

Dear All,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

This coming Sunday, December 7, is the Second Sunday of Advent, which is focused on the peace that we have from the Prince of Peace. As we light our second candle, we will seek to grow peace within ourselves and peace on earth. In our scriptures, the coming of Christ's reign of peace will be prophesied by John the Baptist. In preparation for Sunday, let us think of ways that we can prepare the way of the Prince of Peace today as John did so long ago!

As it is the first Sunday of the month, we will be celebrating Communion. If you will be worshipping from home, I invite you to gather together the elements so that you can partake with us. Find bread, crackers, tortillas, or any other grain-based food and wine, grape juice, or any other beverage that is meaningful to you. Then, when you get to that part of the service, partake with the knowledge that we are all doing so together!

We will also be having our rescheduled **Stewardship Luncheon**. Come prepared to enjoy a delicious feast after worship! Also, bring those pledge cards if you have not yet had the opportunity to do so.

We will continue our practice of hybrid worship. This means that you are welcome to join us in person and that you are welcome to join us from home, whatever works best for you. If you are able to access technology for online worship, we will be live streaming the service via Youtube and Facebook.

For Youtube Live, please go to our channel: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPh2zjtSFxk2uo9_YWEusCQ/, subscribe to it, and enable notifications. The live video should be up and running just before the service starts. If you watch later, click on our channel and then select "Live" videos. You can also watch afterward on our website at: <https://fpchighland.org/worship>.

For Facebook Live, please go to our page here: <https://www.facebook.com/firstpchighland/> around the start of worship. A recording of the service will remain on our Facebook page if you want to watch later.

I leave you with these words from *Isaiah*:

***The wolf shall live with the lamb;
the leopard shall lie down with the kid;
the calf and the lion will feed 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.***

In Christ and with Love,

Rev. Tyler Orem

