

Mimico Baptist Church

Sunday, December 10, 2023



Welcome All!

Pastor: Rev. Jim Sanderson
Associate Pastor: Linying Liu
Music Director: Jan Thomas

2nd Sunday in Advent **10:30** **December 10, 2023**
PRELUDE (Please stand as choir enters)

OPENING SONG – “It Came Upon a Midnight Clear” (vs 1,2,4) #251
WELCOME & INTRO - Welcome to the second Sunday in Advent. Advent is a time of preparation and waiting. Through this season we're going to look at some of the titles given to Jesus that describe our Messiah. Today we look at Jesus as the Prince of Peace. We seem to be suffering from a lack of peace. Too often we're hearing in the news of the horrific conflicts in the Ukraine, in the Middle East, the Sudan and other places of our world. There is a lack of peace in people's lives. There is too much fear, stress, and loneliness. We all long for peace. Today we look at Christ as the Prince of peace. Is this peace available to us now? We welcome all who have joined us for this journey of discovery and celebration. Let's pray...

PRAYER - Almighty God, our Father, who sent your Son to be King of Kings and Prince of Peace: Grant that all the kingdoms of this world may become the kingdom of Christ and learn the way of peace. Send forth among all people the spirit of goodwill and reconciliation. Through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray as he taught us saying...

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those that trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, For ever and ever.
Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP – (adapted from Isaiah 57)

LEADER: And it will be said: "Build up, build up, prepare the road!"

PEOPLE: **Remove the obstacles out of the way of my people."**

LEADER: For this is what the high and lofty One says— he who lives forever, whose name is holy:

PEOPLE: **"I live in a high and holy place, but also with one who is contrite and lowly in spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly and to revive the heart of the contrite.**

LEADER: I will not accuse forever, nor will I always be angry, for then the spirit of man would grow faint before me— the breath of man that I have created.

PEOPLE: **I have seen their ways, but I will heal; I will guide and restore comfort,**

LEADER: We worship the One who says to us:

ALL: **Peace, peace, to those far and near," says the LORD. "And I will heal them."**

SING - "Still, Still, Still"

CHILDREN'S LESSON - ADVENT 2: Today we light the candle of Peace –
"We long for the peace that Christ will give us"

"I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day" (vs 1,3,4,5)

Blessing for children and invitation to Jr. Church downstairs.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRAYER

MINISTRY OF MUSIC – "The Angel's Song"

MBC CHOIR

Worship In Song

"Away in the Manger"

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"How Great our Joy" (vs 1,3,4)

MESSAGE – **Prince of Peace** (Isaiah 9:6-7 & Luke 2:14 & John 14:27) **Pastor Jim**

CLOSING HYMN – "Silent Night"

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Benediction - Be joyful. Grow to maturity. Encourage each other. Live in harmony and peace. Then the God of love and peace will be with you. May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen

Weekly At Mimico Baptist Church

WED – 7:00pm – Bible Study - Conference Call

THURS – 6:30pm – Choir takes Cantata to Lakeshore Lodge

FRI - 7:00pm – Mandarin Bible Study

7:00pm – Youth Group

7:00pm – Children's Ministry

SUN – 10:30am – Morning Worship

What a joyful beginning to Advent we had last Sunday night at our **Olde Fashioned Christmas Night!** As Music Director, I just want to say a huge thank you to all who participated. It was lovely to see so many different people from the congregation up at the front sharing their talents in praising the Saviour. We enjoyed carols from 13 different countries in 5 different languages! Truly "Christmas Around the World." And thanks to the Hospitality Committee, we enjoyed festive fellowship and delicious treats downstairs afterwards. If you couldn't be there, catch the spirit on YouTube (thanks to Alvin and his team).

GENEROSITY: We are significantly behind budget. As we approach the end of the year, please remember your church with an additional generous gift.

On Sunday morning, Dec. 17 - the choir will be presenting the Christmas cantata, Sing with the Angels by Joel Raney. This lively musical will put a song in your heart, and in your mouth, since the finale invites you to sing along with the angel songs of Christmas. Hope to see you there...and bring a friend!

Sun., Dec. 24 – 10:30am - Morning Service

6:30pm - Christmas Eve Community Service

Pastoral Search: Please be in prayer for your board as they lead in the search for an Interim Pastor to begin the summer of 2024.

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