



# Service for the Lord's Day

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

December 4, 2022

10:00 a.m.

Please SILENCE ALL Personal Electronic Devices Before Worship.

## **We Gather as God's People**

***Welcome to our worship service. Take a moment to quiet yourself as we prepare ourselves for worship.***

Welcome and Preparation for Worship

Welcome to Oakland-Cambridge Presbyterian Church! In this space, we invite you to bring all of who you are - your identity, your beliefs, your doubts, your questions, and your story wherever you are on your journey in life. Our prayer is that together we will experience God's presence.

**The Gathering Music** ..... "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

**The Welcome and Announcements**

**Prelude** ..... "Greensleeves"

**The Call to Worship** [Responsive]

*One:* The Peace of Christ be with you.

*Many:* **And also with you.**

*One:* Listen to the Spirit inviting us to walk in the way of the Lord—

*Many:* **This is good news!**

*One:* The way of the Lord is the path of peace.

*Many:* **We rejoice, for we are blessed to walk God's path of peace.**

**The Lighting of the Second Candle of Advent – Peace** .....Maren Tirabassi

*One:* In this season of Advent, we are called to watch, wait and prepare our hearts and lives once again for the in-breaking of God's Love Incarnate - Emmanuel. Last Sunday, we lit the candle of Hope. (*Light one candle*)

On this second Sunday of Advent we focus on peace.

In Luke 19:41-42, we hear these words: "As Jesus came near and saw the city of Jerusalem, he wept over it, saying, 'If you, even you, had only recognized on this day the things that make for peace!'"

This morning we light the Advent Candle of Peace.

**The Advent Reflection on Peace**

"We often refer to the Christ Child as the Prince of Peace. We exchange a sign of peace during worship. When someone dies, we pray: May they rest in peace. We pray for

peace in our world, our families, our selves. Nobel awards a Peace Prize. We assume that God's reign will be one of Peace on Earth.

In the Hebrew Bible, the word for "peace" is "Shalom". Shalom is about wholeness. Shalom is not the absence of tension or even of conflict...As we ponder God's gift of Jesus and of peace this Advent, let's remember that "justice and righteousness" are needed to keep ourselves and the entire web of life whole/at peace. Any single thing we do for peace will affect many people, many other issues.

**Blessing in a Time of Violence** ..... Jan Richardson

Which is to say this blessing is always.

Which is to say there is no place this blessing does not long to cry out in lament, to weep its words in sorrow, to scream its lines in sacred rage.

Which is to say there is no day this blessing ceases to whisper into the ear of the dying, the despairing, the terrified.

Which is to say there is no moment this blessing refuses to sing itself into the heart of the hated and the hateful, the victim and the victimizer, with every last ounce of hope it has.

Which is to say there is none that can stop it, none that can halt its course, none that will still its cadence, none that will delay its rising, none that can keep it from springing forth from the mouths of us who hope, from the hands of us who act, from the hearts of us who love, from the feet of us who will not cease our stubborn, aching marching, marching until this blessing has spoken its final word, until this blessing has breathed its benediction in every place, in every tongue: Peace. Peace. Peace.

**The Prayer**

*One:* Let us pray... Prince of Peace, reveal yourself to us today. We need peace in our lives, our homes, our families, our church, and our whole world. Help us to slow down and seek out the peace you provide, so we may become peacemakers for ourselves and others. In your name, Prince of Peace, we pray. Amen.

**The Response** *PH* # 2 ..... "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

**Come, Thou long-expected Jesus, Born to set Thy people free;  
From our fears and sins release us; Let us find our rest in Thee.  
Israel's strength and consolation, Hope of all the earth Thou art;  
Dear desire of every nation, Joy of every longing heart.**

**Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King,  
Born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.  
By thine own eternal spirit rule in all our hearts alone;  
By thine all sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne.**

**Two+** (A new way to share the peace of Christ and greet one another.)

*“For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”* Matthew 18:20

**Question:** “Are you a real Christmas Tree or Artificial Tree household?”

## **We Listen for God’s Word**

### **The Prayer for Illumination** [Responsive]

*One:* Let us pray... God, you reach into our lives not through instruction, but story.

*Many:* **Open our hearts to be attentive: that seeing, we may perceive, and hearing, we may understand, and understanding, may act upon your word, that still lives and speaks to us. Amen.**

### **The Scripture**

Isaiah 11:1-10

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder’s den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Matthew 3:1-3

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, “The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.’”

**One:** For the Word of God in Scripture, For the Word of God among us, For the Word of God within us,

**Many:** We give thanks to God!

### **The Reflection**

Rev. Scott Marrese-Wheeler

## **The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper**

**The Musical Reflection**..... “The Peace Carol”

## **The Invitation to Communion**

*One:* In his poem, Advent(ure), Todd Jenkins writes: "... The sacred unfolding of these four gifts — hope, peace, love, and joy — in their unvarnished glory, will flip our political and socioeconomic culture on its head, ushering in a new vision of community that's more flush with justice than we've ever dreamed, as it invites everyone to the table, which causes us to scramble for more chairs.

