

PEACE: The second Sunday of Advent – December 6, 2020

Light two purple candles today

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Leader: Why light a candle that will burn out?

People: The message of this candle cannot be quenched. It speaks of peace: peace no war can halt; peace no heartache can sever; peace no suffering can erase.

Leader: It represents the advent peace of the promised Messiah, who brings to our hearts so that goodness and mercy may abound.

People: We light this candle in faith.

LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF PEACE

All: Prepare the way of the Lord, the Giver of Peace.

Suggested Hymn: On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry (#10 in The Presbyterian Hymnal)

The Gospel reading for December 6, 2020:

Mark 1:1-8

1:1 The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. 2 As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; 3 the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'" 4 John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. 5 And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. 6 Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. 7 He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. 8 I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

Prayer for the Second Sunday in Advent:

O God, in Jesus you revealed to us your spirit. Now send your spirit upon us. Too long we have judged by the sight of our eyes and decided by the hearing of our ears. Too long we shunned wisdom and understanding. Now we pray for the descent of your spirit, that we might see with our eyes, hear with our ears, and understand with our hearts. Then we shall turn from ourselves to you and our neighbors. Amen.