

## **SEEKING GOD TOGETHER**

**PRELUDE** Chorale Prelude on "Lo, How a Rose  
E'r Blooming" (Mark D. Himmelman)

## ***WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE***

## ***LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE***

**Acknowledgment of Territory/Every Child Matters/  
Rainbow Candle of Inclusion** Alison Heffer

**INTROIT** Prepare the Way (Frans Mikael Franen adapt.  
Charles P. Price, Then Swenska Psalmboken arr. American  
Lutheran Hymnal)

**CALL TO WORSHIP** Margaret Heney  
**Valleys Made Smooth**

The mountains rise, the valleys sink, and yet the Lord  
walks among us. God bends to the low places, lifts the  
broken, and stills the anxious heart. Peace is not silent,  
not passive — it is the courage to trust the quiet  
strength of God's presence, and the calm that follows  
when we come to know that presence.

**\*HYMN** There's a Voice in the Wilderness p.7

## ***ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING LITURGY***

*Jennifer Kenwell & Janet Whitney*

This week we light the Candle of Peace, remembering  
that Christ came to bring peace to our hearts and to the  
world. In a world filled with conflict and worry, we rest  
in the promise that Jesus is our Prince of Peace —  
reconciling us to God and one another.  
The valleys will be lifted high, the rough places made  
smooth. The Lord comes to bring peace on earth.

**We wait for the Prince of Peace. We long for justice  
and we are strengthened by God's promises.**

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not  
give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be  
troubled, and do not let them be afraid." (John 14:27)

**Christ's peace is our comfort and our calling. Christ's  
peace guards our hearts and minds.**

*(The second candle of Advent is lit — the Candle of  
Peace.)*

We light this candle as a sign of God's peace. May  
Christ's light guide our steps and calm our hearts.

**The Lord is near — We prepare our hearts with  
Advent peace.**

**SUNG RESPONSE** We Light This Candle  
(Pat Mayberry arr. David Kai)

**We light this candle for Peace. Await the new life  
within. May our hearts now live each day, so Peace  
can find a way, so Peace can find a way.**

## ***PRAYER FOR RENEWAL & THE LORD'S PRAYER***

**God of Advent waiting, in a world that often feels  
challenging and when we don't always know the  
answers, fear finds its way into our lives; we are  
afraid that there won't be enough; enough resources,  
enough time, enough memories. Jesus, Prince of  
Peace, still our restless selves, calm our anxious  
hearts, quiet our busy minds. May your gift of peace,  
light our way as we seek out the Christ child. We join  
our voices in the prayer that Jesus taught as we pray  
together.... 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 trespasses as we forgive  
those who trespass against us; and lead us not into  
temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the  
kingdom, and the power and the glory, for ever and  
ever. Amen.**

## ***WORDS OF GRACE***

## ***A TIME FOR ALL AGES***

## **FINDING GOD TOGETHER**

**SCRIPTURE** Isaiah 11:1-10 (The peaceful kingdom)  
*Mary Smith*

**ANTHEM** Long Ago, Prophets Knew  
(Fred Pratt Green arr. Lloyd Larson) *with Martha Bailkowski,  
Norma Draper, Joyce Hagarty & Lisa Kyriakides, handbells*

**GOSPEL READING** Matthew 3:1-12  
(John the Baptist prepares the way.)

**SERMON** Getting Ready *Rev. Tim Dayfoot*

**\*HYMN** O Come, O Come, Emmanuel pp. 7-8

## **SHARING GOD'S LOVE**

## ***SECURING OUR MINISTRY CAMPAIGN***

## ***OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD***

**OFFERTORY** Still, Still, Still (arr. Cathy Moglebust)  
*Laura Wells, handbell tree & Lisa Kyriakides, piano*

**\*DEDICATION** In the Bleak Midwinter *(Tune: VU 55)*

**What can I give him, poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;  
if I were a wise man, I would do my part;  
yet what I can I give him—  
give my heart.**

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER & Prayer Shawl Blessing**

**PRAYER PRELUDE** We Call to You, O God (*Mayberry/Kai*)  
**We call to You, O God, in faith and with open heart,**  
**hear our prayer. We call to You, O God, in faith and**  
**with open heart, hear, hear our prayer.**  
**Hear, hear our prayer.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**\*HYMN** Herald! Sound the Note of Gladness **p.8**

**\*COMMISSIONING**

**\*SUNG BLESSING** Let There Be Peace on Earth  
 (Jackson/Miller)

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me;  
 let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to  
 be. With God our creator, family all are we.  
 Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.  
 Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now.  
 With every step I take, may this be my solemn vow:  
 To take each moment and live each moment  
 in peace eternally.  
 Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

**POSTLUDE** Variations on "Come, Thou  
 Long-Expected Jesus" (Lani Smith)

**Advent & Christmas Services**  
**AUC @ Trinity Anglican Church**



Advent 3 (Joy) & Christmas Pageant - December 14,  
 2025 - 11 am

Advent 4 (Love) - December 21, 2025 - 11 am

Carols by Candlelight - December 21, 2025 - 4 & 7:30pm

Christmas Eve - December 24, 2025 - 5 pm

Christmas 1 - December 28, 2025 - 11 am

Epiphany (Communion) - January 4, 2026 - 11 am

**Mission and Service**



**Gifts With Joy, Gifts With Hope, Gifts With Vision**

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**ADVENT 2 (Peace)**

**December 7, 2025**  
**11:00 AM**

## There's a Voice in the Wilderness **VU 18**

There's a voice in the wilderness crying, a call from the ways untrod: prepare in the desert a highway, a highway for our God! The valleys shall be exalted, the lofty hills brought low; make straight all the crooked places where God, our God, may go!

O Zion, that bringest good tidings, get thee up to the heights and sing! Proclaim to a desolate people the coming of their King. Like the flowers of the field they perish, like grass our works decay; the power and pomp of nations shall pass, like a dream, away.

But the word of our God endureth, whose arm is ever strong; God stands in the midst of nations, and soon will right the wrong. God shall feed the flock like a shepherd, the lambs so gently hold; to pastures of peace will lead them, and bring them safe to fold.

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O Come, O Come, Emmanuel **VU 1**

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel that mourns in lowly exile here until the Son of God appear.

**Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

O come, O Wisdom from on high, who orders all things mightily; to us the path of knowledge show and teach us in her ways to go. **R**

O come, O Rod of Jesse's stem, from every foe deliver them that trust your mighty power to save and give them victory o'er the grave. **R**

O come, O Key of David, come, and open wide our heavenly home; make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery. **R**

Herald! Sound the Note of Gladness **VU 28**

Herald! Sound the note of gladness! Tell the news that Christ is here; make a pathway through the desert for the one who brings God near.

**Refrain: Sound the trumpet! Tell the message! Christ the Saving One has come!**

Herald! Sound the note of judgement, warning us of right and wrong, turning us from sin and sadness, till once more we sing the song. **R**

Herald! Sound the note of pardon! Those repenting are forgiven; God receives these wayward children, and to all new life is given. Sound the trumpet! Tell the message! Christ the Saving One has come! **R**

Herald! Sound the note of triumph! Christ has come to share our life, bringing God's own love and power, granting victory in our strife. **R**