Come to think of it, maybe searching for ways to extend the table is precisely what Advent is supposed to be about."

## **The Words of Remembering**

*One:* Friends, We remember that Jesus was always about more chairs – for the “friendly beasts” a cow whose manger fed him, the birds that never fall unloved, and the comforting animals of his forty wilderness days.

Jesus was always about more chairs, for the poor, lonely, grieving, hungry, the most vulnerable and rejected, and even those deep in deserved regret.

And we remember that Jesus sat in the chairs of anyone who welcomed him. He came to tables and asked for food, not to see the guest list. He knew how multiply barley loaves but, also, how to grill fish.

In this sacrament on Advent's day of Peace, we remember that the starlit Child, protected by angels grew up to offer bread and cup to a betrayer, a denier, a doubter, several sleepers, many who fled because at the cross there were no angels.

We remember that Jesus is in the Bread and Cup for those of us who know its blessing well, and yet is still pulling out folding chairs so that more, ... even all can come, sit, rest, eat.

## **The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving**

*One:* The Lord be with you.

*Many:* **And also with you.**

*One:* Emmanuel, God with us, in the hopes and fears of all our years, we come for comfort, for peace of mind and peace on earth, for a blessing on our hands and the Bread in them, on our lips and the Cup we lift to drink. May this Bread and Cup be all your holy life, that we may ponder in our hearts, and pray in our community ... praying:

## **The Lord's Prayer** (*using 'debts' and 'debtors'...*)

**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.**

## **The Words of Institution**

### **The Sharing of Bread and Sharing of Cup**

*(We invite you to come forward to receive the bread and cup. If you are joining us online, we invite you to have your own form of bread and cup to use when we commune together.)*

**The Music during Communion** .....“Let There Be Peace on Earth”

## **The Prayer after Communion**

*One:* Let us pray... Peace-giver, Blessor of tables shared and some tables turned over, we rise or roll from our places at this most welcoming meal prepared anew to live Advent hospitality, by becoming your chair-people, not leaders, but ushers and servers for the worldwide banquet of grace.

*Many:* Amen.

## **Offering of Our Tithes and Our Gifts to God**

In response to God’s generosity, and in support of the ongoing ministry and mission at Oakland-Cambridge Presbyterian Church, we invite you to share your financial support in several ways.

1. For those worshipping in-person, a basket is placed at the entrance to the sanctuary for you to leave your offering.
2. You may also mail in or drop-off your offering at Oakland-Cambridge Presbyterian Church, 313 E. Main Street, Cambridge, WI 53523.
3. You may also donate online, using these directions: Use the app, **Vanco Mobile**. Search for “Vanco Mobile” in your app store (Vanco Payment Solutions). Once it’s installed, find us (Presbyterian Church of Oakland-Cambridge) using our zip code (53523), and set up one-time or recurring payments, OR use the QR Code below to access our donor page. A link to our donor page is also on our website [www.ocpchurch.com](http://www.ocpchurch.com). (Click on the button with the green heart.) Thank you!



## **We Depart to Do God’s Will**

**Closing Hymn** *PH* # 386 .....“O for a World”

O for a world where everyone Respects each other’s ways,  
Where love is lived and all is done With justice and with praise.

O for a world where goods are shared And misery relieved,  
Where truth is spoken, children spared, Equality achieved.

We welcome one world family And struggle with each choice  
That opens us to unity and gives our vision voice.

The poor are rich, the weak are strong, The foolish ones are wise.  
Tell all who mourn; Outcasts belong, Who perishes will rise.

O for a world preparing for God’s glorious reign of peace,  
Where time and tears will be no more, And all but love will cease.

**The Sending** ..... Rev. Scott Marrese-Wheeler

*One:* In this season of Advent, God is sending you to be messengers of peace on earth with good will to all!

**Many:** We will go to share God’s grace and light in the shadowed places of our world.

*One:* Jesus is sending you to be messengers of his gospel of peace and reconciliation with all who are divided, broken, and isolated from God and one another.

**Many:** We will go to share the good news of justice in every way we treat each person we encounter, friend and stranger.

*One:* The Spirit is sending you to be messengers of peace, working as peacemakers in your daily lives.

**Many:** We will go to share the gifts of hope and reconciliation which have been placed in our hearts.

*One:* Brothers and Sisters in Christ, go out into the world, sharing God’s peace with those who are near and with those who are far off, and may the Love and Light of Christ shine brightly in your lives for all the world to see, may the Spirit lift you up and grant you peace, this day and every day.

