



*The People of God in Worship*  
*December 8th, 2019*  
*Eleven O'clock in the Morning*

*Second Sunday of Advent: PEACE*  
*Hanging of the Greens*

**THE GREETING**

The Rev. Dr. Martha D. Kearse

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 PRELUDE**

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

**\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP AND LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE OF PEACE**

*from Ephesians 2*

Dr. Clif Potter & Dr. Bundy Potter

Leader: For he himself is our peace, who has made two groups one;

**People: he destroyed the dividing wall of hostility by setting aside the law in his flesh.**

Leader: His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace,

**People: and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross.**

Leader: He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near,

**ALL: for through Him we all have access to God by one Spirit, so that we are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household.**

**\*THE INVOCATION**

Dr. Clif Potter & The Community

**\*ADVENT SONG** (printed in pew rack)

*On This Day Earth Shall Ring*  
*Verses 1 and 2*

**\*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The Rev. Dr. Martha D. Kearse

Greeting: The peace of Christ be with you!

**Reply: And also with you!**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**                      Isaiah 9:2-7    Dr. Bundy Potter

Leader:            A word from God for the people of God.

People:            **Thanks be to God.**

**NEW TESTAMENT READING**                      Luke 1:26-38    Dr. Bundy Potter

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People:            **Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM**    *He Shall Feed His Flock*    by Joseph Martin

**CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS OF COMMUNITY, THE MORNING PRAYER, AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**    The Rev. Dr. Martha D. Kearse

*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.*

**\*HYMN No. 250**    *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

**THE GIFTS**

Offertory Moment and Prayer

Offertory Music

*Rejoice, Greatly*

Dr. Clif Potter  
from *The Messiah*, by Handel  
By Emily Sloan

\*Doxology - No. 815

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

**THE MESSAGE**    **No Question**    The Rev. Dr. Martha D. Kearse

**\*HYMN No. 278**    *Angels We Have Heard on High*

**\*THE BENEDICTION**

**THE CHORAL RESPONSE**    Peakland Choir

Stewardship Emphasis:

The Second Sunday of Advent is the Sunday of Peace. In the midst of a world where we are surrounded by conflict, we give believing in peace, believing that peace is possible and worth working for. We make our offerings acknowledging injustice and war, even as we do the work required to bring about peace.

Prayer:

*Lord, we give you thanks for the peace you offer to us. We thank you for your Spirit, which quiets our hearts and ask that you would give us the strength to be a peaceful presence in our world. Amen.*

