



Second Sunday of Advent  
December 7, 2025

**Preaching**  
Lynda Nyce

**Worship Leader**  
Darryl Nester

**Pianist/Organist**  
Anne Marie Spelman

***Gathering***

Music Calls Us to Worship

Welcome, Announcements, Centering

Advent Candle Lighting and Litany Don, Mary Ina & Sunita Hooley

One: *We have been wandering in the dark, our spirits dry and cracked from conflict, aching for peace to pour into the crevices to revive us.*

**Many: Come, Peace of the world. Come amaze us.**

**All: May Your peace fill the cracks in our dry, brittle bones. Bind us together, strengthen and unite us, that we might dance!**

Prelude Joy George Winston

\*Opening Hymn *Hark! the Glad Sound!* VT 217

Invocation

\*Responsive Reading – Based on Ezekiel 37:1-14

One: God in our desert, you are our peace in all places.

**Many: Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.**

One: Thus says the Lord God: “Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.”

**Many: Can these dry bones live?**

One: The wind of God moves among these dry bones. Stand and live!

**Many: We are the people of God, a vast multitude, filled with God’s Spirit.**

One: “I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live. I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act,” says the Lord.

**All: You are the only source of true life, O God. You breathe new life into our dry bones and fill us with your peace. We stand before you, ready to enter your story and be amazed.**

***Telling God’s Story***

Conversation with Children Jeff Gundy & Tim Byers  
*Peace Is a Candle* VT 211  
v. 2 Coming forward and returning to seats

Community Prayer Carrie Mast  
*The Lord’s Prayer (Miller)* VT 673

Scripture John 11:25-26, Jacob Lehman &  
Ezekiel 37:1-14 Victoria Woods-Yee

Message *Seeking Peace in the Valley*

***Living God’s Story***

\*Hymn of Response *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* VT 737

Offering  
Invitation  
Offertory *Go, Tell It On the Mountain* Robert W. Thygerson  
Prayer of Dedication

***Sending***

\*Hymn of Sending *My Soul Proclaims with Wonder* VT 222

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

*\*Please rise in body or in spirit*  
*VT: Voices Together (Purple Bound Book) 🎵 : Favorite Hymn*

*Parents of young children: God put the wiggle in children, so no need to suppress those wiggles.*  
*Sitting closer to the front makes it easier for your little ones to engage.*  
*Also, children learn their behavior by mimicking you. Sing the hymns, pray, and voice the responses.*  
*Feel free to leave the sanctuary with your child, but you’re welcome to come back.*  
*As Jesus said, “Let the children come to me.”*