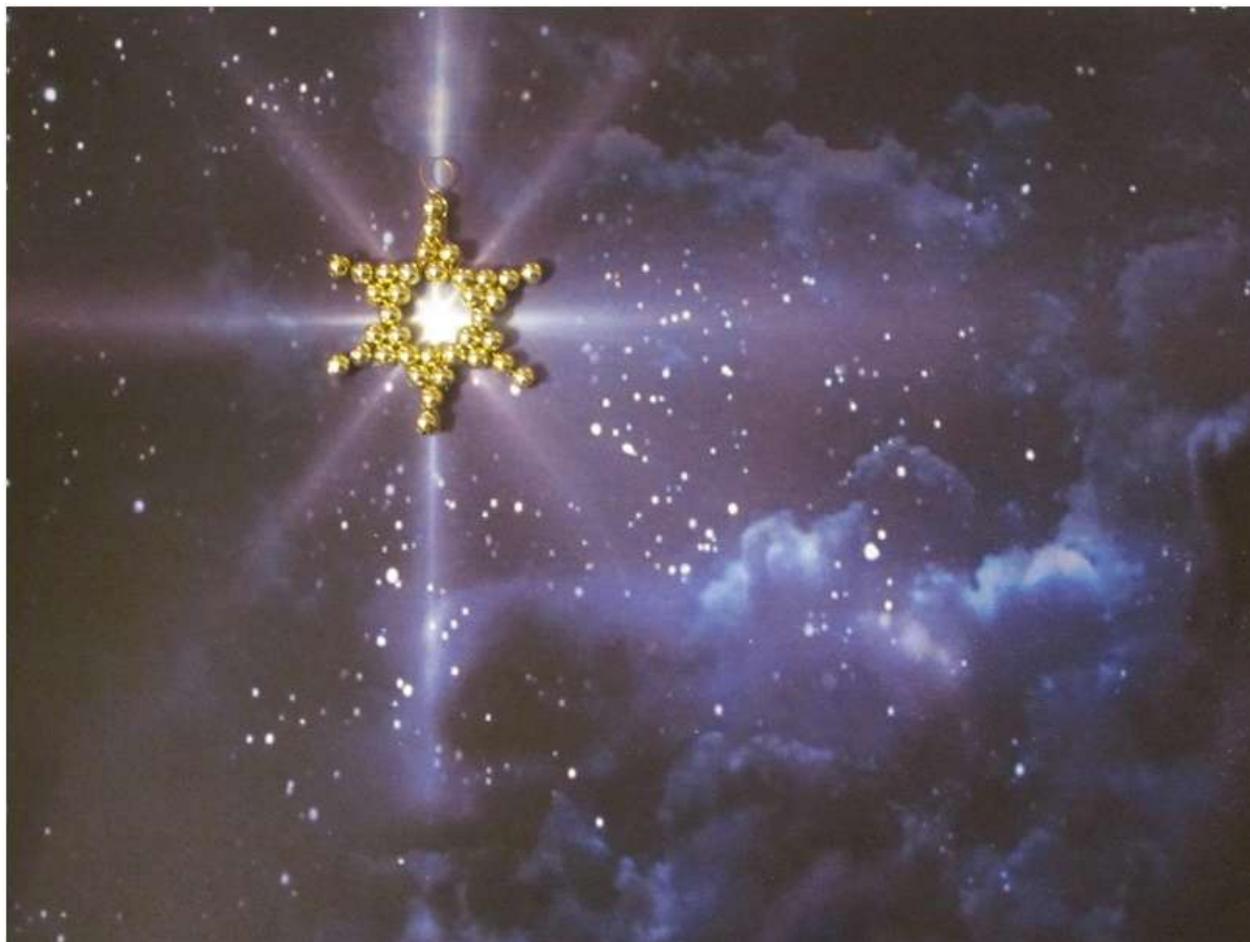


**Second Sunday in Advent
December 10, 2017
“Longing for Light”**



Delta Presbyterian Church

Strengthening Christ in us

Sharing Christ among us

Showing Christ around us

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Order of Worship
Sunday, December 10, 2017
2nd Sunday in Advent

Prelude

Frederick Isaac, Pianist

Tolling of the Bells

Gathering for Worship

****Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

Maureen Dykstra, Lay Leader

If only you would tear open the heavens and come down!

Mountains would quake before you

like fire igniting brushwood or making water boil.

If you would make your name known to your enemies,

the nations would tremble in your presence. Isaiah 64:1-9

Let there be light.

The advent wreath marks our time of waiting through this season, as we live in expectation of Christ's promised return and the celebration of his birth.

We lit the first candle as a reminder to look for God's light in the world.

Let there be light.

Today we light the second candle on the Advent wreath, as a sign of our longing for God's presence in a broken world.

Let there be light.

****Hymn**

Here I Am to Worship

Strengthening Christ in Us

Prayer of Confession

O Lord, there are times when we look at the world around us in despair. We find it difficult to see and claim the hope you offer

in the midst of the fear and anxiety that surrounds us.

The hatred of some seems more powerful than anything we can imagine. Forgive us, we pray.

We come to you in deep hunger, asking you

to open our eyes to your light amid the darkness that surrounds us.

(time for silent confession)

Give us the faith to commit ourselves to

Strengthening Christ in us

Sharing Christ among us and

Showing Christ around us. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

The good news of this Advent season

is forgiveness of sin and new life.

Let us commit our lives to Christ's way of hope and peace.

Thanks be to the Advent God,

who comes among us,

setting us free to love and serve.

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

****Passing of the Peace**

****Response**

Joy to the World (vs. 3)

Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 64:1-9 (NRSV)

Anthem

In Silence We Wait

Celebration Choir



Welcome to Delta Presbyterian Church!

We are pleased to have you worshipping with us this morning. We provide this information to help you fully participate in the worship of God. Please take a moment to sign the guest book on the stand in the back of the sanctuary (worship space) to the left of the drinking fountain. We invite you to stay for our fellowship time following the service. Feel free to help yourself to the coffee and hot water (for tea) that is available in the back of the sanctuary before and after

worship.

Everything you need to participate in worship is on the screen. If you are able, you are invited to stand when the congregation stands.

Restrooms are in the back of the sanctuary on the left.

There is information on the activities at Delta on the counter in the Commitment Center. The Commitment Center is on your left as you leave the sanctuary.

We welcome the sound of children in worship. If your young child is distracting to **you**, you are welcome to do any of the following:

- Get up and move to the back. The colorful bags have small items designed to keep children busy. They are welcome to play with them on the floor in front of the Commitment Center, or you may take the bags to your seats.
- There is a nursery available downstairs. Exit the sanctuary via the door on the right and go straight down the stairs. The nursery (101) is at the foot of the steps on the right. Pagers are available to notify you if your child needs you.
- There is a cry room (202) where you can take your child. Instead of going downstairs, go down the hall and the cry room is on the right. You can view the worship service through a window. The cry room is equipped with a changing table.

Preschool through early elementary children are dismissed following the Children's Sermon. They may either return to their seats, or go downstairs to the Nursery (101 infants & toddlers), or Sunday School (Room 107) Older elementary and youth are dismissed during the offering to go down to the gathering room, except when there is a Fellowship Meal following worship. There are clipboards with worksheets for them to fill out and take downstairs with them.

Church Office Hours

Tuesday - Friday, 9:00am – 3:00pm

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