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**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**11:00 A.M. December 5, 2021**

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**ORGAN PRELUDE/QUIET MEDITATION**

**CHORAL INTROIT**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN***: #123 “O Little Town of Bethlehem”*

*(in English Vs. 1-2, in Armenian Vs. 3)*

**\*INVOCATION AND THE LORD’S PRAYER (in unison)**

Dear Heavenly Father, as we celebrate the second week of Advent which symbolizes the peace of Christ, we cannot help but thank you that Jesus became our peace when we were far from you. He reconciled us to you in peace so that we are never far from you again. Your peace in our hearts is what makes us come to your presence with confidence knowing that you love us unconditionally. The inner peace of your love is what keeps us still and unshakable in the midst of all that our world is experiencing. We pray for the peace of the world that you loved and came and dwelled among us with all humility and love. May your wonderful peace always rest upon us. We give you all the glory and honor, who taught us to pray, “Our Father, Who art in heaven….”

**\*GLORIA PATRI**- *#79* *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.*

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**LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE –** *Mrs. Cathy Brito*

*Scripture Reading: Isaiah 52:7-10 (p. 1144)*

**CHILDREN’S PROGRAM**

**\*RESPONSIVE READING:**

**PASTOR**: Heavenly Father, you are the God who gives peace. This second week of Advent causes us to remember that because of Jesus we can experience a Christmas free from turmoil and chaos.

**PEOPLE**: **Regardless of our circumstances or our situations, you offer us peace that surpasses all understanding.**

**PASTOR:** That first Christmas, when you sent your Son, you sent the one who is called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace.

**PEOPLE:** **Even the angels cried out, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.” The angels knew your purpose.**

**UNISON:** **They knew the gifts of hope, peace, joy, and love that Christmas held. They recognized that the fullness of God was wrapped in the tiny flesh of an infant as you humbled yourself and dwelt among us. Emmanuel. God is with us as the baby Jesus.**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**PRAYER RESPONSE**

**NOTICES AND CONCERNS**

**PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING AND PRAYER**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**CHORAL ANTHEM**

**SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION**

**CONGREGATIONAL COMMUNION HYMN:**

*#259 “More Love to You, O Christ”*

*(vs. 1-2 English; vs. 3 Armenian)*

1. Giving of the Bread
2. Giving of the Cup

**ENGLISH SCRIPTURE:** *Isaiah 9:6-7 (p. 1072)*

**ENGLISH SERMON:** **Jesus, Our Eternal Peace**

**ARMENIAN SCRIPTURE**: *Luke 2:8-14 (p.1591)*

**ARMENIAN SERMON: The Peace of Christ for Those Who Believe**

**\*HAYR MER:** *#275*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: "Park Kéz Dér, Asdvadz Mér"**

**ORGAN POSTLUDE**

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***\*Congregation is requested to stand. \*\*\* Latecomers may be seated.***

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**WE WELCOME ALL WHO ARE WORSHIPPING WITH US,** especially guests. We extend a very cordial welcome to newcomers to take part in the worship, to engage in the activities of the Church and make this your church home.

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS AND THE COFFEE HOUR** today is sponsored by Dennis, Sheryl, Michael and Bryan Marburger for their parents and grandparents – in honor of Dr. Richard Marburger, and in memory of Mary Marburger, and Ronald and Margaret Bruttel.

**THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM** will be held on Sunday, December 19th, following the Morning Worship Service. A complimentary luncheon will be served following the program sponsored by Dr. Richard Marburger in memory of his late wife Mrs. Mary Marburger.

**THE FAMILY CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE** will be held on Christmas Eve, Friday, December 24, at 5:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. After the service, there will be a reception sponsored by the Board of Deacons.

**CHURCH JOYS AND CONCERNS:** Please continue praying for Aram Kakousian, George and Ann Krikorian, Harout Eurdekian, Jan Janigian, Lee Savalle (Dan and Sandra Haroutunian’s sister), Glenn Harrison, Artsakh, Armenia, our government and the pandemic.

**IS YOUR ANNIVERSARY, BIRTHDAY OR GRADUATION** approaching? Why not share your celebration with the Church Family by sponsoring the Fellowship Hour or Altar Flowers. Please sign your name on the Bulletin Board, call the Church Office or email Souzanne at [Office@accdetroit.org](mailto:Office@accdetroit.org).

**SYNOPSIS OF THE ARMENIAN SERMON**

The Gospel of Luke records for us a wonderful story of humble shepherds who witnessed the angel of God and a heavenly host of angels who proclaimed to them the great news of the coming of Jesus. The angels didn’t appear to kings and governors, they chose to appear to those who were humble, had an open heart to accept the coming of the Messiah.

**Here are two points to illustrate the message of the angel of God:**

1. **The angel of God brought great news of peace:** The angel proclaimed that the coming of Jesus brings great joy to all people who believe in the name of Jesus. The peace and joy of the Lord is for everyone who welcomes Jesus into their hearts.
2. **The heavenly host of Angels Praised God:** After the announcement of the angel to the shepherd of the great news of Jesus, a great host of angels appeared and praised God for His great mercy of sending His only Son into this world to save us. We too join the angles in celebrating Jesus coming and living into our hearts with his peace, joy, and love for ever and ever.