

Second Sunday of Advent



“Crowded Table”

Philippians 1:3-11

PRELUDE—*It Came Upon the Midnight Clear* (arr. M. Kim)

Sungyun Kim

WELCOME

Rev. Megan Turner

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

Rev. Dr. Ken Crawford

Leader: Christ is with us;

People: Christ is in our midst.

*** CALL TO WORSHIP /**

Rev. Dr. Ken Crawford

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

The Hohnstein Family

Leader: Like the childhood game of “musical chairs,” we are convinced that there are not enough places at the table. And so we shrink the guest list just in case there is not enough, and we scramble to occupy the chairs first. And yet our sacred texts invite us to imagine and make real the gathering of all people to the table, robed in the garments of a Peace that comes with justice. This is what really matters—this is the fruit of what is right and good.

All: Come quickly, shalom, teach us how to prepare
For a gift that compels us with justice to care.
Our spirits are restless till sin and war cease.
One candle is lit for the reign of God’s peace.

Readers: Isaiah 9:7
Today we offer the Light of Peace to illumine the Door of Welcome.
May this light shine in our hearts, in our lives, and in our church.
May Peace awaken us to possibilities and lead us to greater hospitality.
There IS room in this Inn, a House for the Holy.

All: Come quickly, shalom, teach us how to prepare
For a gift that compels us with justice to care.
Our spirits are restless till sin and war cease.
One candle is lit for the reign of God’s peace.

* Please rise, in body or in spirit.

*Love incarnate, love divine
Star and angels gave the sign
Bow to babe on bended knee
The Savior of humanity
Unto us a Child is born
He shall reign forevermore*

*Noel, Noel Come and see what God has done
Noel, Noel The story of amazing love!
The light of the world, given for us Noel*

*Son of God and Son of man
There before the world began
Born to suffer, born to save
Born to raise us from the grave
Christ the everlasting Lord
He shall reign forevermore*

*Noel, Noel Come and see what God has done
Noel, Noel The story of amazing love!
The light of the world, given for us
Noel (2x)*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Dr. Ken Crawford

**Make of my heart a stable, a house for the holy,
a warm and sturdy place for peace to live and grow.**

In this moment we open the doors of our hearts to honesty before God
about what we’ve done and left undone that created less peace in a hurting world.

Let us breathe out this regret...
and breathe in the life-giving, for-giving Spirit of God...
and out again with the Peace of Christ...

**Make of my life a stable, a house for the holy,
a warm and sturdy place for peace to live and grow.**

In this moment we open the doors of our lives to the call of the Spirit,
inviting us to become more than we can ask or imagine.

Let us breathe out our fear...
and breathe in the courage of the Spirit of God...
and out again, with the Peace of Christ...

**Make of our church a stable, a house for the holy,
a warm and sturdy place for peace to live and grow.**

In this moment we open the doors of this church, filling it with
the compassion of Christ for all those who are struggling.

We remember and pray for ...

May the Advent of Compassion be born in us, reside within us,
move outward from us, to meet the needs of the world,
making a house for the Holy that is each and every child of God. **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rev. Dr. Ken Crawford

SCRIPTURE READING—Philippians 1:3-11

Cindy Dowell

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Rev. Virzola Law

OFFERING

Rev. Dr. Ken Crawford

* DOXOLOGY—#46 *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Rev. Dr. Ken Crawford

SONG OF REFLECTION—“*Light of the World*” (L. Daigle)

Northway Praise Band

THE MORNING MESSAGE —“*Crowded Table*”

Rev. Megan Turner

INVITATION

Rev. Megan Turner

* PASSING THE PEACE

Rev. Megan Turner

COMMUNION HYMN—“*Immanuel*” (G. Baker-Fletcher)

Northway Choral Scholars

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Rev. Megan Turner

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

Lisa Gholston, Roderick Fisher

Leader: The Body of Christ was given for us.

People: Amen

Leader: The Blood of Christ was poured out for us.

People: Amen

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy 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 thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

We believe in “open communion” as a church, which means that we do not require you to be a member of Northway in order to participate in the service of the Lord's Supper. Remember what God has done for you in Christ and respond by faith. You don't have to have it all figured out or recite a creed; it is not a requirement of the head, but an invitation addressed to your heart.

Committed to our value of an Open Table—inviting
all to the table where our diversity finds unity in Christ.



Today's flower dedication is in celebration of Lyn's birthday, December 5, given by Bill Robinette.

* CLOSING CAROL—#153 *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear* (vs. 1, 4)

*It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, good will to men, from heaven's all-gracious King."
The world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing.*

*For lo, the days are hastening on, by prophet seen of old,
When with the ever-circling years shall come the time foretold
When peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling,
And the whole world send back the song which now the angels sing.*

BENEDICTION

Rev. Megan Turner

POSTLUDE—Rondo. *From Theme and Variations on Noel Nouvele* (M Burkhardt)

Sungyun Kim

WELCOME

We are glad you have chosen to worship with us today! Northway's mission is to Share Christ with those seeking meaning and purpose. That's why, in addition to worship, we also provide ways for you to discover the God we know in Jesus Christ, to connect with one another, and serve others from our front doorsteps to the ends of the earth. We would love to help you take the next step in your own search for...a church home...deeper engagement with scripture...meaningful relationships...meaning and purpose in your life.

Do you have questions about Northway? To learn more about our beliefs, history, staff, and opportunities, please visit the Welcome Center, located at the main entrance off the Northwest Hwy. parking lot. If you would prefer to speak to a staff member Monday through Friday, please call 214.361.6641.

A LOOK AHEAD AT UPCOMING EVENTS:

Event Date	Event Name	Start Time	Location
Sunday, December 5, 2021	Fidelis & Friends Class	11:15 AM	E-116
	Merry Mourning Grief Group	12:00 PM	F-103
Monday, December 6, 2021	Tai Chi	10:30 AM	F-101
	Property Committee Meeting	4:00 PM	Zoom
	Worship Committee Meeting	7:00 PM	Zoom
Wednesday, December 8, 2021	Churchwide Transformation Prayer	12:00 PM	Conference Call
(Following the Prayer Call)	Brown Bag Bible Study	12:00 PM	Parlor/Zoom
	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	7:30 PM	W-103
Saturday, December 11, 2021	Elders Meeting	9:00 AM	F-103
Sunday, December 12, 2021	Readings & Carols Worship Service	10:00 AM	Sanctuary
	Alternative Christmas Luncheon	11:00 AM	F-101
	Final Sunday for Mike's Kids Collection		Narthex

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YOUR ATTENDANCE HERE:



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