

**Second Sunday of Advent
December 6, 2009 10:00 a.m.**

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*Our mission is to change peoples' lives
through a relationship with Jesus Christ.*

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~WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE~

Greeting of Peace

Prelude "Rise Up And Praise Him" **Insert**

Lighting of the Altar Candles

Advent Candle-Lighting Liturgy

Second Sunday in Advent: Comfort and Peace

L: On this second Sunday in Advent we light the candle of Hope again (Light first purple candle). We remember our longing for God to be with us.

Child: Today we also light the second candle and name it Peace (light second purple candle).

P: *This candle reminds us that Jesus is the Prince of Peace, and that he is coming.*

L: The candle is a symbol of God's promise of peace, and comfort, and strength.

All: *O God, come travel with us through Advent. Give us the courage to spread peace in the world. Amen.*

Hymn "Let There Be Peace On Earth" **#431**

This Week at Blackstone Valley United Methodist Church

A Time for the Child in All of Us

Offertory "Ready The Way" *arr: Bob Hurd*

Doxology **#95**

Offertory Prayer

How good you have been to us, gracious God! How meagerly we have responded. You have restored our hope when we felt all was lost. You have filled our mouths with laughter and our tongues with shouts of joy. We give thanks, not only with a portion of our income, but also through a renewed commitment to righteous living. By your grace, we share in the work Christ came to accomplish among us. May love abound in and through us. Amen.

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~WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD~

Anthem "Here I Am To Worship" *arr: Tim Hughes*

Reading of the Word

Gospel *Matthew 2: 1-12*

Message "What if We Rebelled?" *Rev. Michele Ewers*

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~WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE~

Celebration of the Sacrament

Invitation **Pg 12**

Prayer of Confession

O God, we have tried to cover up our sins, yet you know the disorder we have caused in our lives. You have witnessed our poor choices and our destructive habits. We have denied our baptism and ignored the responsibilities of discipleship. The good we do is often self-serving, while we avoid the full claims of gospel partnership. Hear our cries of repentance and turn our lives around, that we may know the wonder of your forgiveness. Amen.

(Pause for Silent Reflection.)

Words of assurance

L: Friends, hear the good news: God has done great things for us. We are loved; we are forgiven; we are claimed by God's grace. The Holy One has begun a good work in us. Even now the love of God is expanding our knowledge, sharpening our discernment and equipping us for excellence.

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

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

Sharing the Bread & Cup

"Sing Alleluia To The Lord"

#2258

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~WE GO FORTH TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD~

Hymn

"Gather Us In"

#2236

Sending Forth

L: Renewed by the vision of God's way and refreshed by the companionship of community, take up the call to go in a new direction.

P: **We will live the inclusive love of God, gift all with the peace of Christ, and do the good work of Spirit. Truly we are the people of God! Amen.**

Closing Song

"Shout To The North"

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~Bringing The Light Into the World~

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