



Just Peace Open & Affirming

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 1, 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** (Psalm 121:1, 2 Peter 3:13, Isaiah 41:13)

Cong'l Response: We hope in the Lord.

***Gathering Song** (insert) "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" **VENI EMMANUEL**

Silent Reflection

Advent Candle Lighting

Terisa Thomas & Brayden Smithburg

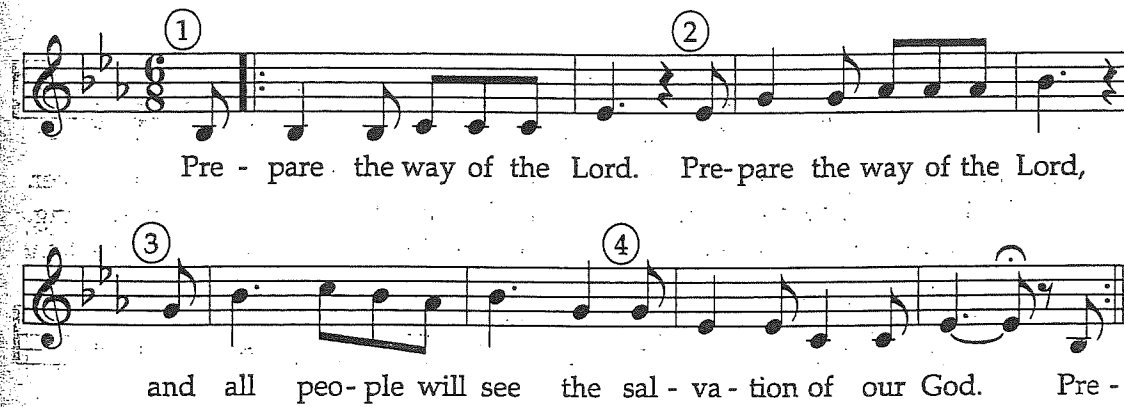
Readings from the Bible

Psalm 122 (p. 702-703 in the OT of your pew Bible)

Isaiah 2:1-5 (p. 773 in the OT of your pew Bible)

Sung Response

"Prepare the Way"



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

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.

Offering of Gifts

Prayer of Dedication

We dedicate our lives and all that we have to the work of life, of love, of peace. Receive our gifts and lead us in wisdom and courage; for the sake of Jesus the Christ, our Savior. Amen.

***Song NCH #101**

“Comfort, Comfort O My People”

PSALM 42

Sermon

**“Advent Themes: Hope”
Rev. Jonathan Page**

***Closing Song (insert)**

“People, Look East”

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***Sending Blessing**

Sending Music

Today's Worship Leaders

Liturgist: Dinah Kerksieck

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: Bradley Duckstein

Property Supervisor: Greg Lamont

Ushers: Sue Lamont, Diana & Kevin McHenry

Greeters: Dick & Shirley Warren

Coffee Fellowship: Nancy Clark, Martha Geist, George Belitsos

Welcome Table: John & Marjorie Uitermarkt

Next Week December 8:

9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages:

Children's Sunday School: Pre-K (ages 3-5) & Rotation (grades K-6)

Youth Group: Meet in the Youth Room

Learning Center (FH) - Cari McPartland, Social Service Director of the Ames Service Center of the Salvation Army

10:45 a.m. - Children's Christmas Program & Youth lead worship

Texts: Luke 2:1-20

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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