**GATHERING TO PRAISE GOD** 

Sunday, December 10, 2023

Second Sunday of Advent

Prelude

**Choral Introit** 

Welcome Melinda Sciera

**Announcements** 

**Praise Songs** 

Call to Worship Carol Parisella

Leader: God's Spirit has led us here.

People: And where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is HOPE.

Leader: God's Spirit has led us here.

People: And where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is PEACE.

Leader: God's Spirit has led us here.

People: And where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is JOY.

Leader: God's Spirit has led us here.

People: And where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is LOVE.

Leader: There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in the place, ALL: And we know that it's the Spirit of the Lord!

Hymn: "It Came upon the Midnight Clear" UMH #218

Lighting of the Advent Candle Steve & Lorie Shull

Prayer Carol Parisella

Heavenly Father, Lord of All, come and fill this world with Your peace. May there be an end to hatred and division among Your people. Cease all the fighting and war in this world. Heal the bitterness and hurt in our own hearts. In this season of Advent, prepare us for the coming of Jesus, our Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Fill our hearts with Your peace which passes all understanding. We pray in the name of Your Son, the Prince of Peace. Amen.

Children's Moment

**Darcy Young** 

Anthem: "Breath of Heaven"

The Word of God for the People of God

Scripture - Luke 2:7-14 (NIV)

Carol Parisella

and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them. And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the

angel, praising God and saying, <sup>14</sup> "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

Message: Peace Is Not Static but Dynamic Pastor Sung Ho Lee

Sharing Joys and Concerns Melinda Sciera

The People Bring Their Gifts Pastor Sung Ho Lee
The baskets will be passed or you may use the UMCL app

The People Offer Praise

"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH #95

The People Go into The World

Hymn: "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" UMH #240

Benediction

Postlude