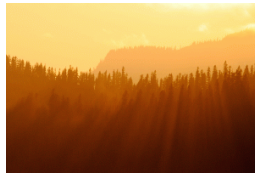


First Presbyterian Church

Wooster, Ohio



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 5, 2021

10:45 a.m.

PRELUDE

Five Noels, from 'L'Organiste'

César Franck

Eric J. Gastier, organ

WELCOME

Reverend David Rice

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES +

Brett, Kristi, Olivia, Aiden, and Addy Hiner

One: We wait —

we wait not because we do not know the story of Jesus,
and not because you are not already here and always here, O God.

We wait, because to wait is to expect something more.

To wait is to expect that the story might enter our hearts and our world in new ways,
to bring the change for which we long.

**All: As we light the candle of peace, we remember the stories of times you have been
our comfort, when you have heard our cries for justice, for certainty,
for peace, and you have led us home; and we know we can trust that you
are leading us forward, as we wait for peace to be born, anew, in us.**

HYMN 372

O For a World

AZMON

PRAYER OF CONFESSION +

Susie Slack

**God of fierce compassion, you call us to make our ways straight,
yet we get lost down crooked roads of selfish concern.**

**We are to prepare the way for your reign of justice,
but we choose easier paths of comfort.**

Have mercy on us.

**Forgive us and set us back to work, clearing paths of Justice, building highways of Peace,
and preparing the world for Love's return.**

Here each worshipper may offer personal, silent prayer.

Gracious God, hear our prayers. **Amen**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS +

May the God of steadfastness and grace grant us to live in harmony with the world.

May the God of hope fill us with joy.

May the God of love grant us to live in unity together as the Body of Christ.

May we abound in hope and live in peace with one another and all creation. **Amen**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you . . . **And also with you.**

ANTHEM *Comfort, Comfort (text: Psalm 42)* *arr. John Ferguson*

Choral Scholars: Anya Smith, Annika Balish, Basil Rutkowski, Ben Read

SCRIPTURE Luke 3:1-6

SERMON *Shalom . . . Peace . . .*

ANTHEM *E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come (text: Revelation 22)* *Paul Manz*

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION +

INVITATION

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.

GREAT THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

HYMN 378 *We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom* *MERLE'S TUNE*

BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Sortie, from 'L'Organiste'* *César Franck*

+ Liturgy adapted from *Seasons of the Spirit*

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Sunday Greeters:	December 5 – Frank Rasmussen & Diana Day	December 12 – Jim & Vallie Tew
Sunday Sextons:	December 5 – Emily James	December 12 – Mattie Dunlap
Sunday, Dec. 5	9:00 a.m. First Word – Bruch Hall	9:30 a.m. Sunday School for All
	10:45 a.m. Worship Service in the Sanctuary	
Monday, Dec. 6	11:00 a.m. Staff Mtg.	11:30 a.m. Sr. Men's Lunch – Green Leaf
	12:00 p.m. Rotary	6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts
Tuesday, Dec. 7	8:30 a.m. Bible Study – Parlor	7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts
Wednesday, Dec. 8	10:00 a.m. Life Memory Café	7:00 p.m. Faith & Practice - Parlor
Thursday, Dec. 9	7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal – Bruch Hall	
Friday, Dec. 10	7:00 p.m. Sonnenberg Station – Sanctuary	
Saturday, Dec. 11	9:30 a.m. Al-Anon	
Sunday, Dec. 12	9:30 a.m. Sunday School for All	
	10:45 a.m. Children's Advent Celebration Service in the Sanctuary	