

TRADE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
DECEMBER 7, 2025 SERVICE TIME 9:30 AM

GATHERING

Greet others and prepare your hearts and minds for worship.

PRELUDE

WELCOME, CELEBRATIONS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

This day is a day of preparation.

Open our hearts, O Lord, and make us ready to receive you.

Repentance, changing our attitudes, our lives, is the beginning of our preparation.

Lord, give us courage and confidence.

God will fill us with joy and peace as we become witnesses to God's love.

Lord, help us to be faithful servants all of our days. AMEN.

LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE

Dick and Irene Grayson

First Reader: Advent reminds us that we are people who share a story, the story of Jesus, who enacts peace by judging in favor of the poor and deciding with equity for the meek of the earth. We long for the day when "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" (Isaiah 11:6).

Today, we choose to live the story of peace, believing that true peace comes when we seek the flourishing of all God's creation.

Second Reader: We light this candle of peace as a sign of our commitment to bring Light to the places the world seeks to hide until that day when all creation lives together in harmony and abundance.

Light the second candle of the Advent wreath.

OPENING PRAYER

Roger Sturgill

*HYMN 220

Angels from the Realms of Glory

THE APOSTLES' CREED 881

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

*DOXOLOGY 95

CHOIR

I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day, 8
Angels We Have Heard on High, 14
I Love to Tell the Story, 41

PRAYERS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

SCRIPTURE

Romans 15:4-13

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Advent 2 - Peace

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING 12

*HYMN 217

Away in a Manger

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Items in BOLD are unison. Items with an asterisk () denote standing as you are able. For Congregation hymns, the United Methodist Hymnal is used or Church Hymnal with the denotation (CH) after the hymn number.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOTICE: If you want to make changes to the prayer requests or to have an announcement placed in the Sunday bulletin, please contact Irene Grayson.

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