United Church of Christ of California – California, MO Rev. Russell Cobb Pastor Mrs. Beth Dampf Organist

December 6, 2020 ~ Second Sunday in Advent

The Prelude

The Bell

Lighting of the Candles

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Martin Kilmer & Peter Dampf

Lighting the Second Advent Candle – The Candle of Peace In Advent the church waits with eager longing for the coming of the One who establishes righteousness and peace on earth.

Christ is our peace, who has made us one by breaking down the dividing wall of hostility.

We rekindle the Candle of Hope, . . . and we light the Candle of Peace as a reminder that we are called to live peacefully in a world of hostility, greed, and warfare.

We are a people who pray and prepare for God's peace. We wait for Jesus, the Prince of Peace. O Lord, come! Amen.

Hymn "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks"

Prayer of the Day

We bow before you, O God of all righteousness and peace. We acknowledge our need for repentance and new life. Grant us humility and hope as we journey through this time of waiting. Fill our lips with your praises, our lives with your love, and our world with your peace. Amen.

Invitation to Children's Time

Hymn for Children "Jesus Loves Me"

Children's Time

Kendra Hall

Special Music "Mary, Did You Know?"

Prayer for Illumination

Becky Schneider

God of the earthquake and the silence, quiet in us any voice but your own, that by the power of the Holy Spirit we might hear, and in hearing we might believe, and in believing we might act, making way for your new creation. Amen.

Scripture Lessons	
First Lesson:	Ezekiel 34:11-16
Second Lesson:	Micah 4:1-7

Sermon Countdown to Christmas... The Place Micah 5:2-4 & Matthew 2:1-8

Hymn "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

Christians, what do you believe?

(Apostles' Creed) I believe in God the Father, Almighty...

Prayer of Intercession

The Lord's Prayer (debts and debtors)

Invitation to the Offering

Response "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn "Angels We Have Heard on High"

Benediction

Ellen Ash

Response "God Be with You Till We Meet Again" 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. Till we meet . . . till we meet; Till we meet at Jesus' feet; Till we meet . . . till we meet; God be with you till we meet again.

Postlude

ANGEL TREE

Please return the gifts with the Angel number on the package by December 13th or before if possible. Thank you! Mary Oesterly 573-694-2075.

Sock & Glove Tree

The Sunday School would like to let everyone know that the annual Giving Tree donations will be collected this Sunday 12/6 during the Sunday School opening. This is also known as the "sock and glove tree". We will be collecting donations of children or youth sized socks, gloves, underwear, belts, etc. and they can be placed on or under the Christmas tree on the stage in the Friendship Hall during the opening. After that, there will be a box placed in the vestibule near the lower entrance of the Church if you would like to make donations at a different time. That box will be available until 12/16 before it's collected and delivered to the elementary school. These donations are distributed to local elementary students by the school nurse and elementary principal on an as-needed basis and are also distributed in the buddy packs that go out to local kids before Christmas break. The school is always in need of items like this and your donations are greatly appreciated.

Sermon Notes:

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rightnow MEDIA

To get access to Right Now Media for you and your family use the link or text to the number listed below.

Custom Registration Link - <u>https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Account/Invite/CALUCC</u>

Text Registration Code - Text "RightNow CALUCC " to 41411

<u>Activities Calendar: December 6, 2020 – December 13, 2020</u> <u>Sunday, December 6th – Second Sunday of Advent (Peace)</u>

10:30 a.m. – Worship

Tuesday, December 8th

9:00 a.m. – Prayer Cell

Wednesday, December 9th

6:30 p.m. – Bell Choir / Confirmation Class / H.S. Youth Group

7:30 p.m. – Sr. Choir

Thursday, December 10th

6:30 p.m. – Grief Share: Surviving the Holidays Fellowship Hall (Limit 24, please)

Sunday, December 13th – Third Sunday of Advent (Joy)

10:30 a.m. – Worship

NO ROK / God's Singers until January 2021

Don't Miss Out on Hearing from Your Church!

The process to update our contact information for everyone is in progress thanks to a group of volunteers. Current mailing addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses are needed. If you were not contacted recently and asked about changes or updates, please contact the church office with your information. An updated contact directory will be published. Up to date information is essential to maintain communication with our Church Family. Thank you for your help!

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Thursday, December 10th

6:30 p.m. – Grief Share: Surviving the Holidays Fellowship Hall / Friendship Hall (Limit 24, please) Jo Ann Cantriel 573-690-6869 Church Office – 796-4885 *Please pray for these*... Love & Justice in God's World Our Confirmands (2020-2021): Kya Peck, Hayden Kilmer, Michelle Sedgwick, Brooks Volkart, Colin Kruger, Bennett Gatlin, Kinleagh Monroe All Those Who Need Our Prayers, including: Becky Zuidervaart Charlie Gabert Carol Wolfrum Billy Meyer Chris Schoenthal Jo Suggs Bill Schacht Judy Kilmer Kim (Yelton) Haesemeier All Those Serving in the U.S. Military, including: Craig Hall (Air Force, stationed at Dyess AFB, Abilene, TX) Martin Knipker (son of Kenny Knipker) Dwight Bowlin (grandson of Jack & Carole Bowlin, Fort Bragg, NC) Dakota Meyer (grandson of Billy Meyer, Ft. Carson, Colorado Springs, CO) Madelynn Perry (granddaughter of Jan Anderson, army – Europe) Dylan Ash (son of Lanny & Ellen Ash, stationed at Camp Lejeune, NC) Hayden Grant (grandson of Kathy Grant, Air Force, Pensacola, FL) Kyle Hofstetter (son of Scott & Jill Hofstetter, stationed at San Diego, CA) Alexander Ives (nephew of Pamela Hill, Army – Fort Bragg) Cory Friedmeyer (grandson of Charles Goode, Marines – Africa) Ryan Carel (nephew of Leroy Schnieders, Seymour Johnson AFB, NC) Derek Meyer (grandson of Elaine & Eldred Proctor, Army, Fort Bragg, NC)



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