

**Order of Worship: Sunday, December 8, 2024**  
**9:30 AM Service of Worship**  
**2nd Sunday of Advent/Dancing with the Spirit**

**Welcome and Announcements** Rev. MaryAnn Piccioni, Associate Pastor

**Prelude** *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring with O Come, All Ye Faithful* Ellen Osborn, piano  
**Lighting of the Candles** Acolytes

**Lighting of the Advent Wreath** **"Love's Pure Light"**  
J. Raney  
Bryan, Rachel, Matthew, and Mackenzie Cook

**Responsive Litany**

In this season of Advent, we pray for God's peace.

**Christ is our light and the source of our peace.**

We witness the hostility between nations and neighbors.

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We see a world full of fractured relationships and unforgiving hearts.

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We seek relief from our own inner turmoil and restlessness.

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**Candle Lighting**

**Prayer**

**Opening Hymn** *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* UMH 196

**Passing of the Peace**

**Pastoral Prayer/The Lord's Prayer** Rev Piccioni

**Anthem** *Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella* arr. M. Ijames Covenant Chancel Choir  
**Children's Chat** Rev. Piccioni

**The Offering**

**Offering Prayer**

Rev. Dr. Scriven

**Offertory**

*Offertorio pastorale*

Anonymous (1700)

**Doxology**

UMH 95

**Scripture** Luke 1:46-55 Wayne Wallace

**Sermon** "A Dance of Peace" Rev. Dr. Latricia Scriven

**Closing Hymn** *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear* UMH 218

**Sending Forth**

Rev. Dr. Scriven

**Postlude**

*Postlude on 'Hyfrydol'*

H. Coleman

We appreciate the gift of dance shared with us by Tiffany McNabb.

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