

HOPE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH

December 6, 2020

Second Sunday of Advent

The Church at Worship

Prelude

Christmastime

arr. LLOYD LARSON

The Hope Valley Baptist Church Handbell Choir
Brenda Doyle, Director

Introit

Of the Father's Love Begotten
Michael Bunch

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

Of the Father's love begotten, ere the worlds began to be, He is Alpha and Omega, He the source, the ending He, of the things that are, that have been, and that future years shall see, evermore and evermore!

Welcome

Chiming of the Trinity

Moment of Silence and Invocation

Lighting the Candle of Peace

During this Advent season, we long for peace.

The news is filled with stories of anger, violence, and war.

Amidst the divisions and brokenness, we wait for the coming of Jesus, the One called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

We need peace in our lives, our homes, our families, our church, and our whole world.

In John 14:27, Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."

Let us prayerfully seek the peace that God provides, so we may become peacemakers.

As we pray for peace in our own lives, let us commit ourselves to being a community characterized by forgiveness and grace, a community that models and invites others into the peace that passes all understanding.

Let us join with each other, and with other believers, to demonstrate God's reconciling love for all the world to see.

Together we are a sign of God's peace in the world.

On this day, we light the candle of peace. May God open our eyes to see the signs of His Kingdom, and help us live toward His vision of the wolf and lamb lying down together.

Response to Lighting the Candle

Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love
Elizabeth Herring

BAUGH

Hope, peace, joy, and love! These are gifts You bring from above.
Jesus, Emmanuel, come to be light of Your peace, reflected in me.

Children's Message

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever, Amen.

Carol

Away in a Manger
Amy Dozier, Soloist

MUELLER

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head;
the stars in the sky looked down where He lay, the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.
The cattle are lowing, the Baby awakes, but little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes.
I love Thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.
Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask Thee to stay close by me forever, and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care, and fit us for heaven, to live with Thee there.

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 85:8-13

Message

The Path of Peace

Dr. Lydia Hoyle

Benediction

Postlude

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

MENDELSSOHN

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn 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!"
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 we no more
may die, born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.

