



Pleasant Street
Christian Reformed Church
December 24, 2021, 6:00pm
Christmas Eve Service

*This Great Hope: The Kingdom of Peace
A service of Lessons and Carols from Isaiah*

GOD GATHERS US IN THE PROMISE OF PEACE

Prelude

SONG: *O Come all Ye Faithful*

Call to Worship—based on Isaiah 9:2

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.
to a people who stumble in darkness,
a great light comes;

Lord, tonight show us how you made Peace on earth.

to those who live in the shadow of death mountain, a new day dawns;

Lord, tonight show us how you made Peace with us.

Lighting the Advent Candles

The First Reading: Hebrews 11:1, 24-28, 13

Friends, this is God's Word.

Thanks be to God!

**The Gospel Reading: Luke 2: 1-7*

Friends, this is the Gospel of Jesus.

Thanks be to God!

(All four Advent candles, and the Christ candle, are lit.)

SONG: *Away in a Manger*

Prayer for Illumination

Gracious God, you gave Isaiah a sweeping vision of peace and wholeness that often comes to us in tiny signs of hope. Tonight, kindle faith in our weary hearts through your words; shake off our slumber so that we do not miss your presence among us now. Even so, come quickly, Lord Jesus. **Amen.**

I – SIN, INJUSTICE & A PEOPLE WITHOUT PEACE

Isaiah 1: 1-4, 7, 16-18; Isaiah 2: 1-5

Friends, this is God's Word.

Thanks be to God.

SONG: *O Holy Night*

II - THE PRINCE OF PEACE AND THE WAY OF PEACE

Isaiah 7: 1, 10-14; Isaiah 9:2-7

Friends, this is God's Word.

Thanks be to God.

Message: "Peace Child"

SONG: *What Child is This?*

III - THE PEACEABLE KINGDOM

Isaiah 11:1-10

Friends, this is God's Word.

Thanks be to God.

SONG: *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

IV - ALL CREATION SINGS

Isaiah 55:1-3, 8-13

Friends, this is God's Word.

Thanks be to God.

SONG: *Joy to the World/All Creation Sing Medley*

V - THE WORLD COMES LOOKING FOR PEACE

Isaiah 56:1, 6-7; Isaiah 60:1-5

Friends, this is God's Word.

Thanks be to God.

SONG: *Go Tell it on the Mountain*

VI - THE SIGN OF PEACE – GOD WITH US

Isaiah 61:1-3; Luke 2: 8-20

Friends, this is the Gospel of Jesus.

Thanks be to God.

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

SONG: *Hark, the Herald Angels Sing*

Prayer

God and Father of Jesus, you proclaim to us that the night is far spent and the day is at hand. You have sent your Son to be our Savior; light in the darkness, hope in despair, peace amid turmoil. Send us out tonight alive in hope and alert for the advent of your peaceable kingdom.

Amen.

Benediction

May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy and make you heralds of the gospel of Peace. And may the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be upon you, now and forever. **Amen.**

SONG: *Silent Night*

