



Worship Service for December 7, 2025

Second Sunday of Advent

Prelude	Marshall Davies
Chiming of the Hour	Paula McKnight
Welcome	Pastor Felix Carrión
Centering Moment	Pastor Felix Carrión
Praise and Worship Song	Congregation

Sing! #174 "Star Child"

Star-Child, earth-Child
Go-between of God,
Love Child, Christ Child,
Heaven's lightning rod.

This year, this year,
Let the day arrive
When Christmas comes for every-one,
Everyone alive!

Street child, beat child,
no place left to go,
hurt child, used child,
no one wants to know.

Grown child, old child,
memory full of years,
sad child, lost child,
story told in tears.

This year, this year,
Let the day arrive
When Christmas comes for every-one,
Everyone alive!

Spared child, spoiled child,
having, wanting more,
wise child, faith child,
knowing joy in store.

Hope-for-peace Child,

God's stupendous sign,
Down-to-earth Child,
Star of stars that shine.

This year, this year,
Let the day arrive
When Christmas comes for every-one,
Everyone alive!

Announcements

Paula McKnight

Call to Worship

Paula McKnight

LEADER: In Advent, we watch and wait in wakeful alertness.

**ALL: In Advent, we prepare to proclaim the meaning
of Jesus' birth.**

LEADER: In Advent, we greet the Holy One, who transforms
our lives into living temples of divine light.

**ALL: In Advent, we prepare to walk the path of
righteousness and discipleship.**

LEADER: In Advent, we watch for signs of God's presence birthing new life.

**ALL: Come, Holy One! Be born in and among us!
Make yourself known to us!**

***Hymn**

Congregation

"We Light a Candle"

We light a candle for hope
and our world that's longing for hope
We light a candle for hope
and our world that's longing for hope
Holy One, shine with the fire of our lives oh
We light a candle for hope
and our world that's longing for hope.

We light a candle for peace
and our world that's longing for peace
We light a candle for peace
and our world that's longing for peace
Holy One, shine with the fire of our lives oh

We light a candle for peace
and our world that's longing for peace

Gathering Prayer

Congregation

ALL: Holy One, in this Advent season, we put our trust in the power of good to overcome evil and the power of love to overcome hatred. We pray for the power to be gentle; the strength to be forgiving; the patience to be understanding; and the endurance to embody your divine light. We pray for the vision to see and the faith to believe in a world emancipated from violence. Help us to devote our lives to the task of making peace, praying always for the inspiration and the power to fulfil the destiny we were created for.

Amen.

Lighting of the Advent Candles

Pastor Felix Carrión & Paula McKnight

It is the season of short days and long nights. We light this candle of peace to remember that even in natural darkness, our lights shine. Let us slow down and listen to the sacred voice that guides us as we wait to celebrate the coming light in the Child Jesus.

Invitation to Offering

Paula McKnight

Special Olympics

Offertory Music

Marshall Davies

***Doxology**

Congregation

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise God all creatures here below

Praise God for all that Love has done

Creator, Christ, and Spirit one

Amen.

Offertory Prayer

Paula McKnight

ALL: Holy One, we commit what we have offered to help sow seeds of hope, peace, joy, and love in the world. Bless now these offerings. May they be used in the service of spreading your divine light.

Amen.

Biblical Witness

Aimee Broadhurst

Philemon 1:9-16 taken from “The Message”

In line with all this I have a favor to ask of you. As Christ's ambassador and now a prisoner for him, I wouldn't hesitate to command this if I thought it necessary, but I'd rather make it a personal request. While here in jail, I've fathered a child, so to speak. And here he is, hand-carrying this letter—Onesimus! He was useless to you before; now he's useful to both of us. I'm sending him back to you, but it feels like I'm cutting off my right arm in doing so. I wanted in the worst way to keep him here as your stand-in to help out while I'm in jail for the Message. But I didn't want to do anything behind your back, make you do a good deed that you hadn't willingly agreed to. Maybe it's all for the best that you lost him for a while. You're getting him back now for

good—and no mere slave this time, but a true Christian brother! That's what he was to me—he'll be even more than that to you.

