

Union Bethel

African Methodist Episcopal Church

Sunday, December 8, 2024 – 10:00 a.m.

The Second Sunday of Advent– Liturgical Color is Purple

Power Up & Unique Christmas Sweater Sunday

Welcome

Zoe Teague

The Doxology

Zoe Teague

Call to Worship

Israel Robinson

Song of Praise

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

Hymn #115 AMEC Hymnal

Israel Robinson

Invocation

Jasmine Alfred

Choral Response

Scripture: St. Luke 1:76-80 (NIV)

Andre Eaton

Advent Litany

Andre Eaton

Worship of Music

Announcements

Acknowledgment of Visitors

Moments of Fellowship

The Pastor’s Words

Offering

Sermonic Selection

The Sermon

Reverend Dion Jones

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Altar Call Prayer

The Doxology

The Benediction

The Extinguishing of the Candles

Hymn of Praise: “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

Hymn #115 AMEC Hymnal -- Words and Tune: Charles Wesley

Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new born King; Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!" Joyful, all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies; With th'angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!" Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new born King!"

Christ, by highest heaven adored; Christ, the everlasting Lord; Late in time behold him come, offspring of a virgin's womb. Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail th'incarnate Deity, Pleas'd as man with men to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel. Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new born King!"

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness! Light and life to all he brings, Risen with healing in his wings. Mild he lays his glory by, Born that man no more may die, Born to raise the sons from of earth, born to give them second birth. Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new born King!"

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THE ADVENT CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In this season of prophecy, promise and preparation, we come to be renewed and refreshed.

People: *We come to be empowered by the words of the Messiah, who transformed the world and transforms us.*

Leader: We come to listen to the words of hope and peace, joy, promise, victory and love, unconditional love.

People: *We come with open ears, open minds and open hearts. We come to receive the blessings God has in store for us in this season of expectation.*

Leader: Come! Let us worship our God—the one who brings all things to fulfillment.

All: *Come let us worship Jesus Christ, our Savior, our King and Blessed Redeemer! O Come let us Adore Him—Christ the Lord!*

PEACE: THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

LITANY

Leader: Prepare the way of the Lord! Make His paths straight! The Lord is sending us a messenger, and he brings a message of peace.

People: *Blessed is the One who comes in the name of peace, and blessed are the peacemakers.*

Leader: But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For peace comes, at times, like a refiner's fire and like a washers' soap.

People: *Blessed is the One who comes in the name of peace, and blessed are the peacemakers.*

Leader: Lord, we seek to know You and your peace more closely. Help us to prepare our hearts and minds for peace. Stir up in us the courage to prepare the way, and to bring about peace right where we are.

All: *We light a candle of peace today, affirming our commitment to the One who calls us to be instruments of His peace. We wait for the day when every valley shall be filled, and every mountain be made low. We sit in anticipation for the crooked to be made straight, and the rough ways to be made smooth. Amen.*