

**United Methodist Church
340 N Newell Ave
Minden, Nebraska
2nd Sunday of Advent
10:00 a.m., December 8, 2024**

Prelude

Lena Choi

Video

Welcome and Announcements

1. The Youth Group will meet today at 5:30 pm at the E-Fee church for Christmas Caroling, followed by a meal.
2. United Women in Faith meet Wednesday, December 11, at 9:30 a.m.
3. Bell Choir will practice this coming Wednesday, December 11, at 6:30pm. They will play in Worship on December 22.
4. This year's Christmas program, titled *New Star*, will take place during the worship service next Sunday, December 15. Our youth and children are practicing making this Christmas meaningful. We hope everyone can join us for this special time together.
5. Please volunteer to be a scripture reader, greeter, communion server, or refreshment host. If you want to serve our church and ministry, write your name on the sheet in the back.
6. Refreshments will be served in Room 300 following worship.
7. Last week we received offerings of \$5,771.

Second Sunday in Advent: Peace

The Havens Family

"Emmanuel, Emmanuel" UMH#204

Call to worship!

L: In a world often torn by conflict and division,

P: We gather here to seek the peace.

L: Come, all who are burdened by fear, uncertainty, and the weight of the world. Jesus speaks to us today:

P: My peace I give to you.

L: Come, Holy Spirit, and fill us with your peace.

All: Together, let us open our hearts to the Prince of Peace. Amen.

Opening Prayer

Lord, we seek peace and calmness and yet they are elusive in many ways. Still, Jesus reminds us that the peace of God is like no other. It cannot be compared to our human concept of peace. God, we open ourselves up to your peace, the peace that Jesus taught us, even as our lives are fraught with challenges. Amen.

ADVENT
A Season of Preparation

Happy Birthday to

Kathi Schutz
Lee Mills

Happy Anniversary to

Malcom & Nikki
Dornhoff—24 years

Prayer List

Nadine Fahrlander
Lee Mills
Joe Hultquist
Larry Anderson

December 8-14, 2024

Sunday

5:30pm Youth Group
Caroling

Monday

8am-4pm WIC
7pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday

Wednesday

9:30am United Women
in Faith
3:30pm Wed School
6:30pm Bell Choir
Practice

Thursday

9:30am Prayer Time

Friday

Saturday

**Vision for 2024:
All things work
together for good.
(Romans 8:28)**

Silent Prayer of Confession

The Apostles' Creed (Ecumenical Version)

UMH#882

Opening Hymn

"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

UMH#218

Passing the Peace of Christ

Children's Message

Scripture Reading

Kent Verbeck

John 14:27 (NIV)

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.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Message

"Anxiety for Peace"

Pastor Peter Choi

Hymn

"Away in a Manger"

UMH#217

Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Offering

Doxology "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH#94

Offertory Prayer

Prince of Peace, in times of trouble, we turn to you. You offer peace that does not leave us feeling alone. May the gifts of our hands become channels of peace for those who need it most, we pray. Amen.

Closing Hymn

"Hark the Herald Angels Sing"

UMH#240

Sending Forth

Go now with the peace of Christ in your hearts. In a world that is often chaotic and uncertain, carry the gift of His unshakable peace wherever you go. Be peacemakers, sharing His love through your words and actions, and trust that His presence will guide and sustain you.

May the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Amen.

Postlude

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