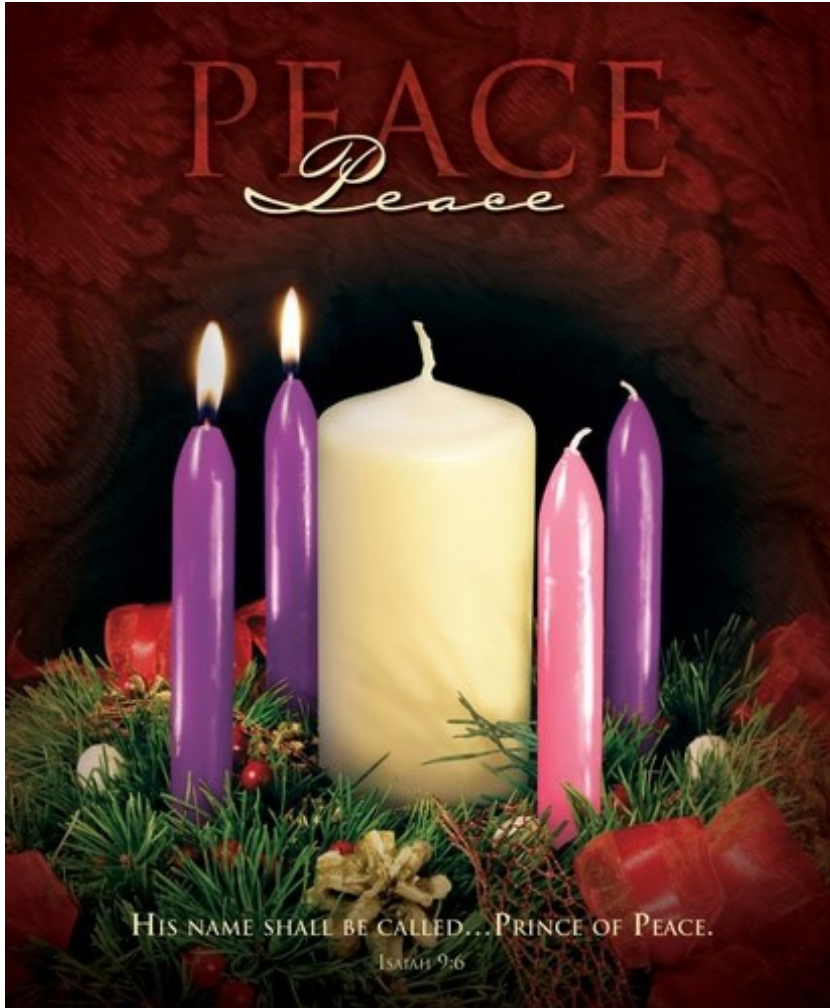




First
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Church of Port Angeles



Second Sunday of Advent
December 8, 2024

Gathering Around the Word

Prelude

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

arr. by Kim

Welcome

Call to Worship—Advent Candle Lighting

“Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it.”

Psalm 34:14

Let us pray:

God of Peace, our world is full of angry voices calling for vengeance, calling for retribution masked as justice, calling for destruction as a lie for peace. But we know the true peace that comes from you is available for us all, if we seek it. If we follow you. May peace light our way in this world that desperately needs it. Amen.

Songs of Praise

“Hark! the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes”

#60

“Here I Am to Worship”

#567

“How Great Thou Art”

#553

Prayer of Confession

Gracious Father, thank you for loving us. Thank you for the work of the Holy Spirit in the lives of Mary and Elizabeth and the miracles displayed in them. You are a loving, strong, and powerful God, full of mercy and faithful to your promises. Help us, heavenly Father, to accept your plans for us with the same humility, joy, fear, and praise we’ve seen in this beautiful encounter of Mary and Elizabeth. Forgive us when we doubt and question your work in us, and help us to live, as Mary did, with understanding and praise for the great things you, and only you, have done for us. Help our families and those around us to know your joy, peace, comfort, and love, and to move in haste to share it. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God!

Passing of the Peace

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Please greet one another with the peace of Christ.

Proclaiming the Word

Scripture Reading	Zephaniah 3:14-20	Rainy Birch
Time for Young Disciples		Pastor Matt
Scripture Reading	Luke 1:39-56	
Sermon	“Blessed is She Who Believed”	Pastor Matt

Responding to the Word

Hymn of Response “My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout” #69

Offering

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him all creatures here below.
Praise him above ye heav'nly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayers of the People

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 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.

Worship continues on the back of the bulletin.

Bearing and Following the Word into the World

Closing Hymn “O Shepherd, Hear and Lead Your Flock” #64

Benediction

Postlude “Awake, My Soul” Handel, Powell

Next Sunday’s Worship - December 15, Third Sunday of Advent

Malachi 3:1-4, *Luke 1:57-80, “What Then Will This Child Become?”

When Elizabeth's baby was eight days old, she and Zechariah took him to be circumcised and to give him a name. There was some controversy when Elizabeth sought to name him John--for this was not a family name--but the matter was soon settled when Zechariah scrawled, "His name is John." on a tablet. (Remember, Zechariah had been struck speechless by the angel Gabriel (Luke 1:20) and could not utter a word throughout his wife’s pregnancy.) At that moment, Zechariah regained his speech and began to tell the world what would become of his little baby...and the child growing in Mary's womb!

Leading in Today’s Service

Worship Leaders: Pastor Matt, Michael Rivers, Rainy Birch

Pianist/Organist: Anna Nichols

Worship Music Team (varies): Beverly Brown, Jim Buckmaster, Pam Carnahan, Dick Chambers, Iantha Frazer, Randy Schuchardt, Dan Cobb

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