



## Welcome to Worship

### Kingston Presbyterian Church

We Gather in Spirit. ~ Worship December 5, 2021  
*Second Sunday of Advent*

**Prelude:** *Pastoral Symphony from Messiah*

G. F. Handel

#### Call to Worship

Linda Kwak

One: If life was a home, then we would pray—

**All: May love be the foundation. May God be the cornerstone. May the Spirit be the windows—ushering light in. And may hope be the walls—holding us together.**

One: In this hour of worship, let us work toward building that home together.

**All: We may not know the path ahead, but God is here, even now.**

One: Let us give thanks for a foundation of love.

**All: Let us worship Holy God.**

**\*Hymn:** *Love Has Come*

GTG #110

#### Advent Wreath

Voice 1: As we reflect on the foundation of our faith in our lives, we gather together around the candle of peace.

Voice 2: The home we long for is a home that knows peace—

**All: peace that rests between us and our grief,**

Voice 1: peace around our anxiety,

Voice 2: peace between us and our self-criticism,

**All: peace amidst our relationships,**

Voice 1: peace at the core of our being,

Voice 2: peace hovering through and in our world.

**All: The home we long for is a home that knows peace.**

Voices 1&2: So today we light the candle of peace—as a reminder and as a prayer.

**All: Let it be so. Amen.**

#### Prayer of Confession ~*We Tell the Truth about Ourselves and We Turn to God*

**Holy God, When John was Born, Zechariah leaned down and whispered words of love into his ear. We know that you do the same for us, day in and day out, yet we fail to hear it. We forget that in the beginning we were made good. We doubt that we could possibly be enough. We hustle for our self-worth and wear ourselves out aiming for perfection. We deflect words of praise. We hide behind shiny first impressions. Forgive us. Trusting our worth is the hardest job. Open our ears as you open our hearts, so that we might rest on the foundation of goodness you have laid for us.**

**Gratefully we pray.** [*Silent confession*] And all the congregation said, **Amen.**

### **Assurance of Pardon**

Family of faith, No matter how old we get, God continues to say to us: “You are loved; you are forgiven.” That is the foundation of our lives. That is the truth upon which we build our home. So breathe deeply. There is grace and peace here. Join me in proclaiming this good news: **We are loved. We are forgiven. We are claimed. This is our foundation. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

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

GTG #581

**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, amen.**

## **DISCIPLES LISTEN TO THE WORD OF THE LORD**

**Children’s Time**

**Sarai Mendez**

**Scripture:** Luke 1: 57-80

**Sermon:** *Close to Home ~ Laying the Foundation* [Peace]

**Sarai Mendez**

## **DISCIPLES RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

### **Invitation to the Offering**

### **Offering of Tithes & Gifts**

Continuing our worship, we will give back to God our offerings, gifts, pledges placed in the offering plates in the back of the sanctuary or by mail or online with Tithe.ly at <https://kingstonpresbyterian.org>. We offer God our hearts, hands, minds and money as an expression of gratitude and our love for God and as a marker of our partnership with God through our Kingston Presbyterian Church.

**Offertory:** *Go Tell It on the Mountain*

arr. Mark Patterson

**Choir**

**\*Doxology** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

GTG #606

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

### **\*Prayer of Dedication**

### **Prayers of the People**

God of days gone by, and God of the here and now— we understand the story of Zechariah...

We pray these things together, as your grateful people, praying as you taught us, saying: **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**

## **Sacrament of Communion**

### **Invitation to the Table**

### **Communion**

The Lord be with You. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

...Amen.

### **Words of Institution**

### **Prayer after Communion**

## **DISCIPLES ARE SENT AND BLESSED TO SERVE GOD**

**\*Hymn:** *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*

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### **\*Benediction**

As you leave this service, your service begins: Comfort the homesick. Open your doors to others. Seek sanctuary. Be brave enough to go home by another way. And remember that here in God's house, all are welcomed—so come back soon. In the name of our Foundation—God, Spirit, and Son—go in peace.

**Postlude:** *Finale*

G. F. Handel, arr. Stanley E. Saxton

### **Flowers**



*We give God thanks for the gift of Advent as we prepare for Christmas, by Pastor Sharyl*

**Please note** – December 12 is available for flowers dedication.