

PEACE



WELCOME TO KINGSTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WORSHIP CELEBRATION

2nd Sunday of Advent
December 8, 2019
11:00 AM

Welcome! During this time of worship, it is our hope that you will feel the presence of God with you as the Word is shared through prayer, scripture, the sermon and music. We are grateful for your presence and invite you to participate in the worship, fellowship and the mission of this church family. During your time with us, may you experience God's grace. We're so glad you're with us this morning!

Please notify the pastor when you or a family member is in the hospital or in need of a pastoral visit.

DISCIPLES GATHER IN

Prelude: *Ding Dong! Merrily on High*

Handbell Quartet

French Tune, arr. James D. Kimball

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Sharyl

DISCIPLES APPROACH GOD TO WORSHIP

Call to Worship

Corey Hwong

In this season of prophecy, promise, in preparation, we come to be renewed and refreshed.

We come to be inspired by stories of a messiah who will change the world and change us. We come to listen for words of hope and joy, promise, challenge and peace.

We come with open ears, open minds, and open hearts. We come to receive the gifts God has in store for us in the season of waiting.

Come! Let us worship our God, the One who brings all things to fulfillment, the One who is always with us.

***Hymn:** *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* [vs. 1]

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***Prayer of Adoration and The Lord's Prayer** [debts]

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Advent Wreath - Lighting the Candles of Hope & Peace

Christy & Steve Parker

The prophet Isaiah shared a word with the fearful world, a vision of gentleness and peace. "The wolf shall live with the lamb," he said, and "the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them." Animals we would never trust together will eat right next to each other! And their children will be safe with each other.

Animals who like meat will eat plants!

Tiny children will be safe even in the places we expect them to be in danger.

God's mountain will be a peaceful place for all people because everyone will know how God wants things to be.

As we wait faithfully for God's time, we light the candles of Hope and Peace.

Our peace comes from God, who became one of us in Jesus.

Response: *Now It's Time to Light the Candle*

See Insert [vs.2]

Prayer of Confession ~ We Tell the Truth About Ourselves [In unison]
Oh God, the stories of our faith have lost their power. We've heard the prophecy spoken so many times, the promises retold again and again, the call to prepare ourselves for your coming repeated so often, we don't really hear or heed them anymore. We have replaced these messages of life: with guessing what presents we are getting, with preparations for parties and the social obligations of Christmas. Bring us back to a sense of mystery: sense of awe, a sense of wonder, a sense of excitement, a sense of anticipation, a sense that something special is about to break into our everyday world. Help us prepare our hearts, souls, and minds for the coming of the Messiah, our Lord... [*Praying silently*]
And all the congregation says, Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness ~ God Blesses and Forgives

God's promises for sure - promises of steadfast love and forgiveness. God deals with God's people with righteousness and justice. Rejoice and be glad! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! **Thanks be to God.**

***Response:** *Glory Be to the Father*

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Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world
without end. Amen.

DISCIPLES LISTEN TO THE WORD OF THE LORD

Children's Time

Pastor Sharyl

***Hymn:** *Come Now, O Prince of Peace*

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[Prayer cards collected]

Scripture: Isaiah 9: 6

Pew Bible pg. 555

Matthew 5: 9

pg. 785

Leader: Holy Words, Holy Wisdom. The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

