



# RAMSEY UMC

**Contact us:**

804-276-4628  
PO BOX 75655  
N Chesterfield,  
VA 23236

**Visit us:**

5900 Hull Street Road  
Richmond VA, 23224

## PRELUDE

## OPENING PRAYER

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CANDLE LIGHTING SONG

#### **Let There Be Peace on Earth #431**

Let there be peace on earth  
And let it begin with me  
Let there be peace on earth  
The peace that was meant to be  
With God our creator  
Children all are we  
Let us walk with each other  
in perfect harmony  
Let peace begin with me  
Let this be the moment now

With every step I take  
Let this be my solemn vow  
To take each moment  
And live each moment  
In peace eternally  
Let there be peace on earth  
And let it begin with me.

## LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

*Dwain & Kathy Holmes*

## HYMN

#### **Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming #216**

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming  
from tender stem hath sprung!  
Of Jesse's lineage coming,  
as those of old have sung.  
It came, a floweret bright,  
amid the cold of winter,  
when half spent was the night.

O Flower, whose fragrance  
Tender with sweetness fills the air,  
Dispel in glorious splendor  
The darkness everywhere.  
True man yet very God,  
From sin and death now save us,  
And share our every load.

Isaiah 'twas foretold it,  
the Rose I have in mind;  
with Mary we behold it,  
the Virgin Mother kind.  
To show God's love aright,  
she bore to us a Savior,  
when half spent was the night.

## SPECIAL MUSIC

### SCRIPTURE (NRSV)

#### Isaiah 40:1-11

**40** Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. **2** Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. **3** A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. **4** Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. **5** Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken." **6** A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. **7** The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. **8** The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever. **9** Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" **10** See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. **11** He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

(NLT)

---

#### Isaiah 40:1-11

**40** "Comfort, comfort my people," says your God. **2** "Speak tenderly to Jerusalem. Tell her that her sad days are gone and her sins are pardoned. Yes, the Lord has punished her twice over for all her sins." **3** Listen! It's the voice of someone shouting, "Clear the way through the wilderness for the Lord! Make a straight highway through the wasteland for our God! **4** Fill in the valleys, and level the mountains and hills.

Straighten the curves, and smooth out the rough places. **5** Then the glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all people will see it together. The Lord has spoken!" **6** A voice said, "Shout!" I asked, "What should I shout?" "Shout that people are like the grass. Their beauty fades as quickly as the flowers in a field. **7** The grass withers and the flowers fade beneath the breath of the Lord. And so it is with people. **8** The grass withers and the flowers fade, but the word of our God stands forever." **9** O Zion, messenger of good news, shout from the mountaintops! Shout it louder, O Jerusalem. Shout, and do not be afraid. Tell the towns of Judah, "Your God is coming!" **10** Yes, the Sovereign Lord is coming in power. He will rule with a powerful arm. See, he brings his reward with him as he comes. **11** He will feed his flock like a shepherd. He will carry the lambs in his arms, holding them close to his heart. He will gently lead the mother sheep with their young.

## SERMON

### The World's Christmas List - Peace

*Rev. Claudia Stallings*

## PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, which art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name.  
Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on  
earth, as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory, for ever.  
Amen.

## CONSECRATING OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

**DOXOLOGY** Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise Him all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts.  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## CONSECRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

### **HYMN He Came Down #2085**

He came down that we may have love;  
He came down that we may have love;  
He came down that we may have love,  
Hallelujah forevermore.

He came down that we may have peace;  
He came down that we may have peace;  
He came down that we may have peace,  
Hallelujah forevermore.

He came down that we may have joy;  
He came down that we may have joy;  
He came down that we may have joy,  
Hallelujah forevermore.

## BENEDICTION

### Prayer Requests

	Gayle Miller	Rev. Tom Brown	Maureen	
	Thomas Miller	Kevin McGowan	Erica	
	Matt Amason	Debbie Mullins	Carol Hotchkiss	
	Pete Beville	Peggy Burch	Tom Doyle	
		Elnora Holmes		