



Bellflower UMC

Second Sunday of Advent

Romans 12:18 (NIV) - If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.

ENTRANCE

GREETINGS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

PRELUDE & CANDLE LIGHTING

196. Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus, v1

Matthew 5:9 (NIV) - Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

ADVENT CANDLE¹

Reader One: The prophet Malachi calls us to watch for the messenger God will send us, a messenger who burns with a passion for God's coming salvation. "For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness" (Malachi 3:2b-3).

**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.**

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Reader Two: We light this candle of peace as a sign of our commitment to passionately pursue the work of making peace in our hearts, our families, our communities, and throughout the earth until God's kingdom comes on earth as it is in heaven.

Light first and second candles of the Advent wreath.

HYMN

238. Angels We Have Heard on High

431. Let There Be Peace on Earth

Psalm 119:165 (NIV) - Great peace have those who love your law, and nothing can make them stumble.

CHRISTMAS STORY

Luke 2:8-12 (NIV)

240. Hark! The Herald Angles Sing

Refrain:

Hark! The Herald Angles Sing,

“Glory to the newborn king.”

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.

**Peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled.**

But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”

Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
join the triumph of the skies.
With th'angelic hosts proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King."

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

LORD'S PRAYER

RESPONSE

Hear our prayer, O Lord.
Hear our prayer, O Lord.
Incline Thine ear to us,
and grant us Thy peace. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Philippians 1:3-11

*The One who began a good work in you
will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.*

GOSPEL

Luke 3:1-6

*"Prepare the way of the Lord;
make his paths straight."*

DISCUSSION

PEACE & OFFERING

DOXOLOGY - #95

*Psalm 4:8 (NIV) - In peace I will lie
down and sleep, for you alone,
Lord, make me dwell in safety.*

THANKSGIVING & COMMUNION

HOLY COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

John 14:27: "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"

SENDING FORTH

BLESSING

Go! 'Prepare the way of the Lord;
make his paths straight.'

May God's grace

fill every valley in your life, lay every mountain low,
make every crooked way straight, and bring you peace.

Go in peace.

CANDLES

Go Now In Peace

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Every Day With Jesus

This year we follow a Bible reading plan called “Every Day With Jesus”. With four short readings each day, we will have read the entire Bible by the end of the year.

12/08/24	Ezekiel 43:13-44:31	Psalms 136:10-16	Proverbs 29:13-14	1 John 2:12-29
12/09/24	Ezekiel 45:1-47:5	Psalms 136:17-26	Proverbs 29:15-17	1 John 3:1-24
12/10/24	Ezekiel 47:6-48:35	Psalms 137:1-6	Proverbs 29:18-21	1 John 4:1-21
12/11/24	Daniel 1:1-2:35	Psalms 137:7-138:3	Proverbs 29:22-23	1 John 5:1-21
12/12/24	Daniel 2:36-3:30	Psalms 138:4-8	Proverbs 29:24-25	2 John 1-13
12/13/24	Daniel 4:1-5:31	Psalms 139:1-6	Proverbs 29:26-27	3 John 1-15
12/14/24	Daniel 6:1-7:28	Psalms 139:7-12	Proverbs 30:1-2	Jude 1-13
12/15/24	Daniel 8:1-9:27	Psalms 139:13-18	Proverbs 30:3-4	Jude 14-25
12/16/24	Daniel 10:1-11:45	Psalms 139:19-24	Proverbs 30:5-6	Revelation 1:1-20
12/17/24	Daniel 12:1-Hosea 3:5	Psalms 140:1-5	Proverbs 30:7-9	Revelation 2:1-17
12/18/24	Hosea 4:1-7:16	Psalms 140:6-13	Proverbs 30:10-12	Revelation 2:18-3:6
12/19/24	Hosea 8:1-10:15	Psalms 141:1-6	Proverbs 30:13-14	Revelation 3:7-22
12/20/24	Hosea 11:1-14:9	Psalms 141:7-10	Proverbs 30:15-17	Revelation 4:1-5:14
12/21/24	Joel 1:1-2:32	Psalms 142:1-7	Proverbs 30:18-20	Revelation 6:1-17