

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 11:1-10

Karen Smith

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 for the poor,
and decide with equity for the oppressed 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 will feed 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.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Musical Offering*Invocation for Advent*

Worship Ensemble; Julia Bass, flute

Emmanuel, Emmanuel,
come and bring an end to the darkness.

Emmanuel, Emmanuel,
come and fill our hearts with your light.

We watch and wait for you to come,
according to God's Word,
to show the way and make us one,
and heal our troubled world.

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Emmanuel, Emmanuel,
come and bring an end to the sadness.

Emmanuel, Emmanuel,
come and fill our lives with your love.

Our hearts prepare to welcome you
as Savior, Lord, and King.

We long to share the hope and truth
that you alone can bring.

Emmanuel, Emmanuel,
come and bring an end to our emptiness.

Emmanuel, Emmanuel,
come and fill our hearts,
come and fill our lives,

come and fill our world with your peace.

Collective Prayer

Major Treadway and People

Emmanuel, Holy One, Your face shines on our lives.

Fill us with you peace.

As You lit the sky with angels who spoke words of peace
so long ago, we call upon You to be the light of the world
that still needs peace so desperately.

**Shine peace on those who experience budget cuts
and wintry weather;**

Shine peace on those who fear diagnoses,
feel church trauma,
and dread international conflict.

**Shine peace on the refugee
and on the family cutting a Christmas tree.**

Shine peace on the caroler in the hospital unit,
and those who find themselves unable to gather with loved ones.

**Let our faces reflect to others
the peace You shine in us. Amen.******Prayer Response 96 (verses 1 & 2)***I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

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Offertory Prayer

Bill Ellis

Offertory*Pastoral Symphony*

Handel

Response of ThanksgivingDoxology*Luti/OLD 100TH

Praise God who takes away our fear,
who breaks the might of sword and spear,
that hope and justice might increase
and life grow new in lasting peace! Amen.***

Scripture Reading

Romans 15:4-13

Robert Burts

For whatever was written in former days was written for our
instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement
of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness
and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another,
in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one
voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you,
for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant
of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he
might confirm the promises given to the ancestors, and that the
Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

“Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles,
and sing praises to your name;”

and again he says,

“Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people;”

and again,

“Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,
and let all the peoples praise him;”

and again Isaiah says,

“The root of Jesse shall come,

the one who rises to rule the Gentiles;
in him the Gentiles shall hope.”

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so
that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Musical Offering*Prayer for Peace*

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Worship Ensemble

Make me an instrument of Thy peace,
Lord, of Thy peace,
Lord, of Thy peace.

Where there is hatred let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
doubt, faith;
despair, hope;
darkness, light;
sadness, joy;

Pardon, faith, hope, light, and joy, love.

Make me an instrument of Thy peace,
Lord, of Thy peace,
Lord, of Thy peace.

Sermon*Sensing Advent: Tasting Peace*

Major Treadway

Communion

Ministers, Deacons and People

Time of Reflection and Response

O Little Town of Bethlehem

arr. Bober

***Hymn of Calling and Departing 80 (verse 2 only)**

Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love

BAUGH

***Benediction**

Major Treadway

*If you can do so, please stand for this portion of the worship service.

The Coming Week at FBC

Sunday, December 7—Communion Sunday

11:45am Business Mtg./Sanctuary

5:00pm Youth Gathering/Room 214

Monday, December 8

6:00pm Cub Scouts/Fellowship Hall

7:00pm Boy Scouts/Fellowship Hall

7:30pm Upper Room Ladies Bible Study/Zoom

Tuesday, December 9

1:00pm Staff Meeting/Church Office

Wednesday, December 10

9:30am Community Bible Study/Room 301

4:00pm Wednesday's Neighbors/Parlor

5:00pm WNS (Taco Salad)/Fellowship Hall/Final WNS this year

6:00pm Family Christmas/Sanctuary

6:45pm Worship Ensemble Rehearsal/Music Suite

Thursday, December 11

8:30am Men's Breakfast/Bojangles

Friday, December 12 - Church Office Closed

Readings for next Sunday, December 14, 2025:

Isaiah 35:1-10; Psalm 14: 5-6, 10;

James 5: 7-10; Matthew 11:2-11

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December 7- December 13, 2025

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If you're a guest today and would like to let us know, please scan the QR code with your smartphone camera to access our online response card.

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**THE WORSHIP OF GOD
Second Sunday in Advent**

December 7, 2025

10:45am

Welcome/Opportunities for Service/Invocation

Chad Hartsock

Prelude

Let Us All Our Hearts Prepare

arr. Cherwin/Leavitt

Advent Wreath Lighting

Come, Lord Jesus, Come

Wesley/Rainey

Worship Ensemble and Congregation

Kristi Sanford and Susan Garber, handbells

Responsive Litany

Kaylin Hartsock and People

Advent is marked by a spirit of yearning for peace.

May the world be filled with the peace of Christ.

We long today for peace among nations.

May the world be filled with the peace of Christ.

We long today for peace among races.

May the world be filled with the peace of Christ.

We long today for peace in our hearts and in our lives.

May the world be filled with the peace of Christ.**

Lighting the Candle of Hope

Kaylin Hartsock, narrator

Jessica Short-Long, Stacy, Orion, and Rose Long

(Children, meet your leader at the front of the sanctuary for Bible Study.)

Missions Spotlight

Ray Dalton

***Hymn of Advent 79**

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

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