

LIGHTING OUR ADVENT CANDLE OF PEACE

As we light the Advent candle of peace, we pray for peace
within and between all families,
within and between all faiths,
within and between all nations.

*We pray that people from different ethnicities,
people with different skin color,
people with different sexual orientations,
people with different gender identities,
may respect their differences and live together in peace.*
*We pray that people who have too much and people who have too little,
people separated by distrust, anger, and resentment,
people hurting or killing one another,
may be reconciled by justice, compassion, and forgiveness.*
In Christ's name we pray, and by his spirit we sing....

*SINGING LIKE ANGELS

Jesus, Jesus, oh, what a wonderful child.
Jesus, Jesus, so holy, meek, and mild;
new life, new *peace* the Child will bring.
Listen to the angels sing,
“Glory, glory, glory,” let the heavens ring!

PRAYING FOR OURSELVES, ONE ANOTHER, AND THE WORLD

REFLECTING SILENTLY UPON OUR LIVES

If the Spirit is moving you to share a thought or feeling, joy or concern,
please do so now, so we may lift it together in prayer.

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

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please do so now, so we may lift it together in prayer.

PRAYING TOGETHER AS JESUS PRAYED debts and debtors

RECEIVING OUR CHOIR'S GIFT *Come Jesus, Holy Son of God* Handel

READING AND REFLECTING

READING FROM THE BIBLE

Isaiah 11: 1-9 and Luke 1: 39-45

REFLECTING



Another Mother For Peace logo
Lorraine Art Schneider

OFFERING OURSELVES THROUGH OUR GENEROSITY

OFFERING OUR LIVES AND GIFTS IN SERVICE TO GOD

Trio *Ava Maria*

Bach/Gounod

*PRAISING GOD

Tune: Old Hundredth

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God for all that love has done. Creator, Christ, and Spirit One. Amen.

*DEDICATING OUR LIVES AND POSSESSIONS TO GOD

DEPARTING TO PRACTICE CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

*SINGING A HYMN *Mary, Woman of Promise*

Black Hymnal 123

*OFFERING WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

*TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG *Dona Nobis Pacem*

Red Hymnal 752

Sing first in unison, then as a round

*PARTING WITH A SONG *Isaiah the Prophet Has Written of Old*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A BIG thank you to everyone who pledged financial support for our church's 2019 ministry. If you plan on pledging, but haven't yet, **pledge forms** are available in the sanctuary.

Looking for a holiday gift for family and friends? Yourself? We have our very own calendars just in time for the holidays! These **calendars feature our gorgeous stained-glass windows** along with several other CCA-specific points of interest. Beginning with December 2018, the calendars go through March 2020. That's 16 months! This project is a deacon-sponsored fund-raiser for the church. Watch for them to be on sale for \$20 after worship on December 16th

After worship today, Mir Georgeson, a UT student and member of Labyrinth Student Ministry, will continue her 3-part series on **Neurodiversity and the Church**. This week's session will focus on stigma, discrimination, and advocacy.

On **Sunday, December 16**, we will gather at 7 pm for our annual **Advent Candlelight Service**, and then enjoy hearty fellowship and holiday fare in Fellowship Hall.

We will be serving our **Christmas Open Door Dinner** this **Christmas Day**. We'll need folks to set up in the morning, serve at 12:30, and clean up after the meal. We're typically done by 3:00. As you make your Christmas plans, please consider providing some food, or helping to set up, serve, our clean up.

You can make your **financial contribution** to the Congregational Church of Austin **electronically** through **Tithe.ly**. You can install the app on a smart device or contribute to CCA on the Tithe.ly website. **For more information** about Tithe.ly and how to use the service, please pick up an information sheet in the sanctuary or Fellowship Hall, or ask our Office Administrator, Donna Cravens, to send you one electronically.

UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

Coord Council, Thu, Dec 27, 7:15 pm, at Whit Bodman's

PARTICIPATING TODAY

Ushers Ruth Koenig and Jo Jensen
Nursery Assistant Rachel Dietz

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Adult Christian Education Group meets Sundays at 10:00 am on the 2nd floor.

The Youth Group meets every Sunday (except the first Sunday of the month) after church with the youth from University Christian and University Baptist, to go out for lunch and enjoy a program. Middle and High Schoolers welcome. If you would like to be on the email list for more details, please see Reuel Nash.

Middle School and High School Students remain in the service the first Sunday of each month; other Sundays their Sunday School begins after the Choral Anthem.

Elementary Sunday School is held during the 11:00 am service, immediately following "Time with Children." The children will be escorted from the Sanctuary to the 2nd floor Christian Education room, and can be picked up from there after the service.

Infant and Toddler Care is available throughout the service in the Nursery. Child care begins at 9:15 am for the parents of children attending choir practice or the Adult Christian Education Group.

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December 9, 2018
Second Sunday of Advent: Peace

The wolf shall live
with the lamb

GATHERING

WELCOMING ONE ANOTHER

ACCEPTING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

Trio *Sheep May Safely Graze*

Bach

GATHERING WITH SONG *Wait for the Lord*

Red Hymnal 90

Alternate trio alone and congregation singing three times

GATHERING WITH PRAYER

When the one who is faithful and righteous comes,
the one on whom God's spirit rests,
the one who is wise and understanding, who judges with righteousness,
who brings equity to the poor, who ends wickedness...

*wolves and lambs will live together, leopards will lie down next to goats,
cows and bears will eat together, children will play over vipers' dens.*

When the faithful and righteous ones come,
those on whom God's spirit rest,
those who are wise and understanding, who judge with righteousness,
who bring equity to the poor, who end wickedness...

*they will not hurt anyone, anywhere, on earth,
nor act in ways destructive to the earth,
for they will know God's ways, and the earth will know God's peace.*

***SINGING A HYMN** *Now the Heavens Start to Whisper* Red Hymnal 94