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December 10, 2017



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THE PEACE OF CHRIST BE WITH YOU

Welcome and Announcements *Ruling Elder Frank Weaver*

Lighting the Second Advent Candle

Scripture Lesson, Luke 2:1-7

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child.

And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped Him in bands of cloth, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

Today we light the candle of peace. Jesus says, "Peace I leave with you; My peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." *John 14:27*

The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard our hearts and our minds in Christ Jesus *Philippians 4:7*

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Let's share the peace of Christ with each other this morning.

🕒 **Gathering Song "Angels From the Realms of Glory"**
Presbyterian Hymnal # 22

🕒 **Sharing the Peace of Christ**

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel" (verse 2)

WE SEEK THE PEACE OF CHRIST THAT SURPASSES OUR UNDERSTANDING

Call to Confession

Rev. Dr. Heather Hartsell

Confession of Sin

Holy God, We confess our sin to You. You promise us peace, and we reject it. Your peace is so deep and wide, we cannot understand it. Yet instead of resting in it, we turn our backs on this grace. We don't know how to be still and know that You are God, or we won't. We reject the prophets who teach us how. Forgive us.

~Silence for personal confession~

May the Lord give us strength. May the Lord bless us with peace. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Rev. Dr. Heather Hartsell

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Know this to be true: In the mercy and sacrifice of Jesus Christ, our sin is forgiven.

All glory belongs to God! Amen.

Time with Young Disciples

Scripture Lesson,

Luke 2:21-28

After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before He was conceived in the womb.

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought Jesus up to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

"Master, now You are dismissing Your servant in peace, according

to Your word; for my eyes have seen Your salvation, which You have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to Your people Israel."

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about Him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to His mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too."

Sermon "What's in this name?"

Rev. Laurie Palmer

Response "Mary Did You Know?"

Choir Anthem

WE PRACTICE THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Call to Offering

Rev. Dr. Heather Hartsall

We Share Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

🕒 Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

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🕒 **Sending Song "Once In Royal David's City"**

Presbyterian Hymnal # 49

🕒 **Benediction**

Numbers 6:24-26

"The Lord bless you and keep you;

the Lord make His face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you;

the Lord lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace."

Amen.

🕒 **Postlude**