word for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

**THE SECOND READING**

Mark 1:1-8

Mrs. Nancy Sale

Leader: A Word for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

**THE ANTHEM**

*Advent Cry*

Joseph M. Martin

**THE MORNING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

The Rev. Dr. Michael K. Cheuk

*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, for ever and ever. Amen.*

**\*THE OFFERTORY - HYMN No. 86**

*Jesus, Name Above All Names*

**THE GIFTS**

\*Offertory Moment and Prayer

Mrs. Nancy Sale

Offertory

\*Doxology - No. 815

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

**THE THIRD READING**

Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13

The Rev. Dr. Michael K. Cheuk

Leader: A Word for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

**THE MESSAGE**

*A Song of Peace*

The Rev. Dr. Michael K. Cheuk

**THE INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP**

If you desire membership in this congregation, you are invited to present yourself at this time. If you prefer not to present yourself, you may speak to the minister after the service to effect membership. As an open membership church, we honor your previous baptism in any other Christian community. If you have not made a profession of faith, we invite you to do so and receive Christian baptism. Church members are invited to use this time to renew their covenantal relationship with God and their commitment to Christian service.

**\*HYMN No. 737**

*Like a River Glorious*

**\*BENEDICTION**

The Rev. Dr. Michael K. Cheuk

**\*THE CHORAL RESPONSE**

*Advent Alleluia*

arr. Keith Christopher

**\*THE POSTLUDE**

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- \* The ushers will seat those waiting.
  - \* Those who are able will please stand.
  - \* Hearing aids are available from the ushers.

**Last week's sermon outline and copies of the prayer list are in the narthex.**

### Offertory Emphasis

As we light the Advent candle of peace, we affirm our calling to the Gospel of Peace. This calling is rooted in our faith in Jesus Christ, in whom God is reconciling the world and through whom we are called to the ministry of peacemaking. Peakland is a partner congregation within the Alliance of Baptists, which supports the *Community for Justice in Palestine and Israel*, a grassroots organization in what we know as the Holy Land. This community believes that if justice exists, peace will be found, despite all the conflict and violence that region has experienced. This is your mission gift at work.

Please join me in prayer.

*We combine our concerns and our gifts with others in the Alliance of Baptists as we work to bring justice and peace to troubled areas around the world. Dismantling walls of neglect and building bridges of hope is a mission we gladly undertake. Amen.*