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December 8, 2013

The Second Sunday of Advent

As most of you know by now our we have cancelled our 10:00am service due to hazardous driving conditions from ice and sleet on the roads. I am sending you this message so that you can have some worship time on your own this week as you are able. The image above is of The Peaceable Kingdom by Edward Hicks based on the passage appointed for today, Isaiah 11:1-10. Below you will find the information from the bulletin insert for the Second Sunday of Advent. I recommend the prayer for your use as a starting point for your engagement with the Spirit of God today and this week.

The Advent Season 2013

Advent is marked by a spirit of expectation, of anticipation, of preparation, of longing. On the

second Sunday of Advent we light the “Bethlehem Candle” to symbolize Jesus as the light that comes into the darkness of the world to bring truth and justice over all of creation.

Many of the scripture readings for Advent have a strong prophetic tone that call us to personally reflect on our own walk as believers. Advent’s prayers are prayers of humble devotion and commitment, prayers of submission, prayers for deliverance, prayers from those walking in darkness who are awaiting and anticipating a great light (Isa 9)!

Second Sunday of Advent ~ Psalm 25:4-5

Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.
Lead me in your truth, teach me;
for you are the God of my salvation.

Prayer

Hear our prayer that we may serve you in holiness and faith and give voice to your presence among us until the day of the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

Grace and Peace,

John Maher

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