



PEACE: The second Sunday of Advent – December 5, 2021

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: Comfort, Comfort You My People (#3 in The Presbyterian Hymnal)

The Gospel reading for December 5, 2021:

Luke 3:1-6

3 In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar—when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of Iturea and Traconitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene— ² during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³ He went into all the country around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁴ As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet:

“A voice of one calling in the wilderness,

‘Prepare the way for the Lord,
make straight paths for him.

⁵ Every valley shall be filled in,
every mountain and hill made low.

The crooked roads shall become straight,
the rough ways smooth.

⁶ And all people will see God’s salvation.”^[a]

Prayer for the Second Sunday in Advent:

God of glory, we know that You are coming at an unexpected hour. Come to us now, in spirit and truth. Take us up into Your Presence, and make us ready for Your reign of peace; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.