



# Bellflower UMC

December 4, 2022

Advent II

GREETINGS<sup>1</sup>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

PRAYER            481. The Prayer of Saint Francis

PRELUDE & CANDLE LIGHTING 

**Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace.**

**Jesus, the light of the world.**

**Hail, the Sun of righteousness!**

**Jesus, the light of the world.**

**We'll walk in the light, beautiful light.**

**Come where the dewdrops of mercy shine bright.**

**Oh, shine all around us by day and by night.**

**Jesus, the light of the world.**

CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>2</sup>

I will listen to what God the Lord says;

**he promises peace to his people, his faithful  
servants—but let them not turn to folly.**

Surely his salvation is near those who fear him,  
that his glory may dwell in our land.

**Love and faithfulness meet together;**

**righteousness and peace kiss each other.**

Faithfulness springs forth from the earth,  
and righteousness looks down from heaven.

**The Lord will indeed give what is good,**

**and our land will yield its harvest.**

Righteousness goes before him

and prepares the way for his steps.

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<sup>1</sup> Cover art by KaLisa Veer, <https://unsplash.com/@kalisaveer>

<sup>2</sup> Stuart Strachan Jr., Adapted from Psalm 85:8-13 (NIV)

<https://thepastorsworkshop.com/calls-to-worship-on-peace/>

## OPENING HYMN

Angels We Have Heard on High

## ADVENT CANDLES

## RESPONSE<sup>3</sup>

**Peace, peace, peace,**

**May Earth be filled with peace.**

**The peace of God which we are sharing;**

**Showing the way our faith is caring.**

**Peace, peace, peace. May Earth be filled with peace.**

## PSALM

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

## INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

## LORD'S PRAYER - #895

**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.**

## RESPONSE

211. O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 11:1-10

## SERMON

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<sup>3</sup> Advent lyrics by John Stuart, [www.stushieart.com](http://www.stushieart.com), 2022.

HYMN 🎵 431. Let There Be Peace on Earth  
OFFERING & PEACE  
DOXOLOGY - #95 🎵  
HOLY COMMUNION  
SENDING FORTH<sup>4</sup>

Go now with the peace of God resting upon you. Go with the love of Christ dwelling within you. And depart with the presence of the Holy Spirit abiding in your heart, mind, and soul.

POSTLUDE 🎵

**Go tell it on the mountain,  
over the hills, and ev'rywhere;  
Go, tell it on the mountain  
that Jesus Christ is born.**

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<sup>4</sup> Source unknown.

### *Questions for Reflection*<sup>5</sup>

Look for places where the wolf and the lamb lie down together in peace. Where do you see that peace in your relationships, in your family or circle of friends, in the neighborhood, the city, the nation, and the world? Even within yourself, where has peace been forged between previously warring factions?

### *Household Prayer: Morning*

As I rise, O God, I give you thanks for safety in the night,  
for rest from my labors, for another day in this creation.  
Turn my eyes toward what is noble.  
Teach me to see hope where it is veiled.  
Give me the wisdom to desire the good.  
Help me to love not only those I encounter  
but myself as well,  
for with you, I know my many frailties and failings.  
Let peace reign. Amen.


### *Household Prayer: Evening*


As I end this day, Holy One,  
I give you thanks for the richness of my hours:  
for family and friends,  
for people with whom I work and play,  
for my neighbors,  
for those who fill this world with music and art,  
for those whose needs remind me of my blessings  
and whose skills make me grateful for differences.  
Guard us all, O God, and keep us in your embrace  
until the daylight comes. Amen.

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<sup>5</sup> *Feasting on the Word Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year A, Volume 1* ©  
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Next Sunday:

 Isa 35:1-10; Psalm 146:5-10; James 5:7-10; Matt 11:2-11

 O Come, All Ye Faithful

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