

Orangewood Presbyterian Church

December 5, 2021

2nd Sunday of Advent



A river of God's love flowing into the dry places of our communities

- **Jesus Christ is already at work in our communities; we seek to join that work.**
- **Our communities are wherever God plants us: Monday through Saturday—as well as Sunday.**
- **We create servant relationships with our communities, to become better disciples of Jesus Christ.**

On the banks, on both sides of the river, there will grow all kinds of trees for food. Their leaves will not wither nor their fruit fail, but they will bear fresh fruit every month, because the water for them flows from the sanctuary. Their fruit will be for food, and their leaves for healing.
Ezekiel 47:12

Welcome to Orangewood! We are delighted that you chose to worship with us today. At the conclusion of the service, Please visit the welcome table on the patio so that we might know more about you. We also have a gift for you. There is fellowship on the patio where you can also learn more about church activities.

The Nursery is open for children through age 5.

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The Gathering

Congregation responsively reads lines in bold text
***All who are able, please stand**

Prelude

Words of Welcome

*Call to Worship and lighting of the Candle of Peace

Leader: How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of
the messenger who announces peace,

**People: Who brings good news, who announces
salvation, who says to Zion, `Your God reigns.'**

Leader: Last Sunday we lit the first candle in our Advent
Wreath, the candle of Hope. We light it again as we
remember that Christ will come again to fulfill all of
God's promises to us. The candle which we light this
morning is the candle of peace. In the midst of this
troubled world, we are a people who watch for the
coming of the Prince of Peace." After the candles are
lit, please stand and join us in singing the following
verse of "O Come, O Come Emmanuel."

All Sing

**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.**

Leader: God of Peace, we await the day when justice will
roll down like waters, and righteousness like an
ever-flowing stream. Bring that day upon us
quickly, Lord, and help us continually to work for its
coming. We pray this in the name of the Prince of
Peace, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Let us worship God!

*Hymn #82

Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Prayer of Confession

**Holy and loving God,
we have dwelt in darkness
and preferred it to the light;
we have been proud of our accomplishments
and despaired over our shortcomings.
Smooth down the mountains of our pride,
and lift up the valleys of our doubts.
Open a path in the wilderness of our lives
that we might find our way to you again.
Refine us and prepare us once again**

**for life in your kingdom.
Hear our prayer, O Lord. Amen.**

(moment of silence)

Leader: Lord, hear our prayer.

Assurance of Pardon

*Gloria (to the tune of *Ode to Joy*)

**Glory be to God in Heaven! Peace, good will to all the earth.
Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth:
We exalt You; we adore You, we lift high our thanks and praise.
Saints and angels bow before You; Here on earth our songs we raise.**

**Glory be to Christ forever! Lamb of God and Lord of love.
Son of God and gracious Savior, You have come from heav'n above.
On the cross You died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Hear our prayer: restore, forgive us; in Your promise firm we stand.**

**Holy One now we acclaim You: Lord alone, to You we call;
Holy One in faith we name You; God most high, yet near to all.
Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit, in the Father's splendor bright.
For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!**

*Passing the Peace

"The peace of Christ be with you . . . **And also with you.**"

God's Word

Children's Message

Choir Anthem

Climb to the Top of the Highest Mountain

Carolyn Jennings

Prayer of Illumination

First Reading

Philippians 1:3-11

"The Word of the Lord . . . **Thanks be to God.**"

*Song

Do You Hear What I Hear?

Second Reading

Luke 3:1-6

"The Word of the Lord . . . **Thanks be to God.**"

Sermon

**"John the Radical"
The Rev. Kenneth G. Page**

Our Response to God's Word

Offertory

Prayer of Dedication

Offering Voluntary

God's Sign and Seal

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Prayers of the People and 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.

Words of Institution

Song

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

Sharing the Bread

(Hold the bread to eat with the community, symbolizing our common life in Christ.)

Sharing the Cup

(Drink the cup as you are served, symbolizing your presence alone before God.)

Prayer of Response

*Hymn #362

Rejoice! Rejoice! Believers

*Benediction

*Postlude

WORSHIP LEADERS

Ken Page	Preacher
Chuck Sedgwick	Organist
Brady Putzke	Guitar & Vocals
Marc Goldstick	Oboe
Elizabeth Reifsnider	Liturgist
Helen Hopkins	Greeter
Elizabeth Reifsnider	Usher

ORANGEWOOD STAFF

Pastor	The Rev. Kenneth G. Page
Director of Music	Dr. Charles N. Sedgwick
Children & Youth Director	Samantha Burkhart
Band Leader	Brady Putzke
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