Philemon 1:9-16 taken from "Gen Z Bible"

But yo, for the love of it, I'm straight up calling on you, like, I'm Paul the wise OG, and right now I'm locked up for Jesus, you feel me? Yo, listen up! I'm seriously asking you for a huge favor regarding my dude Onesimus, who's like my own son. I actually brought him up while I was locked up, so you know he's important to me. Back in the day, Onesimus was worthless to you, but now they're actually beneficial for both of us:

Yo, I'm sending him back, so you better welcome him like he's my fam, I wanted to keep you by my side, so that instead of you, he could've helped me spread the message of the gospel: But I wouldn't do anything without your consent; I want your help to be genuine, not forced. Maybe he dipped out for a bit so you could have him for good, ya

know? Right now, I don't see you as just a servant, but more like a super cool bro who I really care about. And guess what? You're even more important to me than that! We're totally tight, both in the physical world and in our spiritual connection with God.

Contemporary Witness

Paula McKnight

Various Quotes

"Don't walk in front of me; I may not follow. Don't walk behind me; I may not lead. Just walk beside me and be my friend,"

- attributed to Albert Camus, is often used to describe ideal companionship and mutual respect, and by extension, allyship.

"If you claim to be someone's ally, but aren't getting hit by the stones thrown at them, you aren't standing close enough," - by Stan Mitchell, highlighting that true allyship involves risk and discomfort.

Reflection

Aimee Broadhurst

“What's Allyship Got to Do With It?”

Special Music

Plymouth Choir

“Grant Us Peace”

Dona nobis,
dona nobis pacem.

Born a child to grant us peace.
do-na no-bis pacem.
Grant us peace, Lord.

Away in a manger no crib for a bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head;
the stars in the bright sky looked down where He lay,
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

Starlight shines in the evening sky while Mary sings a lullaby.
Peace on earth, good will for all.

Hope is born in a manger stall,
Dona nobis,
dona nobis pacem.

Born a Child to grant us peace.
Dona nobis pacem.

Be near me Lord Jesus I ask Thee to stay close by me
forever, and love me, I pray.

Bless all the dear children in thy tender care, and fit us for
heaven to live with Thee there.

Dona nobis,
dona nobis pacem.
Grant us peace.

Invitation and Communion Prayer

Pastor Felix Carrión

PASTOR: Welcome, friends, to this holy sharing.

ALL: Welcome to offer love.

PASTOR: Welcome to this time set apart.

ALL: A time to remember the holy promises of God.

PASTOR: Welcome to this table of remembrance and joy.

ALL: Where we are fed, the feast of life in the bread and cup.

**Communion Prayer
Breaking Bread and Pouring Cup
Sharing the Elements**

Communion Music

Plymouth Choir

Sing! #153 "Eat of This Bread"

Eat of this bread, drink of this wine;
come and be fed, come now and dine.

Eat of this bread, drink of this wine;
Here all are fed, here all may dine.

Jesus' Prayer

Congregation

The New Zealand Book of Prayer

**ALL: Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be, Father and
Mother of us all, Loving God, in whom is heaven:
The hallowing of your name echoes through the
universe! The way of your justice be followed by
the peoples of the world! Your heavenly will be
done by all created beings! Your commonwealth of
peace and freedom sustains our hope and comes
on earth. With the bread we need for today, feed
us. In the hurts we absorb from one another,
forgive us. In times of temptation and test,
strengthen us. From trials too great to endure,
spare us. From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and forever.**

Amen.

***Hymn**

Congregation

TNCH #139 "The First Nowell" vs. 1 - 3

The First Nowell, the angel did say,
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Nowell, nowell, nowell, nowell,
born in a manger, Emmanuel.

They looked above and saw a star
Shining in the east, beyond them far,
And to the earth it gave great light,
and so it continued both day and night.
Nowell, nowell, nowell, nowell,
born in a manger, Emmanuel.

And by the light of that same star
three sages came from country far;
To seek the child was their intent,
And to follow the star wherever it went.
Nowell, nowell, nowell, nowell,
born in a manger, Emmanuel.

Benediction

Pastor Felix Carrión

Song of Parting

Congregation

TNCH #136 “Jesus, Jesus, Oh, What a Wonderful Child”

Jesus, Jesus, Oh, what a wonderful child.

Jesus, Jesus, so holy, meek, and mild;

new life, new hope the Child will bring.

Listen to the angels sing,

“Glory, glory, glory,” let the heavens ring!

Jesus, Jesus, Oh, what a wonderful child.

Jesus, Jesus, so holy, meek, and mild;

new life, new hope the Child will bring.

Listen to the angels sing,

“Glory, glory, glory,” let the heavens ring!

Postlude

Marshall Davies

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