

Shavertown United Methodist Church

December 4-5, 2021

2nd Sunday of Advent

Week 2: Come Home for Christmas

The mission of the United Methodist Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ
for the transformation of the world!
(* indicates please stand if you are able)

PRELUDE

Saturday: "What Child is This?" Traditional English Melody

Piano Solo: Sharon Bartolini

Sunday: "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day" By J.B. Calkin

(Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men) Piano: Nancy Evans

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Centering Meditation:

Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,
for he will speak peace to his people,
to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.
Psalm 85: 8 NRSV

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Mary Ellen (Sat)/ Nan & Carter (Sun)

The season of Advent continues. Four thousand years of waiting for the Messiah,
commemorated by the lighting of four candles.

**We join with a hopeful throng in the lighting of the Advent candles,
symbols of our faith and signs of God's love.**

We are a people of hope. Last weekend the frail light of a single candle dared
to pierce through the darkness of desolation and sin.

Hope lives in us and will abide with us.

Today we will light the candle of peace.

This light, too, must brave great darkness.

In an age when people so seldom find peace within themselves, and in so many parts
of the world there is hatred and war, we light a fire called peace.

*LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE OF PEACE

Mary Ellen (Sat)/ Nan & Carter (Sun)

*OPENING PRAYER

Mary Ellen (Sat)/ Mike (Sun)

**Most gracious God, prepare our hearts and minds to receive your deep peace.
Take from us all weariness of spirit. Hush the anxieties that shout in our minds.
Release us from bondage to irritations that deplete our energy. Prepare us now
to receive your living Word with joy through Christ our Lord, Amen.**

*OPENING HYMN

"Let There Be Peace on Earth"

#431

JOYS AND CONCERNS

CALL TO PRAYER

"Emmanuel, Emmanuel"

#204

*Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel. God with us,
revealed in us, his name is called Emmanuel.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/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.**

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Where Children Belong

#2233

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

CALL TO OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY

#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, who power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Thank you, God. Thank you for the wake-up call, reminding us to be ready.
Thank you for not giving up on your vision of peace.
Thank you for the opportunity to gather each week in your house,
that we might encourage one another to stay on your path.
And thank you for the opportunity to give these gifts for your ministry,
that together we might help the world be ready to receive the Prince of Peace,
in whose name we pray. Amen.

GIFT OF MUSIC

Saturday: "O Come, All Ye Faithful" By J. Wade/T. Fetke
Piano Solo: Sharon
Sunday: "Every Valley" By John Ness Beck
Chancel Choir

WORD OF GOD

Psalm 85: 1-2, 8-13; Luke 3: 1-6 Mary Ellen (Sat)/ Mike (Sun)

MESSAGE

"Home Is Where We Meet" Pastor Jon

***HYMN OF GOING FORTH**

"Like A Child" #2092

***BENEDICTION**

May the rough places in your life be made smooth.
May the valleys of despair be filled with comfort.
May the door to your heart be wide open.
May the glory of Emmanuel be with us all your days.

***POSTLUDE**

Saturday: "O Little Town of Bethlehem" By Redner
Piano Solo: Sharon
Sunday: "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" By Gregory Hamilton
Organ Solo: Nancy



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Hospitality Opportunity Prepare Engage