



The Inn: Housing the Holy
2nd Sunday of Advent
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NEW COVENANT
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 Sunnyvale, Texas

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Birthdays This Week

Name	Date	Name	Date
Jade Chance	December 7	Phillip Kamanda	December 7

Call to Worship – Hope Waits For Us At Advent

**2. Peace waits for us at Advent. Peace waits for us to rest.
Peace waits for our acceptance of the truth that we are blessed.
In this time of preparation for the work of co-creation,
for the birthing of a world of gentleness and play.
Peace is born in us each day!**

Responsive Call

The Peace of Christ be with you!
And also with you!

Invitation to the Holy Spirit:

**Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;
I can feel his mighty power and his grace.
I can hear the brush of angels' wings, I see glory on each face;
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.**

#209: Blessed Be the God of Israel

- 1. Blessed be the God of Israel, who comes to set us free,
who visits and redeems us, and grants us liberty.
The prophets spoke of mercy, of freedom and release;
God shall fulfill the promise to bring our people peace.**

- 2. Now from the house of David a child of grace is given;
a Savior comes among us to raise us up to heaven.
Before him goes the herald, forerunner in the way,
the prophet of salvation, the harbinger of day.**

- 3. On prisoners of darkness the sun begins to rise,
the dawning of forgiveness on the sinner's eyes,
to guide the feet of pilgrims along the paths of peace;
O bless our God and Savior with songs that never cease!**

Prayer of Confession

When Mary and Joseph arrived in Bethlehem they found there was no room.

We confess that in the midst of all our anxieties we have not made room in our hearts for others.

We confess that, paralyzed by fear, prejudice or apathy we have not made room in our homes for the stranger.

We confess that, forgetting the welcome we have been shown, we have not made room in your church for those who are different from us.

We confess that in the busyness of Christmas time we have not made room in our lives for you.

Gracious God, forgive us and renew us.

Use this advent time to break open our hearts, throw open the doors, open our eyes to your presence and open our arms wide to welcome you, as we offer to you in silence the confession we most want to hide.

Silence

#70 Gloria Patri:

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.**

Amen. Amen.

Prayer Song: Make of My Heart a Stable

- 1. Make of my heart a stable, a house for the holy, a warm and sturdy place for [peace] to live and grow.**
- 2. Make of my life a stable, a house for the holy, a warm and sturdy place for [peace] to live and grow.**
- 3. Make of our church a stable, a house for the holy, a warm and sturdy place for [peace] to live and grow.**

Lord's Prayer:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,
kingdom come, will be done, earth as it is in heaven.**

Give us this day our daily bread.

Forgive us our trespasses, we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory.

Amen.

Holy Communion

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise....**

....And so with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

....And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

....Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.

Amen. Amen. Amen.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

We give you thanks, most gracious God, for allowing us to share in this feast as your family and to be fed with the bread of heaven; give us grace that we all may grow in hope, glorifying you in all things, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#218: It Came Upon the Midnight Clear (with extra verse)

1. It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth, to touch their harps of gold:
“Peace on the earth good will to all, from heaven’s all gracious King.”
The world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing.

2. Still through the cloven skies they come with peaceful wings unfurled,
and still their heavenly music floats o’er all the weary world;
above its sad and lowly plains, they bend on hovering wing,
and ever o’er its Babel sounds the blessed angels sing.

3. And ye, beneath life’s crushing load, whose forms are bending low,
who toil along the climbing way with painful steps and slow,
look now! for glad and golden hours come swiftly on the wing.
O rest beside the weary road, and hear the angels sing!

4. For lo! the days are hastening on, by prophet seen of old,
when with the ever circling years shall come the time foretold
when peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling,
and the whole world send back the song which now the angels sing.

Extra Verse: But with the woes of sin and strife the world has suffered long;
Beneath the angel-strain have rolled two thousand years of wrong;
And man, at war with man, hears not the love-song, which they bring:
O hush the noise, ye men of strife, And hear the angels sing!

#204 Emmanuel, Emmanuel

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel.
God with us, revealed in us, his name is called Emmanuel.
(Sung Twice)