

Third Sunday of Advent

“Light of Light”

Advent is a time to let go of anger and fear.

God of love, fill our hearts with true compassion.

Advent is a time to look for the best in others.

God of love, help us speak truth with kindness.

Advent is a time to share with those in need.

God of love, remind us that in giving, we receive.

Advent is a time to notice and appreciate the good around us.

God of love, help us see the world through loving eyes.

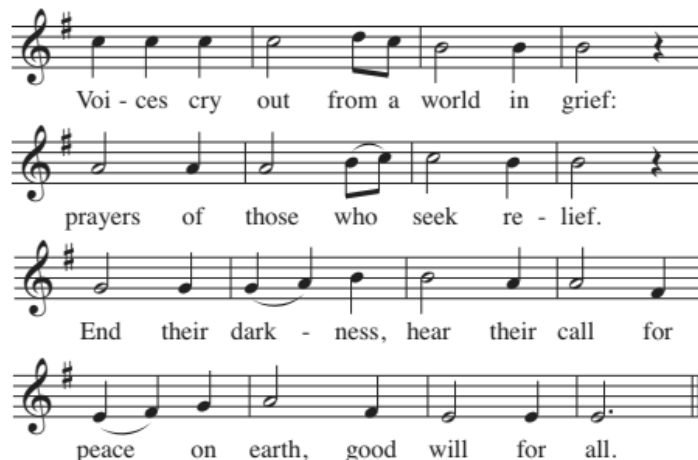
Today we light three candles - the candle of hope, peace, and love. This candle is a symbol of Christ’s eternal love for us, as well as a reminder that we have been instructed to love others as we love ourselves. Because God is love, and because we were created in God’s image, we ourselves are the embodiment of God’s love on earth. Love is patient and kind and powerful, and we all share the calling to go into the world and spread that love to others.

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Closing Prayer

God of Love, we open our hearts to you today and ask that you fill us with the power of your love. Take away our bitterness, greed, and jealousy. Remind us that we are brothers and sisters, all sharing the wonderful gift of life. Help us treat others with respect and love and help us care for the world you have given us with loving hearts and gentle hands. Amen.

Scripture Matthew 11:2-11

11 After Jesus had finished instructing his twelve disciples, he went on from there to teach and preach in the towns of Galilee. **2** When John, who was in prison, heard about the deeds of the Messiah, he sent his disciples **3** to ask him, “Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?” **4** Jesus replied, “Go back and report to John what you hear and see: **5** The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is proclaimed to the poor. **6** Blessed is anyone who does not stumble on account of me.” **7** As John’s disciples were leaving, Jesus began to speak to the crowd about John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swayed by the wind? **8** If not, what did you go out to see? A man dressed in fine clothes? No, those who wear fine clothes are in kings’ palaces. **9** Then what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. **10** This is the one about whom it is written: “I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.” **11** Truly I tell you, among those born of women there has not risen anyone greater than John the Baptist; yet whoever is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

After Worship Today

Alternative Gift Market 11:30AM First Presbyterian Church

Barn Service 4PM Reed’s Barn