



Bold Text is read or sung by the congregation

PRELUDE & CHIMING THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING: PEACE

Isaiah 35:1-10 | Fernandez Family

ANTHEM

Christ, Be Our Light! | Grace Choir & Bells

*HYMN

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You | No. 104

CALL TO CONFESSION

Omar Fernandez

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious God, you alone are holy,
the perfection of goodness and glory.
We confess that we have sinned
and fallen short of your glory— afraid to trust your promise,
failing to share your gifts.
Forgive us, O God. Deliver us from sin and death.
Restore us to life and grace
through the one you sent to save us,
Jesus Christ our Lord.**

(A time for silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Glory Be to the Father | No. 581

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.**

"Glory Be to the Father"
TEXT: traditional liturgical text MUSIC: Paul M. Vaslie, 2008
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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalms 110:1-5

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 1:18-24

SERMON

The Joy of Righteousness | Rev. Cindy Carlisle

**A child is born to us, a son is given to us,
and authority will be on his shoulders.**

He will be named

**Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.**

**There will be vast authority and endless peace
establishing and sustaining it
with justice and righteousness
now and forever.**

The zeal of the Lord of heavenly forces will do this.

*HYMN

Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation | No. 503

**Lord, we have come
at your own invitation,
chosen by you, to be counted
your friends;**

**Yours is the strength
that sustains dedication;
ours, a commitment
we know never ends.**

**Here, at your table,
confirm our intention;
give it your seal of forgiveness
and grace;**

**Teach us to serve
without pride or pretension,
Lord, in your kingdom,
whatever our place.**

**When, at your table,
each time of returning,
vows are renewed
and our courage restored,**

**May we increasingly glory
in learning
all that it means
to accept you as Lord.**

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

And now we pray in the words Jesus taught ... Lord's Prayer | GTG pg. 35

**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.**

"Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation"

TEXT: Fred Pratt Green, 1977, alt MUSIC: Paris *Antiphoner*, 1681; harm. La
Feillée's *Méthode du plain-chant*, 1881

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Breaking of the Bread

God is with us in the breaking of the bread.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sharing Communion

Prayer after Communion

*SENDING HYMN

People, Look East | No. 105

**People, look east.
The time is near
of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair
as you are able;
Trim the hearth and set the table.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the Guest,
is on the way.
Furrows, be glad.
Though earth is bare,
one more seed is planted there.
Give up your strength
the seed to nourish,
That in course the flower
may flourish.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the Rose,
is on the way.
Birds, though you long
have ceased to build,
guard the nest that must be filled.
Even the hour when wings
are frozen**

**God for fledging time has chosen.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the Bird,
is on the way.
Stars, keep the watch.
When night is dim
one more light the bowl shall brim,
shining beyond the frosty weather,
Bright as sun and moon together.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the Star,
is on the way.
Angels, announce with shouts
of mirth
Christ who brings new life to earth.
Set every peak and valley humming
With the word,
the Lord is coming.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the Lord,
is on the way.**

"People, Look East"

TEXT: Eleanor Farjeon, 1928, alt.

MUSIC: French folk melody; harm Martin Shaw, 1928

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*BLESSING

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Preaching — Rev. Cindy Carlisle

Pianist—Patricia Provencio

Technology — Bob Jones, JT Thomas, Diane Thomas & Jim Collins

Liturgist—Omar Fernandez

Choir Director—Brittney Williams

DEC 12-18

Events & Celebrations

MON 12	TUE 13	WED 14
Hospitality Team, 5:30PM	Book Club, 6:00PM	Zoom Bible Study, 12:00PM Grief Support EP (online), 12:00PM Mission, 4:00PM Admin, 6:00PM
THU 15	SAT 17	SUN 18
Hand Bells, 5:30PM Youth Group, 6:00PM	Quilter's Workshop, 8:30AM BIRTHDAY Rev. Cindy Carlisle	4th Sunday in Advent Worship (Communion), 10:00AM Fellowship Hour, 11:00AM Meeting After Fellowship: Worship Team, B&G, Session NA of EP, 3:00PM BIRTHDAY Yaa Adu-Gyamfi

Prayers & Concerns

Eric Regis	Priscilla Scott	Charlotte
Bob Hedicke	Frances Blankinship	Pat Bryant
Mildred Helm	Roger Crase	Doug Conway

Need to add or remove someone from the Prayers/Concerns list? Give us a call at (915) 755-8206 or email us at office@epgrace.com Names will remain on for 30 days, unless we are notified otherwise.

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