



PRELUDE Cascade Percussion Ensemble
Selections from *The Nutcracker Suite*,
by Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky
- *March*, arr. by Sugahara
- *Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy*,
arr. by Sugahara

WELCOME

LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE

Congregational prayer:

Gracious God, grant that we may find peace as we prepare for our Lord's coming. May our personal divisions be peacefully resolved. May there be peace in our cities and in the countries of our world. Jesus, you are the Prince of Peace; help us to see the paths of peace in our lives, and then give us courage to follow them. Amen.

CAROL #88 *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, verses 1-2, 6-7*

PRAYER OF PRAISE

A voice cries:

"In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God."

As we worship today, let us prepare to welcome God's dramatic work in our midst, in our hearts, in our community, and in all of creation. Come, Lord Jesus!

SONG #107 *Awake, Awake, and Greet the New Morn*

OPENING OUR HEARTS TO GOD

In this Advent season of waiting on the Lord,

**we trust in the Lord's goodness,
we rely on his mercy,
we find shelter in his steadfast love.**

In this Advent season of waiting on the Lord,

**we walk in the Lord's way,
we follow his example of love.
we keep our promises.**

In this Advent season of waiting,

**Lord, forget our sins.
Remember your love.
Remember each one of us.
Remember your people everywhere.**

In this Advent season of waiting,

**Lord, we wait for your salvation.
We wait for your leading.
We wait for your coming.**

(time for silent prayers and reflection)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE—from Isaiah 40:1

"Comfort, comfort now my people, says your God."

Beloved, know this:
Your sins are forgiven.
The Lord, Emmanuel, abides with you.
The peace announced by the angels is at hand.

Thanks be to God!

PASSING THE PEACE

CAROL #123 *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*

SCRIPTURE READINGS Luke 1:67-79 and
Isaiah 11:1-9

MESSAGE Christmas Peace

MUSICAL OFFERING Cascade Percussion Ensemble
-*Dance of the Mirlitons*,
from *The Nutcracker Suite*,
by Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky,
arr. by Peters

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For yours is the kingdom,
and the power,
and the glory
now and forever. Amen.*

HYMN #119 *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Cascade Percussion Ensemble
-*Russian Dance*,
from *The Nutcracker Suite*,
by Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky,
arr. by Faini

"As the Father has sent me, so I send you." John
20:21

