

Queen Anne Christian Church - December 4, 2022

Welcome! In the church or through zoom, we are together today as a community. You are welcome in every way and your interaction in the church or through Zoom is encouraged and appreciated. ● During the prayers, please feel free to speak your prayers aloud. ● Zoom: If you would like to share in Communion, please have bread and cup on hand. ● After the service, all are welcome to greet and connect with one another. Zoom: speak directly to those in the church. A microphone / camera are positioned up front. In the church, join us for tea, eats, and conversation.

Second Sunday of Advent

“Advent” means coming or arrival. This word has a double significance, as in Advent we celebrate Christ’s coming into the world and look with longing for his coming again. The season of Advent begins with an emphasis on final things (eschatology). We watch and pray with expectant hope for the establishment of God’s justice and the return of the Prince of Peace. As the weeks of Advent progress, the focus shifts to thanks and praise for the birth of the one who has already come—Jesus Christ our Savior. The prophet Isaiah (9:2b) sang these words long ago, “The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.” These words resonate in our lives even now. The four candles of Advent stand as stubborn reminders that the deepest darkness of our world will not overcome the light of God’s loving grace.

“Finding Peace” with The Rev. Dr. Wes Jamison

Over the four Sundays of Advent, Rev. Jamison (he/him) will preach on the theme of “Finding Peace” where through the use of the texts for Lectionary Year A, he reminds us that in our troubled world, there is still hope, peace, joy, and love, even in a world that feels bereft of them. Each week ends with creating a chain of hope, peace, joy, and love that is connected to the previous week’s chain and then is used to decorate the worship space for Christmas Eve.

The asterisk (*) indicates the congregation may stand. Portions of the service printed in **bold** are spoken or sung. Children are always welcome in the service. Books and art are available at the back. Accessible restrooms entrance off sanctuary south wall.

~ We Gather ~ We Welcome All ~ We Are A Community of Friends and Seekers ~

As our gathering begins, please feel free to speak to those around you allowing this place to be a place of everyday welcome.

Opening Music

Welcome

Advent Peace:

Where do you see violence in our world today? In our country? In our community? In your own life?

~ We Sing ~

* O Come, O Come, Emmanuel #119

1 O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.

3 O come, thou Wisdom from on high,
And order all things far and nigh;
To us the path of knowledge show,
And cause us in her ways to go.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

* Lighting of the Advent Wreath

In days to come, the mountain of the Lord’s house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains;
all the nations shall stream to it.

Isaiah 2:1-5

~ *The first candle is lit.*

They shall not hurt or destroy on all God’s holy mountain;
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord
as the waters cover the sea.

Isaiah 11:1-10

~ The second candle is lit.

Come, let us walk in the light of God!

John and Lori Hutchings

* Opening Prayer

* **Sharing Peace** May the peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

~ We Learn ~ We Teach - We Grow ~

Come, O Long-expected Jesus: #125

1 **Come, O long-expected Jesus,**
born to set your people free.
From our fears and sins release us;
Christ, in whom our rest shall be.

You, our strength and consolation,
come salvation to impart;
dear desire of every nation,
joy of many a longing heart.

2 **Born your people to deliver,**
born a child, and yet a king,
born to reign in us forever,
born your gracious realm to bring.

By your own eternal Spirit
rule in all our hearts alone;
by your all-sufficient merit
raise us to your glorious throne.

Readings

Isaiah 11.1-10 Out of the stump of David's family will grow a shoot— yes, a new Branch bearing fruit from the old root. And the Spirit of God will rest on this limb—the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the awe of God. This one will delight in obeying God and will not judge by appearance nor make a decision based on hearsay, but will give justice to those who are poor and make fair decisions for those who are exploited. The earth will shake at the force of this one's word, and with one breath this one will destroy all evil. The coming one will wear righteousness like a belt and truth like an undergarment. In that day the wolf and the lamb will live together; the leopard will lie down with the baby goat. The calf and the yearling will be safe with the lion, and a little child will lead them all. The cow will graze near the bear. The cub and the calf will lie down together. The lion will eat hay like a cow. The baby will play safely near the hole of a cobra. Yes, a little child will put its hand in a nest of deadly snakes without harm. Nothing will hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain, for as the waters fill the sea, so the earth will be filled with people who know God. In that day the heir to David's throne will be a banner of salvation to all the world. The nations will rally to this righteous ruler, and the land governed by this ruler will be a glorious place. *Vera Baumgartner*

A Responsive Paraphrase of Psalm 72.1-7, 18-19

Give the ruler your justice, O God, **and your righteousness to the ruler's children;**
that the ruler may govern your people honorably **and give justice to those who are poor;**
that the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, **and the little hills bring righteousness.**
This ruler shall defend those who are needy

and shall rescue those who are poor and crush the ways of those who oppress.

This leader shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, from one generation to another
and shall come down like rain upon the mown field, like showers that water the earth.

During this reign those who are righteous shall flourish;
there shall be an abundance of peace till the end of time.

