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## **Sunday Hymns, Scripture Readings and Announcements**

**Second Sunday Of Advent  
December 7, 2025 9:00 a.m.**

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## The Lighting Of The Advent Candles

*Reader* Today is the second Sunday of Advent and today we light the second candle in our Advent wreath: the Candle of Peace. God sent us his son, his only son, Jesus, to be our Prince of Peace. We cannot have your peace which transcends all understanding apart from him. For he said to his disciples, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you."

*Reader* Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel.  
*People* Who alone does wondrous deeds!

*The reader lights the Candles of Hope and Peace.*

*Reader* Lord Jesus Christ, Prince of Peace, may your shalom reign in our hearts and in our lives. Create in us clean hearts and renew a right spirit within us, that we might know you and make you known in the world. Help us to be heralds of your glory and proclaimers of your peace. Amen.

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## Entrance Hymn

## #65 Prepare the way, O Zion



1 Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near!  
2 He brings God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heaven a - bove.  
3 Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; your Sa - vior's rule em - brace.



Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear.  
His rule is peace and free - dom, and jus - tice, truth, and love.  
His tid - ings of sal - va - tion pro - claim in ev - ery place.



Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.  
Lift high your praise re - sound - ing, for grace and joy a - bound - ing.  
All lands will bow be - fore him, their voic - es will a - dore him.



Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most ho - ly name.

## Collect of the Day

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

**The First Lesson:** A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

*Isaiah 11:1-10*

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

The Word of the Lord: *“Thanks be to God”*.

### **The Response Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19**

- 1 Give the King your justice, O God,  
and your righteousness to the King's Son;
- 2 That he may rule your people righteously  
and the poor with justice;**
- 3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people,  
and the little hills bring righteousness.
- 4 He shall defend the needy among the people;  
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.**
- 5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure,  
from one generation to another.
- 6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field,  
like showers that water the earth.**
- 7 In his time shall the righteous flourish;  
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.
- 18 Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel,  
who alone does wondrous deeds!**
- 19 And blessed be his glorious Name for ever!  
and may all the earth be filled with his glory.  
Amen. Amen.

**The New Testament:** A reading from the book of Romans

*Romans 15:4-13*

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

"Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles,  
and sing praises to your name";

and again he says,

"Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people";

and again,

"Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,  
and let all the peoples praise him";

and again Isaiah says,

"The root of Jesse shall come,  
the one who rises to rule the Gentiles;  
in him the Gentiles shall hope."

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

The Word of the Lord: *"Thanks be to God"*

**The Gospel:** Matthew 3:1-12

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:  
‘Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight.’”

Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

“I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

*Deacon*     The Gospel of the Lord  
*People*     Praise to You, Lord Christ.

**Sermon**

*The Rev. Sarah Smith*

**Offertory Music**

*People Look East arr. Richard Shephard*

**Communion Hymn**

*Stacey Lehwald*

# Recessional

# *People look East*



1. Peo - ple, look East. The time is near of the crown-ing of the
2. Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is plant - ed
3. Birds, though you long have ceased to build, guard the nest that must be
4. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim one more light the bowl shall
5. An - gels, an - nounce with shouts of mirth Christ who brings new life to



1. year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble, trim the hearth and set the
2. there: give up your strength the seed to nour-ish, that in course the flow'r may
3. filled. E - ven the hour when wings are fro - zen God for fledg - ling time has
4. brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er, bright as sun and moon to -
5. earth. Set ev - ery peak and val - ley hum-ming with the word, the Lord is



1. ta - ble. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the guest is on the way.
2. flour-ish. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the rose is on the way.
3. cho - sen. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the bird is on the way.
4. geth - er. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the star is on the way.
5. com-ing. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the Lord is on the way.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY

**St. Nicholas Sunday - 10–11am** Celebrate the joy of the Advent season with St. Nicholas Sunday at Christ Church Tulsa!

**Christmas Caroling - 12–1:30pm** We'll be spreading cheer at local nursing homes and making a joyful noise for all to hear!

**Women's Group Bake Sale - 1–2pm**

### **Looking Ahead:**

- Wednesday, December 17th – Christmas Light Tour! Sign up in the Church App.
- Christmas Pageant: Rehearsal on Saturday, Dec. 20 10:00 - Noon. Pageant Sunday, Dec. 21 at both services!
- Blue Christmas – Sunday, December 21, at 6:00 pm. If you would like to serve during this service, please email Kelsey Carter.

**Pub Theology:** Every Monday at 7:30–8:30pm; McNellie's South City 7031 S Zurich Ave Tulsa, OK 74136. The format is simple: beer (or other beverage), food if you choose, conversation and God. Come bring your questions and your curiosity and pull up a chair. Be ready to engage with people of varying traditions, perspectives, and life experiences.

**If you are a guest with us today,** please take a moment to fill out the “I’m New” card (located on the seatback in front of you) and place it in the offering basket. A member of our clergy or staff will be happy to connect with you this week