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Second Sunday of Advent, December 9, 2018
Peace

PRELUDE "Picardy" Lani Smith, Joe Utterbach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS *We gather in dialogue with each other, planning and sharing our response to God's call to discipleship.* (If you wish to make an announcement, please come forward and sit in the front pew to use a microphone.)

WE GATHER IN WORSHIP, our dialogue with God, the ground of being.

INTROIT "Light the Light"

THRESHOLD

"Calm and Bright" (Threshold Song)

Spoken:

Silent night, holy night
Shepherds quake at the sight
Glories stream from heaven afar
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia
Christ the Savior is born,
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*OPENING PRAYER Jamie and Mary Kay Hemphill

Reader: Advent God, anticipating the light of the star that shone over Bethlehem for all to see in our lives, we open ourselves to hear your call today, to become those who not only wait, but also work for peace in our lives, our families, our communities, and our world.

People: Fill us with your peace and light, make the world so calm and bright. Amen

*WE GREET EACH OTHER Greet one another in the peace of Christ.

PROCLAIM

Discovering the Light

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

"O Little Town of Bethlehem" v.2

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In the silence of the night, by the star's gentle light, Peace is born. Amen
+ + +Children depart for Sunday Sessions

SERVICE OF PRAYER

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer (debts and debtors)

ANTHEM "A Star Will Soon Shine" Besig
Caren Dobreff, flute

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 9:2, 6-7 (HS p 638) Luke 1:67-79 (CS p 58)

SERMON Sustainable Peace Rev. Rachel J. Bahr

RESPOND

ACT OF DEDICATION

Invitation

Offertory

*Doxology

"Lovely Star" Korean
Caren Dobreff, flute Arr. by Marilyn Pikaart

"O Come, O Come Emanuel"

Rejoice! Rejoice!

Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel!

*Prayer of Dedication

SERVICE OF OUR LORD'S TABLE

Call to Reconciliation

Unison Prayer for Forgiveness

Assurance of Pardon

*Hymn "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" 345

Words of Invitation

Sharing of the Bread & Cup in Pews

Sharing of the Bread & Cup for those who wish to come forward

Communion Music "How Beautiful" Savanah Wallace, soloist

"Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming" German

"He Shall Feed His Flock" G.F. Handel

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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*SUNG BENEDICTION (All sing)

"We Need a Silent Night in Here"

We need a silent night in here.

We need your presence to come near.

Give us the hope we seek

And the peace we need.

We need a silent night in here.

Give us the hope we seek

And the peace we need.

We need a silent night in here.

*POSTLUDE

"The Heavenly Star"

Dennis Elliot