

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
10:00 A.M. Combined Service  
**Rev. Mark Piedmonte**  
Music Director – Gregory Fraser  
*\* Congregation will stand*

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE with SILENT PRAYERS: Liszt Weihnachtsbaum  
GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS - **During Covid, masks are required. There will be no singing other than by the minister and organist. At this time there is no need to stand during designated hymns. Hymn lyrics are provided as inserts so you may participate spiritually. We do not touch hymnals, friendship pads, Bibles, or offering plates. Place offering in plate upon entrance or when exiting.**

INTROIT: “Comfort, Comfort Now My People” *(See Insert to follow along)*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Leader/**People**)

Leader: A ruler will come from Bethlehem,  
**All: and he will be the shepherd of peace.**

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Leader: We light these candles as a sign of the coming light of Christ.  
As the Lord has promised, in days to come:  
The Lord will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child.  
**All: She shall bear a son, and name him Emmanuel: “God is with us.”**  
**(All four candles are now lit)**

\*OPENING PRAYER

Leader: Let us pray:  
**All: God of grace, your eternal Word took flesh among us when Mary placed her life at the service of your will. Prepare our hearts for his coming again; keep us steadfast in hope and faithful in service, that we may receive the coming of his kingdom for the sake of Jesus Christ, the ruler of all, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

\*HYMN: “Love Has Come” *(See Insert)*

CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: A voice is crying out in the wilderness: Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near. Trusting in God’s grace, let us confess our sin.  
**All: Mighty God, we confess that we have not expected your kingdom. We live casual lives, ignoring your promised judgment. We accept lies as truth, exploit neighbors, abuse the earth and refuse your justice and peace. In your mercy, forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your way, and to seek things that will endure when Christ comes to judge the world.**

MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord! Call on God’s name and hear this wonderful news again: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

**All: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

\*GLORIA PATRI

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen. Amen.**

\*WORDS & GESTURES OF PEACE: *(turn to extend signs of peace to neighbors from a distance)*

Leader: The peace of Christ be with all of you. **All: And also with you.**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE: “It’s ALL about Love”

Rev. Mark

Piedmonte

\*SONG OF PRAISE: “There’s A Voice in the Wilderness Crying”

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Leader: Let us pray, asking the Spirit’s guidance in understanding the Scriptures:  
**All: Holy God, our hope and strength, by the power of your Spirit prepare the way in our hearts for the coming of your Word, so that we may see the glorious signs of your promise fulfilled; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 9: 6-7 (responsive)

Leader: For a child has been born for us, **All: a son given to us;**  
Leader: authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor,  
**All: Mighty God,**  
Leader: Everlasting Father, **All: Prince of Peace!**  
Leader: His authority shall grow continually, **All: and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom.**  
Leader: He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. **All: The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.**

Gospel: Luke 2: 1-14

**Response to the reading of God’s Word:**

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord! **All: Thanks be to God!**

ADVENT SERMON SERIES: “And He is Named... Prince of Peace”

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\*HYMN: “O Little Town of Bethlehem” *(See Insert)*

CONFESSION OF FAITH: The Apostles’ Creed (Traditional)

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

SHARING OUR JOYS and CONCERNS

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE

Leader: Hear us, O God. **All: Your mercy is great.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Unison)

***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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.***

OFFERTORY – Please include your Christmas Joy Offering

\*SONG OF DEDICATION: (***Doxology***) “Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.” Amen.

\*CLOSING HYMN: “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice” (***See Insert***)

\*BENEDICTION / RESPONSE: ***O come, Desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind; bid envy, strife, and discord cease; fill the whole world with heaven's peace. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.***

POSTLUDE: Liszt Weihnachtsbaum

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### STATEMENT FROM SESSION RE: BPC's COVID-19 RESPONSE

The BPC Session is on top of the mounting concerns over rising COVID cases in MD and has the best interest of our church family at heart. We are committed to following MD state guidelines and will make any needed adjustments accordingly. For now, we will continue to meet in-person for worship with attendance at or below 50% capacity. We will also make every effort to assure services are taped and uploaded to Face Book and to the church website in a timely manner for folks who choose to worship from home instead. We will also limit indoor group gatherings. For now, let's do all we can to stay – and help others to stay – healthy and safe. Please, when on church grounds for any reason, wear masks, avoid physical contact, stay 6 feet apart and wash your hands often. And if you feel sick in any way – please stay home, see the doctor, and call Pastor Mark for healing prayers. 610-428-3135. With God's help, and each other's, we will get through this!

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**Memory of**  
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