**Many:** We go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Amen.

**The Sung Response** *PH* # 432 ..... “Song of Hope”

May the God of hope go with us everyday, Filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.

May the God of justice speed us on our way, Bringing light and hope to every land and race.

Praying, let us work for peace, Singing, share our joy with all,

Working for a world that’s new, Faithful when we hear Christ’s call.

**Postlude** ..... “Kling, Glockchen, Kling!”



The liturgy this morning is from: Communion Liturgy ~ Maren Tirabassi; The Sending ~ (c) Thom M. Shuman, adapted by Pastor Scott.

*Oakland-Cambridge Presbyterian Church is committed to using language in such a way that all members of the community of faith may recognize themselves to be included, addressed, and equally cherished before God. Seeking to bear witness to the whole world, the church struggles to use language which is faithful to the biblical truth and which neither purposefully nor inadvertently excludes people because of gender, color, or other circumstance in life. (Book of Order, W-1.2006)*

**Everyone is invited to stay for fellowship and refreshment following worship today.**

- Our musician today is Karen Tordera.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS —**

- **Meeting of the Congregation – On today following worship,** there will be a meeting to hear the report of the Nomination Committee and elect the two new church Elders for the Class of 2025, Joe Leto and Melanie Rumpf.

- Help us save “pig points.” For us to receive a rebate, please turn in your receipts from the Cambridge Piggly Wiggly in one of three ways: **1.** Place them in the brown bag in the narthex. **2.** Cheryl Stitz will do a porch pickup of any receipts that you may have. Call her at 608-695-1838 to make arrangements. **3.** Receipts can also be mailed to the church office. All funds received are used for mission projects. **Deadline to turn in receipts for this year is December 18.**

## **WORSHIP SERVICES UPDATE:**

**3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT, DECEMBER 11 WORSHIP AT 10 AM** – In-person worship continues this Sunday in the sanctuary. We still recommend using masks but it will be optional for those vaccinated and boosted, If someone is not vaccinated, we request that you still wear a mask. Everyone must still be mindful of their own health and the health of others.

**POINSETTIAS:** This year, we are again inviting people to donate a poinsettia. If you would like to purchase one, we invite you to do so, **bringing them to the church on Sunday, December 11.**

### **CAMBRIDGE FOOD PANTRY & RESOURCE CENTER – WISH LIST!**

The Cambridge Food Pantry has been seeing a sharp increase in food insecurity among our neighbors, and like everywhere in America, the high cost of food and other household items is having an impact on our inventory.

With the growing number of neighbors in need and the low supply of food on our shelves, I am reaching out to ask for your help.

With the winter months ahead of us, the need will only increase, please consider helping your neighbors by donating to the food pantry.

**The food pantry is currently seeking donations of:** Soup (variety of canned soup), Corned Beef Hash, SpaghettiOs, Ravioli, other canned meals and pastas, Crackers (Saltines, Ritz, etc.), Baked Beans, Ketchup, Mayonnaise, Pancake Syrup, Shampoo and Conditioner, Men’s and Women’s Deodorant, Razors, Bath Soap, Laundry Soap, Toothpaste.

Monetary donations are always greatly appreciated!

For more information on how you can make a difference this holiday season, or to volunteer at the food pantry, please email: [foodpantry@cambridge.k12.wi.us](mailto:foodpantry@cambridge.k12.wi.us) or call Kerry at (608)423-8142.

The Cambridge Food Pantry website can be found at <https://cambridgecap.net/programs/nutrition/food-pantry/>

Thank you for your continued generous support!

Kerry Marren, Community Activities Program, Cambridge Food Pantry Coordinator

## PLEASE HOLD THESE MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN PRAYER THIS WEEK —

Lorin Fulton  
Margaret Hawkins  
Linda Johnson  
Jan & Nancy Kristiansen  
Evelyn Reiner  
Mardy Schilleman  
Marilyn Schuster  
Jenine Spack

The people impacted by Hurricanes Fiona, Ian and Nicole

The families of Caleb Wipperfurth, (CHS graduate who has died of cancer), Jim Schilleman, Donald Hawkins and families who are grieving the loss of loved ones.

If you would like to be added to our weekly prayer list, please leave word in the church office or contact the pastor. Permission to be included in this publicly posted list has been obtained from those listed or their families.

## Church Schedule

**Worship Service:** 10:00 a.m. Sunday

**Communion:** First Sunday of each month

**Pastoral Office Hours:** Generally 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Wednesday or by appointment

**Business Office Hours:** 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Monday – Thursday

(Church hours are approved by Session and posted on church entry doors.)

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### **SESSION** (Meets the second Sunday of each month.)

Class of 2022: Joe Leto, Mike Stitz. Clerk of Session: Judy Pearson

Class of 2023: Randy Johnson

Class of 2024: Mare Stewart, Mark Touhey

### **CHURCH STAFF**

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