

FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

2nd Sunday of Advent

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"Helping Others See Jesus' Grace In Me"

Order of Worship
Second Sunday of Advent
** Congregation Stands/Rise in spirit*

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES Betty McNair

***LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE**
Blake and Carmen Brown

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

LEADER: A shoot shall come forth from Jesse's stump,

PEOPLE: And the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him.

LEADER: He will judge the poor with righteousness, and the meek with equity;

PEOPLE: He will be clothed with righteousness and faithfulness.

LEADER: The wolf and the lamb will live peacefully together,

PEOPLE: The leopard and the kid will lie down side by side. The cow and the bear will graze together; the lion will eat straw like the ox,

LEADER: : And a little child will lead them all.

PEOPLE: They will neither hurt nor destroy on God's holy mountain,

ALL: For the earth will be full of the knowledge of God, as the waters fill the sea.

***OPENING HYMN #569 (AA)....."Revive Us Again"**

*** PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION (*Unison*)**

Gracious God, in this sacred space and this Advent season, we lift our voices in praise and thanksgiving. We thank You for Your faithful presence and for the promise of Christ, who brings justice, peace, and new beginnings. As we gather in worship, breathe Your Spirit upon us. Stir our hearts, renew our joy, and deepen our hope. Make this time alive with Your power and filled with Your love. Keep us watchful and ready in this season of waiting. Let Your light shine through us. Receive our praise and worship, O God. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

God of Grace, we confess that we are not always ready for You to come into our world. We cling to the familiar, afraid of the transformation Your grace brings. Yet You are always a step ahead, a voice crying out in the wilderness, inviting us into bold new ways of following You. Humble us, O God, and teach us the work of repentance, so that, fully reliant on Your grace, we may know the richness of restored relationship with You and with one another. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***GLORIA PATRI**

SPECIAL SELECTION **FUPCC Choir "Silver And Gold"**
By Kirk Franklin

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION **Rev. Delton H. Farmer**

SCRIPTURE READINGS **Rev. Delton H. Farmer**

OLD TESTAMENT: Isaiah 11:1-10
NEW TESTAMENT: Romans 15:4-13

SERMON **Rev. Delton H. Farmer**
"Rooted in Hope, Growing in Peace "

INVITATIONAL HYMN #317 (AA) **"Breathe On Me, Breath Of God"**

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP/PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
LORD’S PRAYER

Sacrament Of Baptism

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERING

OFFERTORY SELECTION.....*"You Are My Strength"*
by William Murphy

***DOXOLOGY**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table Rev. Delton H. Farmer

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you

People: And also, with you

Leader: Lift up your hearts

People: We lift them to the Lord

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

CLOSING HMN #129 (AA) "Lord, Keep Me Day By Day"

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

RESPONSE "Amen"

POSTUDE