

**Advent Travelers All Are We
Advent 2: Peace
December 10, 2023**

Worship 9:30am

Fellowship 10:30am

Faith Formation for all ages 10:50am

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Janelle Arnett Campbell, organist

WELCOME AND PRAYER

Joshua Chittum, worship leader

*HYMN VT 212

Comfort, Comfort, Now My People

Bringing in the light: Dave Schrag and Kate Wiebe

WE LISTEN AND LEARN

MOMENT OF WONDER

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VT 219 *Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord*

SCRIPTURE

John 1:6-8, 19-28

SERMON

Ruth Harder

ANTHEM

Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming

Distler

WE RESPOND AND SHARE

SHARING JOY

We welcome the introduction of guests and visitors during this time. One way we get to know one another is by signing the friendship registers. Once the register reaches the center aisle, please pass it back to the outer aisle.

As we share our joys and concerns, please be mindful of those gathered remotely.

SHARING CONCERNS

PRAYING TOGETHER

HYMN VT 213 *Poor of the Earth*

Slips of paper are available in the pew racks for those who wish to offer joys and concerns silently and anonymously. These papers, if put in the offering plate, will be placed in the prayer bowl table at the front of the sanctuary.

OFFERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE GO INTO THE WORLD WITH LOVE

*HYMN VT 223

Bless 'd Be the God of Israel

*SENDING FORTH

*POSTLUDE

*You are invited to stand

About our Advent visual: The light sculpture at the front of the sanctuary was created by Arlie Regier and his son Paul. We cherish the long tradition of featuring this gift during Advent and Christmas.

ADVENT CALENDAR

Sat., Dec. 16, Christmas Program rehearsal 9:00 am – 11:00 am

Sun., Dec. 17

First Hour Worship: Choral presentation of *Carols and Lullabies of the Southwest*, collection of Spanish carols that reminds one of, as the composer says, ". . .a Southwestern piñata party for the new baby." Accompanied by harp, guitar, marimba and vibraphone.

Second Hour Christmas Program presented by Rainbow children & youth

Sun., Dec. 24 Christmas Eve

Advent 4 worship service at 10:30 am with no second hour

Christmas Eve Candlelight service at 6:30 pm

Sun., Dec. 31 New Years Eve Day

Worship service at 10:30 am with no second hour; Bring your leftover Christmas goodies to share during fellowship time

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