

Second Sunday of Advent

December 4, 2022

United Church of Christ, Neillsville

Pastor Gary Wilner

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PRELUDE *"Lo, How A Rose"* arr. Diane Bish
Karen Mohr

RINGING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*"Welcome!
No Matter Who You are,
or Where You are on
Life's Journey,
You are Welcome Here!!"*

MISSION MOMENT

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Reign of God is drawing near:

ALL: The prophet calls us to change our lives!

Leader: Prepare the way for the Lord:

ALL: A just and peaceful path!

Leader: Welcome one another, for Christ
welcomes you:

ALL: For the glory of God!

OPENING HYMN

"Come, Thou Almighty King"

Tune: Felice de Giardini Anon., English
#275 NCH

**1 Come now, Almighty God,
help us your name to laud;
our songs we raise:
Ruler all glorious,
o'er all victorious,
come and reign over us,
Ancient of Days!**

**2 Come now, Incarnate Word,
by heaven and earth adored;
our prayer attend;
Come, and your people bless,
and give your word success;
grant us your holiness,
Savior and Friend!**

**3 Come, holy Comforter,
your sacred witness bear
in this glad hour.
Your grace to us impart,
now rule in every heart,
never from us depart,
Spirit of power!**

**4 To you, great One in Three,
eternal praises be
for evermore.
Your sovereign majesty
may we in glory see,
and to eternity
love and adore.**

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE OF PEACE

Travis and Ashley Vine

PASTORAL, SILENT, LORD'S PRAYER

**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**

SERVICE OF GIVING AND SHARING

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

With our gifts, dear God, accept the praise and thanksgiving of our hearts, which rejoice in your goodness and love. Let our gifts point to your presence in the world, and further your dream for the world through Jesus, Emmanuel, God-with-us. Amen.

READING OF THE HOLY SCRIPTURES

Reader- Mike Perkl

Old Testament: Isaiah Chapter 11: 1-10
The Old Testament reading this morning is
Isaiah Chapter 11 verses 1-10

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.
The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.
His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;
but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his
mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall
kill the wicked.

Righteousness shall be the belt around his
waist, and faithfulness the belt around his
loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.

The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

The nursing child shall play over the hole of
the asp, and the weaned child shall put its
hand on the adder's den.

They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy
mountain;

for the earth will be full of the knowledge of
the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a
signal to the peoples;
the nations shall inquire of him, and his
dwelling shall be glorious.

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN

"Eat this Bread, Drink This Cup"

Jacques Berthier Robt. Batastini
#414 Chalice Hymnal

(Sing three times through)

Eat this Bread, drink this Cup.

Come to Me and never be hungry.

Eat this Bread, drink this Cup.

Trust in Me and you will not thirst.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (Unison)

**We have gathered as people of faith to
celebrate our beloved community, to gather
as people of faith following in the footsteps
of Jesus. May we be thankful for the
opportunity to share together. May we be
thankful for the gifts of grace and peace
poured over and into us. May we be thankful
for the light that is given to guide the path
before us. May we be grateful for the table,
for this celebration, for this community and
for this time to share our lives, one with
another. Amen**

MESSAGE: "It's Time to Recapture Religion" *Special Guest via media*

(A Message of Hope, Peace and Revitalization)

HYMN "Let There Be Peace on Earth"

Sy Miller Jill Jackson
#681 Hymns for the Family of God

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 as our Father,
brothers all are we.
Let me walk with my brother
in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me;
let this be the moment now.
With every step I take,
let 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.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Peace



WELCOME

We welcome you to our service of worship!
We are glad that you have joined us
in-person, through the internet or on the radio.
We pray that you will hear God's call,
seek to follow Jesus, led by the Holy Spirit.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RADIO BROADCAST

**11 AM Sunday radio broadcast on WCCN
98.5FM and 1370AM**

Youtube link for December 4, 2022
<https://youtu.be/EyRwWItJLlw>

**This week's radio broadcast is
sponsored by Phil & Donita Follen
in honor of the "church family".**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monday, December 5th –
9 PM – Circle of Friends Card Making
Tuesday, December 6th –
1 PM – Bible Study – 510 W 14th Street
*every week at Marge Goetsch's home
Thursday, December 8th –
1:30 PM – Circle of Friends Christmas Party



Once again, it's that time
to order poinsettias
for our church's
Christmas Eve Services.

We will be placing our
order with Falls Florist and
would like the orders in by **December 10th**.
You can choose between red and white
poinsettias. The price is \$15.00, and they
can be ordered in honor, or in memory
or for any other reason you may have.
There will be order forms available in the
narthex and church office.