



2nd Sunday of Advent

Color: Blue (symbolizing Hope)

The United Methodist Church of Chugiak

Pastor: Rev. Timothy McConville

Ministers: The Entire Congregation

10 am Worship Service

December 9, 2018

As you are seated, please remember to fill out the attendance pad and pass it along the pew.

* - Indicates those who are able may stand

Bold – Everyone speaks

UMH – United Methodist Hymnal (blue hardcover)

FWS – The Faith We Sing Hymnal (black paperback)

WAS – Worship and Song (green paperback)

Inspiration

Success is not final;
Failure is not fatal;
It is the courage to carry on that counts.

—Often incorrectly attributed to Winston Churchill, this quotation is actually from a Budweiser beer advertising campaign from the 1930s.

Words of Welcome

Greeting

Prelude

Terri Schimmack

Prayer of Safety

Amy Steffian

As we light this lamp, we pray for the safety of all who are in harm's way this day and especially for all those in the midst of conflict.

Grant us peace, grant them peace, grant the world peace, in the name of Your Son. Amen.

***Lighting the Second Advent Candle**

Leader: The second candle is the candle of PEACE. Peace is the gift of God, the assurance that we are right with him.

People: It was of peace the angels sang as their great light filled the heavens and the shepherds learned of the Christmas gift of God in Jesus Christ.

Leader: Jesus told us that the peace he gives us is a peace which can be found in no other place, from no other one. It is wholeness, health, life itself.

People: Jesus Christ is our Peace: Peace on earth, God now come to earth, good will to those with whom he is pleased. God, make us peaceful. Amen.

***Opening Hymn**

UMH #196

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

Call to Prayer

Unison Prayer of Confession

God of peace, who sent light into the world in the coming of Jesus Christ: We confess that we have not followed the light given to us. We have not searched for signs of your love, or trusted the goodness of your good news. We have failed to praise your Son's birth as we have refused his peace on earth. We have expected little and hoped for less. Forgive our doubt, and renew in us all fine desires so we may watch and wait and once more hear the glad story of the Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Words of Assurance

Response and Call to Prayer

FWS #2068

"I Love You, Lord"

Prayers of the People

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Brief prayers may be shared by people in the congregation.

If it is a prayer request, the Pastor will end the prayer by saying,

"God, to your love..."

If it is a praise, the Pastor will say, "God, in thanksgiving..."

Then the people shall respond each time by saying:

"...we trust this prayer."

Pastoral Prayer

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass 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.

Anthem

"Longing For the Light"

Choir

Especially for Children

FWS #2233

This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshipping throng. Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where children belong.

Offering our Gifts

(All loose change goes to Anchorage Gospel Mission)

To our first time visitors: As the offering plate is passed, please understand that your presence is the only gift we ask. If you would join us again next Sunday, that would be appreciated even more!

***Doxology**

UMH #94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia!

***Prayer of Dedication**

Reading from the Word

Listen for the Word of God.

Our hearts and minds are open.

*Malachi 3:1-4

Luke 1:68-79 (UMH 208)

*Philippians 1:3-11

*Luke 3:1-6

Thanksgiving for the Word

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God

The Message

Rev. Tim McConville

***Hymn of Discipleship**

UMH #224

"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"

***Taking Christ's Light into the World**

Extinguishing the altar candles

***Benediction**

***Benediction Response** (*words on the overhead beams*)

***Passing the Peace**

May the Peace of God go with you.

And also with you.

Scriptures for next Sunday, December 16th

Zephaniah 3:14-20

Isaiah 12:2-6

Philippians 4:4-7

Luke 3:7-18