



# West Richmond Church of the Brethren

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*"Continuing the work of Jesus. Peacefully. Simply. Together."*

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December 6, 2020

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

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## Welcome and Announcements

### Prelude

*Lo, How A Rose E're Blooming*

arr. Paxton

*"Lo, How A Rose E're Blooming"* by Harriet Krauth Spaeth, Lani Smith, Michael Praetorius, Theodore Baker

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## Lighting the Advent Wreath

### Our Advent Family

The Baker Family

### The Candle of Hope

*(You will light 2 purple candles on the wreath; 9 pm & 6 pm  
when the ones on the screen are lit)*

### Our Advent Scripture

Matthew 1:18-25 (NRSV)

## Invocation

## St Francis of Assisi

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; Where there is injury, pardon; Where there is doubt, faith; Where there is despair, hope; Where there is darkness, light; and Where there is sadness, joy... Divine Master; Grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love; For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

### Hymn

*To us a Child of hope is born*

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### Children's Time

### Hymn

*O little town of Bethlehem*

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### Congregational Prayer

1 Hope is a can - dle, once lit by the proph - ets,  
2 Peace is a can - dle to show us a path - way,

1 nev - er con - sumed, though it burns through the years;  
2 threat - ened by gusts from our rage and our greed.

1 dim in the day - light of pow - er and priv - i - lege—  
2 Friend, feel no en - vy for those in the shad - ows—

1 when they are gone, hope will shine on.  
2 vio - lence and force their dead - end course.

“Hope is a candle” by Richard Leach

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## Invitation to Give

## Hebrews 13:15-16 (NRSV)

Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

### Special Music

*Come, Long-Awaited Savior*

David Paxton

“Come, Long-Awaited Savior” by David Paxton

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## Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 40:1-11 (NRSV)

Comfort, O comfort my people,  
says your God.  
Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,  
and cry to her  
that she has served her term,  
that her penalty is paid,  
that she has received from the LORD's hand  
double for all her sins.

A voice cries out:  
"In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD,  
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.  
Every valley shall be lifted up,  
and every mountain and hill be made low;  
the uneven ground shall become level,  
and the rough places a plain.  
Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,  
and all people shall see it together,  
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

A voice says, "Cry out!"  
And I said, "What shall I cry?"  
All people are grass,  
their constancy is like the flower of the field.  
The grass withers, the flower fades,  
when the breath of the LORD blows upon it;  
surely the people are grass.  
The grass withers, the flower fades;  
but the word of our God will stand forever.  
Get you up to a high mountain,  
O Zion, herald of good tidings;  
lift up your voice with strength,  
O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,

lift it up, do not fear;  
 say to the cities of Judah,  
 “Here is your God!”  
 See, the Lord GOD comes with might,  
 and his arm rules for him;  
 his reward is with him,  
 and his recompense before him.  
 He will feed his flock like a shepherd;  
 he will gather the lambs in his arms,  
 and carry them in his bosom,  
 and gently lead the mother sheep.

**Sermon** “Comfort, My People”

**Hymn** *Comfort, comfort, O my people* #176

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**Benediction**

**Postlude** *O Day Of Peace* Charles H. H. Parry

O day of peace that dimly shines  
 through all our hopes and prayers and dreams,  
 guide us to justice, truth, and love,  
 delivered from our selfish schemes.  
 May swords of hate fall from our hands,  
 our hearts from envy find release,  
 till by God's grace our warring world  
 shall see Christ's promised reign of peace.

Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb,  
 nor shall the fierce devour the small;  
 as beasts and cattle calmly graze,  
 a little child shall lead them all.  
 Then enemies shall learn to love,  
 all creatures find their true accord.  
 The hope of peace shall be fulfilled,  
 for all the earth shall know the Lord.

O Day Of Peace (Jerusalem) by Carl P. Daw Jr., Charles Hubert Hastings Parry  
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 Children's Time .....  
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 Organist/Pianist..... Bob Phillips  
 Producer..... Kevin Beers