

Stone Church of the Brethren

December 8, 2024, Second Sunday of Advent

Words for the Beginning: We Can't Go Alone

*"What would it look like to foster deep connections
in this season—not just gatherings marked by exchanging
pleasantries but by sharing your
messy, holy, complicated life?"
- Kayla Craig*

WELCOME Pastor Ben

PRELUDE *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* Stone Orchestra
Comfort, Comfort, O My People

CALL TO WORSHIP Pastor Ben

One: In a world that is lonely,
All: we will save a seat for you.

One: In a world that is anxious,
All: we will light candles against the gloom.

One: In a world that is weary,
All: we will sing songs of joy and truth.

One: I am not alone.

All: We are not alone.

One: For here in this place, God is weaving us together.

*SONG *Bless'd Be the God of Israel*[^] 174

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING Tinka Berger, Pam Grugan,
and Anne Rice

SONG *When God is a Child*[^] Wren/Carter
(See insert, v 1,2)

SCRIPTURE READING *Ruth 1, CEB* Darlene Chivers

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN Pastor Cindy

*SONG *Comfort, Comfort, O My People*^{^^} 176

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY Pastor Ben

SONG *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*[^] 178

POEM *When Will You Be Back?* Darlene Chivers
By Rev. Sarah Are Speed

MESSAGE *With* Pastor Cindy

*SONG *Love Came Down at Christmas*[^] 208

*SENDING Pastor Cindy

POSTLUDE *God Rest You Merry Gentlemen* Trad. Englishcarol/
Donna and Loren Rhodes Arr. Lani Smith

*Please Rise, as Able, in Body or Spirit

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A special thanks to Doris Comerford for creating this week's square for the worship center. You can find an explanation of each week's square in your pew. The hanging mosaic was created at a Stone Church Retreat by some of the artists sitting around you!

Let us know you were here!

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Attendance Form:



When God Is a Child

Refrain

When God is a child there's joy in our song. The last shall be first and the

a tempo

weak shall be strong, and none shall be a -

fraid.

1-3 | 4

1 Hope is a star that
2 Peace is a rib - bon that
3 Joy is a song that
4 Love is a flame that

fraid.

1-3 | 4

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MUSIC: John Carter (1930-)
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GATES
Irregular

rit. *to Refrain*

shines in the night, lead - ing us on till the morn - ing is bright. When
cir - cles the earth, giv - ing a prom - ise of safe - ty and worth. When
wel - comes the dawn, tell - ing the world that the Sav - ior is born. When
burns in our heart, Je - sus has come and will nev - er de - part. When

"Binding Braids" by Nicolette Peñaranda Inspired by Ruth 1

