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PASTOR JEANINE

Advent has ushered Christ into the manger and the Star in the East is guiding the Kings to Bethlehem. I hope you found peace and quiet rest in the shadow of winter. I also hope that as we turn to follow Jesus this new year that you hear the carols and bells ushering us to new life.

Being Church is a calling. A still voice calling us to shelter the teenage Mary and the infant Jesus. A quiet reminder that our neighbor needs us to love them as we would love our own children. A mighty wind that rushes in and blows out the cobwebs and sleep from our eyes.

Jesus the child named Prince of Peace, came not to bring Peace but a sword. The calling to be the church brings peace and stirs rebellion. I invite you to wonder how we can settle confidently into God's love for us and feel drawn and commanded to reach out to bring that love to the world.

There is much to do. There is much to rejoice in.

My prayer for you is that we are all changed by the Spirit alive in us.

Pastor Jeanine