

Advent, Week 2
LOOKING THE PART
December 5, 2021
11:15am



THE HEART THAT GREW THREE SIZES



WE GATHER AND PRAISE GOD!

Gathering & Greeting

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

**Hope and Peace and Joy and Love!
Light the candles, light the way!
Hope and Peace and Joy and Love
will come on Christmas, Christmas day! (2x)**

Leader(s):

As Advent continues, we gather to meet
and light two blue candles on this Advent wreath.

A great light is coming, a light full of PEACE.
We pray that in peace, our HOPE will increase.



So as we listen, and wait, and pray,
the light of these candles will help guide our way.

**ALL: Come Prince of Peace, and never depart.
Come to us, Jesus, come into our hearts!**

the first and second candles are lit

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Meditation:

Isaiah 60:1-3

*Arise! Shine! Your light has come; the Lord's glory has
shone upon you. Though darkness covers the earth
and gloom the nations, the Lord will shine upon you;
God's glory will appear over you. Nations will come to
your light and kings to your dawning radiance.*

Song of Hope (Heaven Come Down)¹

**I will sing a song of hope, sing along
God of heaven come down, heaven come down
Just to know that you are near is enough
God of heaven come down, heaven come down**

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

***The Gospel Lesson**

Matthew 3:1-12

3 In those days John the Baptist appeared in the desert of Judea announcing, 2 “Change your hearts and lives! Here comes the kingdom of heaven!” 3 He was the one of whom Isaiah the prophet spoke when he said:

The voice of one shouting in the wilderness,

“Prepare the way for the Lord;
make his paths straight.”

4 John wore clothes made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist. He ate locusts and wild honey.

5 People from Jerusalem, throughout Judea, and all around the Jordan River came to him. 6 As they confessed their sins, he baptized them in the Jordan River. 7 Many Pharisees and Sadducees came to be baptized by John. He said to them, “You children of snakes! Who warned you to escape from the angry judgment that is coming soon? 8 Produce fruit that shows you have changed your hearts and lives. 9 And don't even think about saying to yourselves, Abraham is our father. I tell you that God is able to raise up Abraham's children from these stones. 10 The ax is already at the root of the

trees. Therefore, every tree that doesn't produce good fruit will be chopped down and tossed into the fire. 11 I baptize with water those of you who have changed your hearts and lives. The one who is coming after me is stronger than I am. I'm not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. 12 The shovel he uses to sift the wheat from the husks is in his hands. He will clean out his threshing area and bring the wheat into his barn. But he will burn the husks with a fire that can't be put out."



This is the Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

Small Talk How the Grinch Stole Christmas
part 2



Week 2:
Looking the Part
Rev. Robert Clark

Even So Come²

**Like a bride waiting for her groom,
we'll be a church ready for you.
Every heart longing for our King, we sing:
Even so, come, Lord Jesus come.**

Leader: The prophet speaks of the coming light of God which calls all the people of the earth to come together in God's realm of shalom. We are reconciled to God and each other each time we break the communion bread together. So let us make ourselves ready for the feast by confessing the ways in which we have rejected God's vision of wholeness.

God of light and darkness, we have seen the glimmer of your star-light beckoning to us, but we have distracted ourselves with the glitter and tinsel of our own making.

Even so, come. Lord Jesus, come.

We confess that we have not loved you with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our mind, and with all our strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

Even so, come. Lord Jesus, come.

Forgive us, Holy One. Strengthen our faltering steps and guide us in your holy way of peace.

Even so come. Lord Jesus, come.

Arise, shine! For your light has come. The glory of the Lord has risen upon you. Lift up your eyes and see the grace and forgiveness of God poured out into your lives.

Offering

***“For unto us a child is born,
unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon
his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful,
Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The
Prince of Peace.” ~Isaiah 9:6***

Giving Options

Mobile App: Schertz UMC available on all platforms

Online: www.schertzumc.com/give

Text: 210-361-9146

Mail: 3460 Roy Richard Drive, Schertz, TX 78154

Altar Rail Offerings

Offerings made at or designated “Altar Rail” during the month of December will support Heifer International.

Help Schertz UMC fill an ark!

Offertory

Prepare Him Room



WE BREAK BREAD TOGETHER

The Great Thanksgiving

A prayer in which presider and congregation give thanks to God, recall God's mighty works of salvation, remember and reenact the last supper, and call upon the Holy Spirit to bless and transform the communion elements.

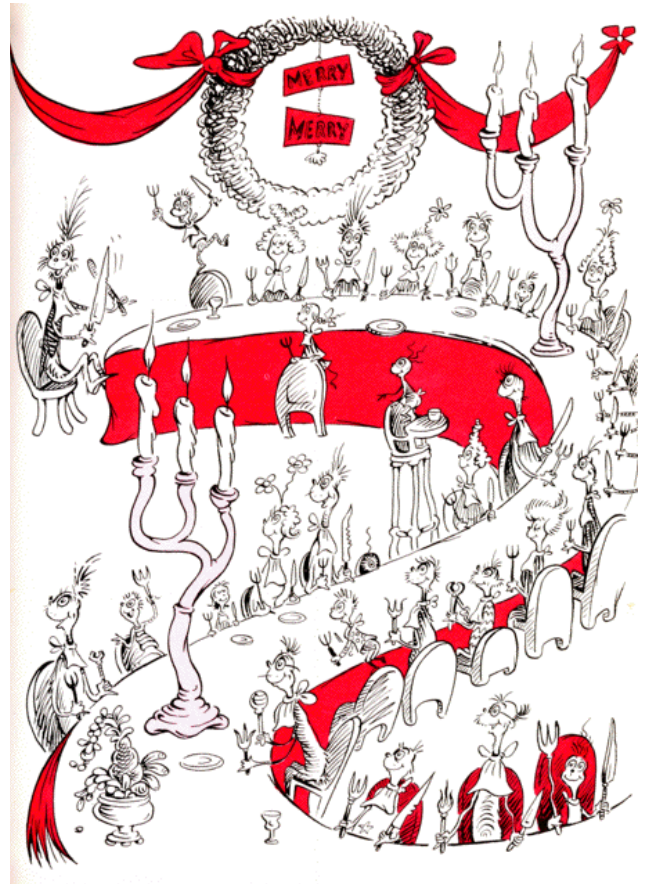
Receiving the Bread and Cup

Those worshiping in the sanctuary may come forward via the center aisle to receive bread and individual cups of juice. Hold hands open and extended to receive the bread.

Those worshiping elsewhere may take and consume the gathered communion elements, whatever is available and on hand.

Communion Server: This is the body of Christ, given for you/
This is the blood of Christ shed for you.

Response: **Amen.**



Make Room³

**Is there room in your heart? Is there room in your heart?
Is there room in your heart for God to write his story?**

**You can come as you are. It will set you apart
when you make room in your heart and trade your
dreams for his glory.**

Make room in your heart.

WE GO FORTH

Invitation to Discipleship

Prepare Ye the Way³

**Prepare ye the way, prepare ye the way
of the Lord**

**Prepare ye the way, prepare ye the way
of the Lord**

**Yeshua, you reign on high! You reign on
high!**

Almighty God, your love is like no other!

Dismissal with Blessing



WHAT IF IT'S OUR
HEART
THAT NEEDED TO
GROW



1. Song of Hope (Heaven Come Down)

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3. Make Room

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4. Prepare Ye the Way

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