# **First Reformed Church of Cary**

### **Second Sunday of Advent**

**December 4, 2016** 

Brendan Galvin, Guest Speaker Dr. Loñieta Cornwall, Music Director

Prelude "Wonderful Peace" L. Cornwall, Piano

**Congregational Concerns** 

Votum

Choral Introit "While We Are Waiting.....Come!" **Chancel Choir** 

# The Approach to God

**Invitation to Worship** (Based on Psalm 71 and 72)

One: "Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things."

All: "We have come praising the mighty deeds of the Lord God."

One: "God delivers the needy when they call, the poor and those who have no helper."

All: "Our mouths will tell of your righteous acts, of your salvation all day long."

One: "The Lord has pity on the weak and the needy, from oppression and violence God redeems their life; precious is their blood in his sight."

All: "Blessed be his glorious name forever; may his glory fill the whole earth. Amen"

\*Hymn of Praise #4 "Praise the Lord, His Glories Show"

Choir & Congregation

#### **Prayer of Confession**

In a world filled with war and violence, we have allowed fear to become our king. We confess in times of uncertainty we have placed our trust in bullets and bombs; confusing strength with safety. Forgive us, God, for making safety an idol. We are no longer a people who listen, no longer a people who trust, and we have forgotten to love our neighbors and enemies. We humbly repent from both our silence and our actions. Oh King of peace, teach us to be your people of peace.

#### **Assurance of Pardon**

Brothers and Sisters, perfect love casts out all fear. In humility Christ emptied himself for us and in his love we can rest assured. God's forgiveness frees us to walk humbly, act justly, and love mercy. In the name of Jesus Christ we are forgiven, reconciled and restored to wholeness. May we live in this truth. Amen.

Song "What does the Lord require of you? What does the Lord require of you? Justice, kindness, walk humbly with your God. To seek justice, and love kindness and walk humbly with your God."

# **Reception of Gifts & Offerings**

**Song** "Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me. Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be. With God as our Father, family all are we. Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony. Let peace begin with me. Let this be the moment now. With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow; To take each moment, and live each moment in peace eternally. Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me."

\*Doxology

\*Offertory Prayer

The Word of God

**Prayer for Illumination** 

Scripture Colossians 1:9-23

Meditation "The King of Peace"

Our Response to God

\*Confession of Faith The Apostles' Creed (Page 12 Hymnal)

We are and will continue to be a community that loves and worships God in the Reformed tradition for the purpose of being known as a congregation that actively cares for those in need around us.

### Congregational Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

\*Closing Hymn #147 "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" Choir & Congregation

\*Benediction "Let There Be Peace on Earth" Reprise

\*Postlude

\*Those that are able please stand

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