


**Westhampton Congregational United Church of Christ**  
an Open and Affirming Congregation  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent - PEACE  
December 8, 2024

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 **Piano Prelude** – Silent reflection to prepare your hearts for worship.  
**Announcements**

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**Welcome to Worship / Advent Greeting**

**Leader:** May the *PEACE* of Christ be with you all!

**People:** **And also with you!**

 **Lighting of the Advent Wreath – *Hope and Peace Candles***  
**Advent Prayer ~**

**Leader:** All around us days shorten and nights lengthen,  
but we are told that the night is almost over,  
and a light is drawing near.

**People: We wait on God's light together.**

**Leader:** Chaos surrounds us as the busyness of the season  
approaches, but we are called along pathways of peace.

**People: We wait on God's peace together.**

**Leader:** In this season of friends and family,  
we dearly miss the faces that are absent this year.

**People: We wait on God's comfort together.**

**Leader:** Though the world can seem dark and chaotic  
both within and without,  
we are told that God will build a house among us.

**All: We wait on God's presence together. Amen.**

 **Hymn NC #122** *Come O Long Expected Jesus*

Come, O long expected Jesus, born to set all people free;  
From our fears and sins release us; grant us your true liberty.


Israel's strength and consolation, hope to all the earth impart;  
Dear desire of every nation, enter every longing heart.

Born all people to deliver, born a child, you came to reign!  
Born to rule on earth forever, come, be known to us again.


By your own eternal Spirit, come to claim us as your own;  
By your all-sufficient merit, let us share your cross and crown.

 **Unison Prayer of Invocation**

**Holy God, We long for your peace, and trust in your promise; we hear your call to turn toward you, to change our lives and welcome you in. Meet us here and fill our minds with your wisdom and our hearts with your peace, that our worship together may open us to the challenge of your dream of wholeness for all. In the Name of the One who is coming, we pray. Amen!**


 **Doxology** *tune Old 100<sup>th</sup> SL#7*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost! Amen.

 **Anthem** *O God of Peace, You Sent Us John*

 **Scripture Reading p. 72** Luke 3:1-6

 **Message** **Act-vent: Doing Your Peace** Rev. Elisa Lucozzi

 **SL #163 Response** *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

O Come, O come Emmanuel,  
Make true the stories prophets tell –  
So all those chained by fear find release  
And, war forgotten, bring a world of peace.  
Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel  
Is come to birth where all God's children dwell.

O Come, Love's-season, to our lonely days,  
And guide us in our words and ways  
To be the ones whose Advent begins  
With healing earth and all that live within.  
Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel is come  
To birth where all God's children dwell.

*Lyrics: Maren Tirabassi*

**Offerings of the People – Time, Talents, Treasures, and Testimonies**

 **Offertory**

↑  **Hymn of Praise SL#40** *We Praise Thee, O God*

We praise Thee, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;  
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.  
We lay it before Thee, we kneel and adore Thee.  
We bless Thy holy name; glad praises we sing.

↑  **Prayer of Dedication**

 **Prayers of the People – Help/Thanks/Wow**

One: Now we come to the time where we lift up  
our prayers of Help, Thanks, and Wow.  
Lift up your hearts.

**Many: We lift them up to God.**

One: Does anyone have any prayers they would like to lift up?

*After each individual prayer request...*

One: Loving and beloved God

**Many: Hear our prayer.**

**Prayer List**

One: Let us read the first names of those on our prayer list.

**Prayers of healing and hope for...**

**DANIELLE** Dennett, member  
**JASON** Pratt, brother of Danielle Dennett  
**PHYLLIS** Widelo, sister of Mark Thornhill  
**NIKO** Sinodinos, husband of Maria Yorgakopoulou  
**ELAINE** Donaldson, friend of Marion, Bonnie and Patty  
**LAINE** Gootee, sister of Darren Sallee  
**PATTY** Cotton, friend of the community  
**JEAN** Miemerstorf, niece of Anita Hickey  
**MIKE** Carriveau, husband of Jessica Carriveau  
**LORRAINE** Spencer, member of the congregation  
**OLLIE** Bishop, member of the congregation  
**LAURA** Vachula, friend of Lynn Cooper  
**BRENDA** Hodge, sister of Mark Thornhill  
**BRENDA** Pelc, neighbor of Jackie and Larry Didier  
**MICHAEL**, friend of Maria Yorgakopoulou and Niko Sinodinos  
**KIMBERLY** Start, daughter-in-law of Deb Barthelette  
**KATHY** Bergeron, friend of Wendy Wilcox  
**BILL** McCloud, friend of the community  
**DON** Eddy, member of the congregation  
**RUTH ANNE** Bennett, friend of Kathy and Mike Robbins  
**JEAN** Stawarz, friend of the Scrabble Club  
**DENNY** Preston, cousin of Betty-Anne Gould

**TERRI** Toner, friend of Mikki Nevins  
**DONNA** Burns, cousin of Julie Holt  
**ANN O.** Jones, friend of Wendy Wilcox  
**DON** Fox, friend of the community  
**PAUL** Aloisi, member of the congregation  
**RUSSELL** Johnson, cousin of Steve and Julie Holt  
**CHARLIE** Karns, cousin of Julie and Steve Holt  
**SHIRLEY** Raymond, member of the congregation  
**BARRY** Flanders, member of the congregation

*After the Prayer List is read...*


One: Loving and beloved God


**Many: Hear our prayer.**

**Silent Prayer**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**The Lord's Prayer** NB#G-6 (any version you wish)

 **Response:** Hear our prayer O Lord, hear our prayer O Lord,  
Incline Thine ear to us, and grant us Thy peace.

↑  **Hymn NC #478** *I've Got Peace Like a River*

I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river,  
I've got peace like a river in my soul.

I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river,  
I've got peace like a river in my soul.

I've got joy like a fountain...

I've got love like an ocean...

I've got faith like an anchor...

↑ **Responsive Benediction**

One: As we journey along the Advent way:

**Many: May the Hope of Christ inspire us to persevere. May the Peace of Christ bring us wisdom and wholeness. May the Joy of Christ revive and renew our spirits. And may the Love of Christ compel us to love God with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength, and our neighbor as ourselves.**

One: As our time of worship is ending, let our service begin.

**Many: Amen.**

↑ Passing the Peace

↑ 🎵 Cong Response SL #785 *God Be With You*

God be with you till we meet again, by his counsels guide, uphold you;  
With His sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again.

↑ 🎵 Postlude

↑ *Indicates you are invited to stand if you are comfortable doing so*



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**Worship Participants**

Ministers -	People of the church
Guest Minister -	Rev. Elisa Lucozzi
Pianist -	Michele Feldheim
Greeters -	↑ Lorraine and Kevin O’Keefe ↓ Shirley Raymond
Lay Reader -	Charlotte Wood
Advent Wreath -	Tracy/Dempsey family
Zoom Tech-	Bob Miller
Coffee Hour -	Mary Montague
Flowers -	Lynn Cooper

**This week at the church...**

Today 11:15am -	Women’s Fellowship post-Fair meeting
Wed-Fri-Sat -	Food Pantry – see website for hours
Thurs 12pm -	COA luncheon/concert
Thurs 7pm -	Choir
Fri 7pm -	AA

**Birthdays and Anniversaries...**

December 13 ★ -	Nicholas Quinn
December 14 ★ -	Mike Carriveau, Bob Fuller

