

# CHANGING HEARTS AND MINDS



## **Northwest Church**

Disciples of Christ

Sunday, December 04, 2022

Rev. Miriam Gentle

**“Loving and Serving Christ in our  
Community and World”**

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Prelude	Sue Lincoln
Welcome	Rev. Miriam Gentle
Special Music “O Come All Ye Faithful”	Handbell Choir
Call to Worship	Brad Butherus

Prepare the way of the Lord!

**We have heard the promise.**

**God’s chosen One will soon be among us.**

“Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.”

**The wilderness places of our lives may threaten to overwhelm us. We easily lose our way. But a second candle adds its light.**

Today we light the candle of peace. We light it knowing full well that peace is elusive, and in some parts of the world, it is almost completely absent.

**We trust that God is never absent from us.**

**God is always preparing something new.**

And even where there is war and discord, between countries, within families, or within our hearts, God is present, gently leading us to new possibilities.

The Second Candle is Lit	The Marcial Family
Response	“One Candle is Lit” #128 (1-3)
Pastoral Prayer	Rev. Miriam Gentle
Lord’s Prayer	Unison

“Prepare Ye the Way” Mike Dodson and Tracy Rieke, guitar

**Refrain: Prepare ye the way, prepare ye the way, prepare ye the way of the Lord.**

Cantors: Shout the hosanna, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Praise be to God, Lord God of hosts; today he sends us our King. **Refrain**



Hymn

“People, Look East”

#142(1,3,4)

Benediction

Congregational Response “Go Tell It On The Mountain”

Postlude

Sue Lincoln

## **PRAYER CONCERNS**

- ◇ Continuing prayers for Stephanie H's family as they mourn her passing. The memorial service will be held at Northwest Church on Saturday, Dec 17 at 11:00 AM.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- ◇ **MONTHLY COFFEE HOUR:** Please stay after today's service!
- ◇ **ZOOM BIBLE STUDY:**
  - ◇ Join us on Wednesday, Dec 07 and Dec 14 at 6:30 PM via ZOOM.
  - ◇ The Phillips Advent Devotional is available free of charge in the Narthex as the study guide.
- ◇ **HAT AND MITTEN TREE:** Donation tree is in the Narthex.
- ◇ **CHRISTMAS & APPRECIATION DINNER:**
  - ◇ All are invited to join us on Sunday, Dec 11 at 5:00 PM for a potluck! *Please see the sign-up sheet in the Narthex to RSPV and select a dish to prepare.*
- ◇ **CHRISTMAS SERVICES:**
  - ◇ The Longest Night Service on Wednesday, Dec 21 will be a simple meal at 5:00 PM followed by a meditative service in the Fellowship Hall.
  - ◇ Join us for traditional lessons and carols on Saturday, Christmas Eve at 5:00 PM.
  - ◇ A morning service on Sunday, Christmas Day with Christmas carols and scripture at 10:00 AM.