Blessed be the Eternal One, our God, **who does wonders beyond our comprehension.**

Blessed be the glorious name of God now and forever, **and may God's goodness fill every corner of creation.**

Romans 15.4-13 The things written in the Scriptures long ago were written to teach us. The Scriptures give us hope and encouragement as we wait patiently for God's promises to be fulfilled. May God, who gives this patience and encouragement, help you live in complete harmony with each other, as is fitting for followers of Christ Jesus. Then all of you can join together with one voice, giving praise and glory to God, the Parent of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, accept each other just as Christ has accepted you so that God will be given glory. Remember that Christ came as a servant to the Jews to show that God is true to the promises made to their ancestors. Christ also came so that the Gentiles might give glory to God for all the mercies given to them. That is what the psalmist meant when writing: "For this, I will praise you among the

Gentiles; I will sing praises to your name." And in another place where it is written, "Rejoice with God's people, you Gentiles." And yet again, "Praise God, all you Gentiles. Praise God, all you people of the earth." And in another place Isaiah said, "The heir to David's throne will come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles in whom all the peoples of the earth shall hope." I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in God. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Vera Baumgartner

Matthew 3.1-12 In those days John the Baptist came to the Judean wilderness and began preaching. His message was, "Repent of your sins and turn to God, for the Dominion of Heaven is near." The prophet Isaiah was speaking about one like John when writing, "There is a voice shouting in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way for the Sovereign's coming! Clear a level road!'" John's clothes were woven from coarse camel hair, and he wore a leather belt around his waist. He ate locusts and wild honey. People from Jerusalem and from all of Judea and all over the Jordan Valley went out to see and hear John. When they confessed their sins, he baptized them in the Jordan River. When John saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming, he denounced them. "You brood of vipers!" he exclaimed. "Who warned you to flee the coming wrath? Prove by the way you live that you have repented of your sins and turned to God. Don't just say to each other, 'We're safe, for we are descendants of Sarah and Abraham.' That means nothing, for I tell you, God can create children of Sarah and Abraham from these very stones. Even now the ax of God's judgment is poised, ready to sever the roots of the trees. Every tree that does not produce good fruit will be chopped down and thrown into the fire. "I baptize with water those who repent of their sins and turn to God, but someone is coming soon who is greater than I am— so much greater that I'm not worthy even to serve and carry the sandals of this coming one. The one who is coming will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. With winnowing fork in hand, the coming one is ready to separate the chaff from the wheat. That one will clean up the threshing area, gathering the wheat into the barn but burning the chaff with never-ending fire."

Rev. Jamison

"Discovering True Peace" The Rev. Dr. Wes Jamison

"O Day of Peace" Josh Garrels

What images do you experience? Which ones represent violence? Which ones represent peace?

On each strip of paper provided, list an image or idea that brings you peace.

~ Our Prayers to God

In response to all that we have heard, said, and sung this morning and in anticipation of coming to Christ's table, let us be a people in prayer. Blessed is the One who helps us. God of life...**here our prayer.**

Meditation ~ Giving and Gratitude [>Click here to give online](#)

~ We Break Bread ~

The bread is broken and, with the cup, is shared for all.

*** Great Thanksgiving and Invitation to Communion**

God is with us. **We are not alone.**

Christ is present here. **The Spirit moves within us.**

Let us give thanks to God **in memory and in hope.**

The Prayer Jesus Taught

God, lover of us all, most holy one, help us to respond to you, to create what you want for us here on earth. Give us today enough for our needs; forgive our weak and selfish ways and help us to forgive others when they hurt us. Teach us to resist evil and to do what is good; for we are yours, filled with your power to make this world whole. Amen.

Sharing in Communion All are welcome at this table of love. *gluten free

Emmanuel, Emmanuel: #134

**Emmanuel, Emmanuel,
his name is called Emmanuel.**

**God with us, revealed in us,
his name is called Emmanuel. (Repeat)**

* Benediction

* Soon and Very Soon

1 **Soon and very soon,
We are going to see the King,**

2 **No more crying there...**

3 **No more dying there...**

4. **Soon and very soon...**

refrain:

**Hallelujah, hallelujah,
We are going to see the King.**

Thank you for joining us! Join us for tea, coffee, and conversation in the back.

Learn more about the Queen Anne Christian Church community: qaccweb.org or contact office@qaccweb.org

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In December QACC hosts a warm clothing drive for the [Queen Anne Helpline](#) along with Children's Workshop, La Casita Feliz, The Kavana Cooperative, and our nearby neighbors. QA Helpline is bringing over collection containers this week.. More info to come.

A Big Thank You to Cheri and Ken Bowls. Our building was busy, busy this weekend. Ken and Cheri helped to reset our sanctuary to continue our celebration of the Advent season.

The Evergreen Tree In our Advent services, our beautiful Advent wreath and candles return to the chancel and a new guest, the green boughs of an evergreen tree, also appear. Evergreens have long been symbolic of life and growth, and early Christians decked their sanctuaries with the boughs of evergreens as a promise of new life and a sign of the hope in Christ. Over the weeks of Advent, this tree will fill with the images of hope, peace, joy, and love we desire for our world.

Join us for our other Advent and Christmas gatherings: The Longest Night: A Blue Christmas Service Dec 21 at 7pm; Advent quiet Saturdays in the church Dec. 10 and 17 1pm - 6pm come and go; "Merry-Making" returns. Carols, Cocoa, and Crafts. Come and go. Christmas Eve Candlelight service 7 pm.

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Our Welcome

We encourage ourselves, and each other,
to live and love in grace.
We gather, we welcome.
We sing, we pray.
We break bread.
We learn, we teach.
We grow.

We are open to and affirming of
the full participation
of all as equal members in Christ's Body.
No matter where we are
on our spiritual journey,
God's love is big enough for all of us.
Christ's call is strong enough for each of us.
The Spirit is moving among and Between us.

—Congregation of Queen Anne Christian Church



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"The Prayer Jesus Taught Us" by Lala Winkleyas it appears in Hannah Ward, Jennifer Wild, and Janet Morely, *Celebrating Women*, new ed. (Harrisburg, PA: Morehouse Publishing, 1995), 43. Presbyterian Book of Worship USA (2018)

Responsive Psalm with permission from Rev. Wes Jamison.
Great Thanksgiving, Gord Waldie.