



Just Peace Open & Affirming

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 22, 2013

*Means those who are able please stand

Songs: SP & P - Sing, Prayer & Praise; NCH - New Century Hymnal

Bold face indicates where the congregation is invited to join in saying the words

Ring the Bell

***Greeting One Another**

Centering Music

Opening Prayer

***Opening Sentences** (Isaiah 52:7, Jeremiah 33:14, Isaiah 9:6).

Cong'l Response: We await the coming of the Lord!

***Gathering Song** NCH #160 "Jesus, the Light of the World"

ELDERKIN

Silent Reflection

Advent Candle Lighting

Allen Trenkle & Amy Johnson

Readings from the Bible

Isaiah 9:2-7 (p. 780-781 in the OT of your pew Bible)

Matthew 1:18-25 (p. 1-2 in the NT of your pew Bible)

Sung Response

"Prepare the Way"

① Pre - pare the way of the Lord. Pre- pare the way of the Lord,
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③ and all peo- ple will see the sal - va - tion of our God. Pre -
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Children's Message

"An Angel Appears"

Hannah Hannover

Prayers of the People

You are invited to offer joys and concerns aloud for which the whole congregation will pray. If you have something to share, simply raise your hand and a deacon will bring the microphone to you.

Pastoral Prayer

The minister will offer a series of prayers each followed by "Amen," concluding with "The Lord's Prayer."

The Lord's Prayer

The Lord's Prayer comes from Matthew 6:9-13. Here is a traditional translation, which we will all pray together.

**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.

Mission Moment

Charles Kniker

Offering of Gifts

“Light a Candle for Peace”

Ruth Elaine Schram

Prayer of Dedication

No offering is adequate to express our thanks, loving God, but what we give, we bring with joy. May the good tidings of salvation live in these gifts and in our lives. May the ends of the earth know the steadfast love of God. Grant comfort to those who mourn, peace to those who face the world's turmoil, and joy to all who serve in Christ's name. Amen.

*Song (insert)

“Of the Father's Love Begotten” DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

Sermon

“Advent Themes: Peace”

Rev. Jonathan Page

*Closing Song (insert)

“Let Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

PICARDY

*Sending Blessing

Sending Music

Today's Worship Leaders

Liturgist: Sharron Slinger

Preacher: Jonathan Page

Minister to Children & Youth: Hannah Hannover

Music Director: Lesley Lackore

Keyboardist: Karen Stewart

Today's Ministers of Worship & Hospitality:

Deacon in Charge: Tom Meyer

Property Supervisor: Ken Birt

Ushers: Enrique Hernandez, Barbara Faidley, Allison Anderson

Greeters: Jan Bauer, Nancy Clark

Coffee Fellowship: Kim & Pat Spangler

Welcome Table: Christa Andersen & Terry Potter

Next Week December 29:

No Sunday School or Learning Center

10:45 a.m. - "The Tragedy of Christmas" Rev. Jonathan Page

Texts: Matthew 2:13-23, Psalm 148

Welcome! We welcome all who worship here today. Whether you are passing through, attending with a friend or relative, searching for a church home, or seeking answers to life's questions, we are glad you are with us today. Please introduce yourself to the minister following the service and stay for refreshments so others in our fellowship may meet you. If you want to know more about our church, please tell the minister or indicate this on our fellowship pads.

In keeping with the life and teaching of Jesus Christ, we joyfully and unconditionally welcome all people of any age, gender, race, culture, ability, sexual orientation, or gender identity into our community of faith and affirm the worth of all people as unique individuals made in God's image. We are open to the special gifts that each person brings and invite each one to participate in the life of our church.

Nursery Care: We welcome children to stay during our worship service...in fact, we enjoy it! However, if you or your child(ren) would like to use our nursery, there are qualified child care providers during worship for infants and children through Kindergarten. Our nursery is located on the second floor on the east side of the church building. A parent or guardian will be required to sign their child in and out. Please feel free to use this service.

Bell Ringing for Peace every Wednesday: Join us at 12:10 p.m. in the UCC bell tower to ring the bell for peace and pray for worldwide peace. The Ames UCC is a just peace church.

To Contact The Reverend Jonathan C. Page:

During regular office hours or at any time, if the matter is not urgent, call the church. Please leave a message if The Reverend Jonathan C. Page is not available. If it is an emergency, don't hesitate to call his cell phone at 203-815-3816.

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