

The Angel Gabriel to Mary Came

traditional Basque carol

## Welcome and Announcements

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## Hymn of Praise

Come, O Come, Emmanuel

VENI EMMANUEL

**O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here,  
until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel.**

*That none who cry aloud may cry in vain,  
that those who fear may never walk alone,  
that those near death may see the light of day,  
that those who doubt may find deeper faith.*

**O come, Thou dayspring, come and cheer  
our spirits by thine advent here;  
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
and death's deep shadows put to flight.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel.**

*That broke folk may know they will be made whole,  
that guilty folk may find themselves forgiven.  
For all of us who watch and wait in the night,  
that the light from high will shine on us again.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel*

## Godly Play

The Holy Family

### Lighting the Advent Candle

The poet, Wendell Berry, wrote:

“When despair for the world grows in me...

I come into the peace of wild things,  
who do not tax their lives with forethought  
of grief. I come into the presence of still water.”

We think of Psalm 23,

“He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul.”

When everything feels hopeless, when we feel as dead as the dry bones in Ezekiel's valley, God calls us away from the workaday world. God calls us to breathe in the holy breath of peace.

**Come, O long-expected Jesus, born to set your people free.  
From our fears and sins release us; Christ, in whom our rest shall be.  
You, our strength and consolation, come salvation to impart;  
dear desire of many a nation, joy of many a longing heart.**

## Prayers of the People

### Lesson from the Hebrew Bible

Micah 5:2-4

But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah,  
are only a small village among all the people of Judah.  
Yet a ruler of Israel,  
whose origins are in the distant past,  
will come from you on my behalf.  
The people of Israel will be abandoned to their enemies  
until the woman in labor gives birth.  
Then at last his fellow countrymen  
will return from exile to their own land.  
And he will stand to lead his flock with the Lord's strength,  
in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.  
Then his people will live there undisturbed,  
for he will be highly honored around the world.  
And he will be the source of peace.

## Hymn of Offering

For One Great Peace

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1. This thread I weave, this step I dance, this  
2. this pot I shape, this fire I light, this  
3. this check I write, this march I join, this

stone I carve, this ball I bounce, this nail I drive, this  
fence I leap, this bone I knit, this seed I nurse, this  
faith I state, this truth I sign, this is small part, in

pearl I string, this flag I wave, this note I sing,  
rift I mend, this child I raise, this earth I tend,  
one small place, of one heart's beat for one great Peace.

ack of justice or of mercy, let us resist and disrupt together.

Today is the second Sunday of December, and we will receive our **Beans! Beans! offering** for the New Communion Mobile Pantry that serves our local neighbors in need.

**Today is the last day to bring your gifts for The Parenting Path** (formerly CAN) family. All gifts with attached gift tags can be placed under the Christmas tree.

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#### CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

##### **Sunday, December 9 Second Sunday of Advent**

9:45 Sunday School  
11:00 Worship, Davis Chapel  
12:00 Reception  
12:30 Congregational Care Council, Balcony Room

##### **Sunday, December 16 Third Sunday of Advent**

9:45 Sunday School  
11:00 Worship, Davis Chapel  
12:00 Reception

##### **Sunday, December 23 Third Sunday of Advent**

11:00 Worship, Davis Chapel  
12:00 Reception

##### **Monday, December 24 Christmas Eve**

5:00 Christmas Eve Celebration, Davis Chapel

#### Supplies needed:

- The printout of the ornament pieces that you will be coloring—we recommend printing them out onto thick card stock paper if you can.
- A pair of scissors
- Tape and a glue stick
- Coloring pencils/crayons/markers
- Baker's twine/string/thread

#### Steps:

1. We recommend having your child/children color and decorate the ornament pieces first. If you have more than one child, you may want to print out a set for each child to make their own ornament set.
2. Once the ornament pieces have been colored and decorated, cut along the dotted line around each of the ornament pieces.
3. Fold each piece down the middle.
4. Use small rolls of tape or glue to adhere the inside halves of two of the ornament pieces, making sure they match evenly.
5. With the string, create a long loop, then glue or tape the bottom parts of the string into the center of the two pieces. Knot the loop at the top of the ornament.
6. Glue or tape the third ornament piece to the inside of the other blank half.

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