

MOUNT GRETNA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Sunday, December 10, 2023
Second Sunday of Advent: Peace

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WELCOME & PARISH NOTES
PRELUDE

INVOCATION

OPENING HYMN* #196 UMH
"Come Thou Long Expected"

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH*

Today is the second Sunday of Advent - the Sunday of Peace.

Our peace is found in God and in his Son, Jesus Christ. John the Baptist, and all the prophets remind us, that to receive peace we must be prepared for it.

We light this candle today to remind us that Christ is the Prince of Peace, the one promised from the beginning of the world. We thank God for the hope he gives us and for the peace he bestows.

The Reader(s) Light 2 of the purple Candles

RESPONSE/INVOCATION

PRINCE OF PEACE, EMMANUEL, BLESS OUR TIME TOGETHER. WE PRAY: SEND YOUR LIGHT INTO OUR HEARTS AND FILL OUR SPIRITS WITH YOUR PEACE TO DISPEL THE DARKNESS AND BITTERNESS THAT OFTEN OVERSHADOWS OUR LIVES. BE WITH US IN THIS SEASON OF ADVENT AND HELP US TO PREPARE FOR THE HOUR OF CHRIST'S APPEARING. AMEN.

SONG RESPONSE* INSERT
"A Candle Is Burning" (vs.2)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE⁺
(The children are dismissed to Sunday School)

OFFERING

DOXOLOGY* #95 UMH
*Praise God, from whom all Blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION*

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 9:6-7
Pg.1028

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Luke 2:8-14
Pg. 1560

SERMON *"Upon the Midnight Clear"*

HYMN* #218 UMH
"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

PASTORAL PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN* #219 UMH
"What Child Is This"

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING*

SONG RESPONSE* #204 UMH
"Emmanuel, Emmanuel"

POSTLUDE

(*)= Please stand if able
(+)= 10:00 AM Service Only
(UMH)= United Methodist Hymnal

The pink insert to your bulletin is there for you to share any joys or concerns you may have for our prayer time this morning. Please hand the slip to an usher as the offering is received and they will bring your request to the pastor to be shared and added to our prayer chain. If you are a visitor with us and would like to share any information, please use the other side of the insert.

Greeter & Usher 10:00 AM

Bob Rader & Kristi Donahue

+++++ANNOUNCEMENTS+++++

Dec 10 th	Sunday	Advent Bible Study	6:30 PM
Dec. 24 th	Sunday	Children's Program	10 AM
Dec. 24 th	Sunday	Candle Lighting Services	7 & 11 PM

Flowers

This week the flowers are presented by Larry Bowman in memory of Kathy Wall.

Poinsettias

Today is the last day to order Poinsettias. Please bring your paperwork to me.

THANK-YOU

We give thanks for the generosity of all who contributed to the reduction of the elevator indebtedness. Of the \$34,000 indebtedness, we have raised \$30,500 - more than double our goal of \$10,000 to match the original \$10,000 gift. Only \$3,500 remains on the debt. Thanks again!

Mount Gretna United Methodist Church

“A church for all seasons and all people”



Our Mission is ...

- to know Christ and make him known.
- to help people become—and grow as—followers of Christ.
- to relieve suffering, in our community and beyond, through our members' ministries.

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