Welcome and Announcements

Centering for Worship

Prepare the Way: Second Advent Candle
    Malachi 3:1-4

Invitation to Generous Gifts
    Reminder of Generous Giving Opportunities
    Doxology
    Prayer Dedication

Dear God, this Advent season we wait in peace and we give in peace; a peace deeper than our anxiety and fear; a peace growing from our trust in your loving power.

ALL: Receive these generous offerings, and use them to bring your peace to our world.
Amen.

Joys and Concerns: Prayers of the People: Lord’s Prayer

Song

Prayer for Scripture

Luke 1:68-79
“Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them. He has raised up a mighty savior for us in the house of his servant David, as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old, that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us. Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors, and has remembered his holy covenant, the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham, to grant us that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies, might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him all our days. And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for
you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, to give knowledge of salvation to his people by the forgiveness of their sins. By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.”

Reading Henri Nouwen

Meditation

Table of Christ
  Invitation
  Blessing
  Sharing of the Bread and Cup
  Prayer of Thanksgiving

Affirming Our Mission
ALL: We the members and friends of Plainfield Congregational Church United Church of Christ seek to embody and celebrate God’s love by being a community that lives Christ’s compassion and promotes justice, healing and wholeness of life; a joyous family where all are welcome to join together to grow in faith and love.

Blessing
Be people of peace. Let peace live in your heart and share the peace of Christ with all you meet. Share peace by acting out of compassion and not fear. Share peace by listening to all sides of the story. Share peace by praying for our world.
ALL: In this Advent season, we need to see, feel, and share peace. As you go out into the wonder of God’s creations, share peace and hope with those you meet. Amen.

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