

Hymn “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” UMH#196

Joys and Concerns

Happy Birthday to Lee Mills, Chad Fries & Jennifer Muller.
Prayer List: Joe Hultquist, Marjorie Hultquist, Larry Anderson,
Merlin Beahm, Kent Verbeck, and Peggy Rasmussen.

Pastoral Prayer—The Lord’s Prayer

Offertory Music

“Doxology “We Give Thee But Thine Own”

Offertory Prayer

Lord God, you have shown us your glory: in your holy word, in the blessings of our daily lives, and in the promise of your eternal kingdom. You share your glory with us, giving us the power to live in holiness and godliness. Your loving patience gives us hope as we await the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ. In gratitude and thanks, we offer you our hearts, our lives, and all that we have. Use these gifts, we pray, to prepare your way of salvation and to establish your realm of peace. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Closing Hymn “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” UMH#240

Benediction

Prepare for the coming of the Lord! Make way in your hearts for love! Get rid of all anger and fear, for God is about to bring incredible light to the world! Go in peace and confidence as witnesses to God’s love. AMEN

Sending Forth

Postlude

Glen Haselbarth



**United Methodist Church
340 N Newell Ave
Minden, Nebraska
Second Sunday of Advent
10:00 a.m.
December 10, 2023**

Prelude

Glen Haselbarth

Welcome and Announcements

1. We are excited to have Homecoming Sunday with a special Christmas program during our worship on December 17, next Sunday. In addition, we will be offering church membership and baptism on this day. If you or your family wish to receive membership and baptism, please get in touch with Pastor Peter or the church office. Lastly, please mark this exceptional program on your calendar and invite those who haven't come to the Church for a while. We look forward to celebrating this joyous occasion together.
2. Advent season has begun and we are excited to invite families to participate in the tradition of lighting the Advent candles during our worship service. If your family is interested in being a part of this exceptional experience, sharing in the warmth and anticipation of the season, don't hesitate to write your family name on the back sheet.
3. If you'd like to volunteer as a scripture reader, usher, greeter, or refreshment host, please write your name on the clipboard in the back.
4. Join us for refreshments in room 300 following worship.

Second Sunday in Advent: Peace
TFWS 2092 “Like a Child” (Verse 2)

Call to Worship

L: Get ready, people of God! The time of hope and peace is at hand.

P: We are called to action rather than reaction.

L: Open your hearts to God’s word and God’s will.

P: Help us to be workers for God rather than observers.

L: Come, draw near to God in faith.

P: Let us prepare our hearts to receive the wondrous gifts of God. AMEN.

Opening Prayer

God of winter and starlight, you have promised us your presence: to live among us, to right all wrongs, to bring good things to all who wait for your new day. In these dark days, we look for signs of your coming: the sounds of children at play, the music that fills our hearts with anticipation, and the company of all who serve the last and the least. Make us at home with righteousness, that we may be ready to walk in your holy ways. Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Opening Hymn

UMH#211, vs. 1-4
“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

Passing the Peace of Christ

Children’s Time



The Apostles’ Creed

UMH#882

Scriptures

Isaiah 9:6-7 (NIV)

⁶ For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given,
and the government will be on his shoulders.

And he will be called

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

⁷ Of the greatness of his government and peace
there will be no end.

He will reign on David’s throne
and over his kingdom,
establishing and upholding it
with justice and righteousness
from that time on and forever.

The zeal of the LORD Almighty
will accomplish this.

John 14:27 (NIV)

²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

Philippians 4:7 (NIV)

⁷ And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Message
“Prophetic Peace”
Pastor Peter Choi