

***Prayer of Thanksgiving** (*Unison*)

Prince of Peace, you give us serenity in the midst of violence, fear and injustice. We pray you will use us and these humble gifts to end hostility, terror, and bigotry in this world. May we be instruments of your Peace so that we may help bring your kingdom into this world. Amen.

Celebration of Holy Communion

(please follow on page 12 of the United Methodist Hymnal)

Closing Hymn "Come Thou Almighty King" **UMH#61**

*(The last verse of this hymn is sung after the Pastoral Prayer)

Pastoral Prayer

(Those who feel a need to outwardly respond to the word or who have special prayers & thanksgiving may come forward to the altar railings)

***Benediction**

***Congregational Response** "Amen" **UMH #898**

Postlude

*at this sign, if you are able, please rise; UMH refers to the United Methodist Hymnal;
TFWS refers to the hymnbook "The Faith We Sing"

Thanks to all the Participants in today's service:

Advent Candle Lighting: Velasco Family

Scripture Reader: Terry Holm

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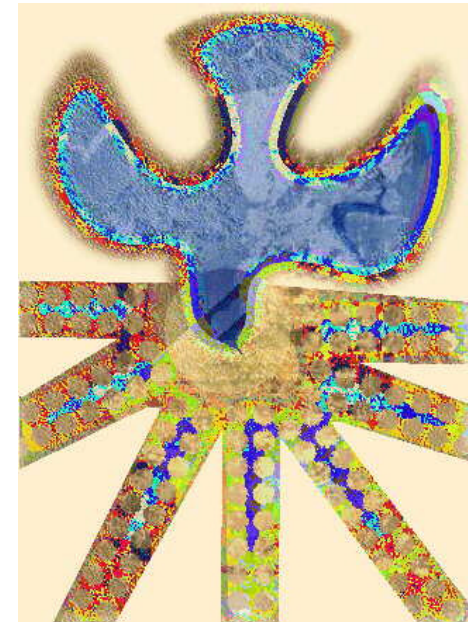
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**Highland Park
United Methodist Church**

Second Sunday of Advent

December 7, 2008



*"I have baptized you with water;
but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."
- Mark 1:8*

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Good Morning! Welcome to our worship this morning.

If you are a visitor, please sign the guest book in the narthex.

Coffee and juice will be served after the service in the social hall.

Join us for fellowship and refreshment.

Hymn Sing / Carols

Introit "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" **UMH#626**

Prelude/Lighting of the Candles

***Opening Hymn** "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" **UMH#213**

*Call to Worship

Leader: The true light, which enlightens everyone, is coming into the world,

People: **By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us.**

Leader: God will give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death.

People: **He will guide our feet in the way of peace.**

Welcome / Passing of the Peace

(At this time, please pass the Praise and Prayer Request and Announcement Request Card to the center aisle for the ushers to gather.)

Praise and Worship

Announcements / Praises & Prayer Requests

Prayer of the People

Lighting the First Advent Candle Velasco Family

Voice 1: The first candle in our Advent Wreath is the candle of hope. We light it as we remember that Christ will come again to fulfill all of God's promises to us. *(The candle of hope is lit.)*

Voice 2: The second candle of Advent is the Candle of Peace. We light this candle today to remind us that Jesus brings peace to all who trust in him. God gives us the gift of peace when we turn to him in faith. The prophet Isaiah calls Christ "the Prince of Peace." Through John the Baptist and all the

other prophets, God asks us to prepare our hearts so that He may come in. *(Second candle is lit)*

Advent Prayer (Unison)

Loving God, thank you for the peace you give us through Jesus. Help us prepare our hearts to receive Him. Bless our worship. Guide us in all that we say and do. We ask it in the name of the one born in Bethlehem. Amen.

First Lesson "Comfort Comes to Jerusalem" **Isaiah 40:1-11**

Second Lesson "Waiting on the Lord" **2 Peter 3:8-15a**

Hymn of Illumination "Thy Word" (1 verse) **UMH #601**

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way

Still You're there right beside me

And nothing will I fear as long as You are near

Please be near me to the end.

***Gospel** "Prepare the Way" **Mark 1:1-8**

***Response to the Gospel** "Gloria Patri" **UMH #70**

Glory be to the Father

And to the Son and to the Holy Ghost

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be

World without end. Amen

Message "Make the Rough Places Plain" Pastor Steve Granadosin

Hymn of Dedication "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" **UMH 400**

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

"Give and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back." - Luke 6:38

***Doxology** **UMH #95**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

praise him, all creatures here below;

praise him above, ye heavenly host;

praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.