

DECEMBER 4, 2016

THE WORSHIP OF GOD  
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT – PEACE

10:45 AM

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

Jason W. Crosby

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Please take a moment to complete the section at the top of the insert, fold and tear it off at the perforation and put it in the offering plate. Or, you may share contact info or comments with us by sending a text message to 502-295-0285.

ENTRANCE INTO WORSHIP

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to God.**

PRELUDE

*Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

ES IST EIN' ROS ENTSPRUNGEN

Arr. Johannes Brahms

Lo, how a rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung,  
Of Jesse's lineage coming as saints of old have sung.  
It came, a floweret bright, amid the cold of winter, when half spent was the night.

This Flower, whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air,  
Dispels with glorious splendor the darkness everywhere.  
True man, yet very God, from sin and death he saves us and lightens every load.

16<sup>th</sup> century German carol; st. 1 tr. Theodore Baker, 1894; st. 2 tr. Harriet Knuth Spaeth, 1875

INVOCATION

If spoken in a language that is unfamiliar to you, worshippers are invited to silently pray for God's presence to be felt in hearts and minds through our worship.

Shee Mar Cho

\*HYMN OF PRAISE 135

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

HYFRYDOL

LIGHTING THE SECOND CANDLE OF ADVENT – PEACE

The birth of Christ brought forth into the darkness of this world a great light.

**Thanks be to God.**

In Christ's birth, life, death, and resurrection, we find our greatest peace.

**Thanks be to God.**

Our Savior, however, promised to come again to fully redeem humanity and creation.

**Thanks be to God.**

This Advent season may we celebrate gifts already found in Christ and faithfully anticipate God's gifts yet to come.

**May we prepare the way.**

\*GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 3:1-12

The word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Andrea V. Woolley

\*HYMN OF ADVENT 132

*Comfort, Comfort Now My People*

GENEVAN 42

CHORAL OFFERING

*Creation Shall Be at Peace*

Anna Laura Page

Chancel Choir; June Bailey, conductor; Louie Bailey, piano

In the holy mountain of the Lord all war and strife will cease;  
In the holy mountain of the Lord, creation will be at peace.

The wolf will lie down with the lamb, the cow and bear will feed,  
Their young will lay together; a little child will lead.

The leopard and goat will graze, the lion will feed on straw.  
They will war no more. A child will lead them all.

J. Paul Williams; based on Isaiah 11:6-9; ©1992 by Alfred Publishing Company

\*DOXOLOGY

*O Source of Peace the Giver and the Gift*

VENI EMMANUEL

O Source of Peace, the Giver and the Gift,  
With glad and gen'rous hearts we now uplift  
Our voices in eternal praise, for all your gifts that crown our days.  
O Lord, our God, our hearts to thee are bound  
To share your peace with people all around. Amen.

Louie Bailey, Advent 2012

WORDS FOR THE JOURNEY

KNOW JUSTICE, KNOW PEACE

Jason W. Crosby

SERVICE OF COMMUNION

Beginning with those seated at the back of the sanctuary, as directed by an usher, please come down one of the center aisles to receive and partake of the bread and the cup; then return to your seat via the outside aisle. If you do not wish to come forward, please raise your hand and someone will serve you.

MUSICAL MEDITATION

*What Child Is This?/O Come, O Come, Emmanuel/  
God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen*

arr. Mitz Nabekura

SILENT REFLECTION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Chris Conver

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND COMMUNITY

We gladly welcome all who desire to unite with the community of faith at Crescent Hill Baptist Church to come forward during the Hymn of Response and share that decision with the minister.

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE 170

*It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*

CAROL

\*BENEDICTION

Jason W. Crosby

SILENCE

POSTLUDE

*Morning Reflections*

Louie Bailey

\* Worshipers are invited to rise, in body or spirit.

***A benevolence offering which is used for special needs among church members and persons in our community will be taken at the doors following worship.***