## **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Advent Readings: Lighting the Shepherd's Candle** *Larry & Carla Wooten*

**Worship leader:** The third candle, which is pink, reminds us that the Shepherds were the first to receive the glorious news of the birth of Christ.

2nd Reader: God uses messengers to tell His wonderful news. "How lovely on the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who announces peace and brings good news of happiness, who announces salvation, and says to Zion, 'Your God reigns!' Listen! Your watchmen lift up their voices, they shout joyfully together; For they will see with their own eyes when the LORD restores Zion. Break forth, shout joyfully together, you waste places of Jerusalem; For the LORD has comforted His people, He has redeemed Jerusalem. The LORD has bared His holy arm in the sight of all the nations, that all the ends of the earth may see the salvation of our God." Isaiah 52: 7-10



**Worship leader:** The shepherds received wonderful news from the angels – the birth of the Savior.

2nd Reader: "And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." Luke 2:8-14

**Worship leader:** The shepherds acted on the news given and they too became messengers!

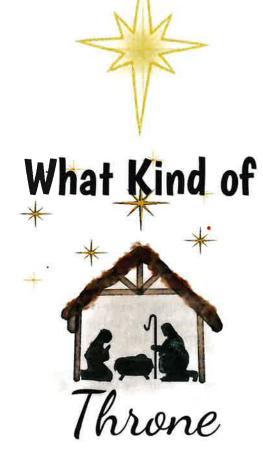
Congregation: "And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, 'Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.' And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds." Luke 2:15-18

Worship leader: Let's pray.

You are cordially invited to attend WPC Choir's Christmas Cantata

## Sunday Evening December 15 6 pm

Bring your friends and family and plan to attend a time of fellowship and refreshments afterward



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