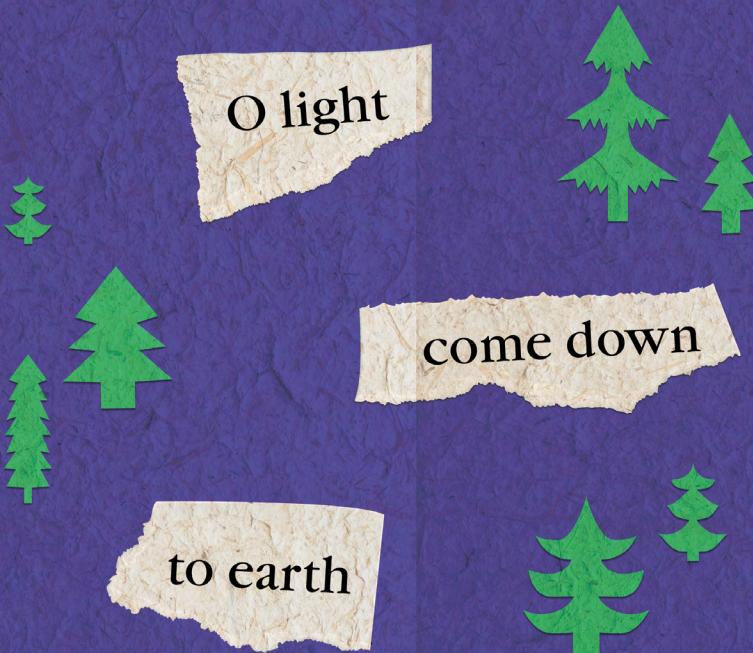


O light

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December 7, 2025 | Second Sunday of Advent

Wilshire Baptist Church

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9:00 a.m.
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Chiming of the Hour

We gather in community this morning to worship God.
To help center our focus in worship, please silence all electronic devices.

Welcome to Worshipers

Maggie Morey

Centering Silence

One: We breathe in the breath of God.
All: **Thanks be to God.**

Lighting of Advent Candle

Call to Worship

Maggie Morey

One: Because of violence, inequity, racism, and all forms of evil, our world suffers from distress.

All: **Because of God's love, tenderness, and mercy, God came to dwell among us to comfort us and bring peace.**

One: This second Sunday of Advent, we light the candle of peace, as we reflect on and light the candle of hope.

All: **Peace which passes understanding. Peace which soothes all distress and calms our anxieties.**

One: Listen, prepare your hearts, for the Christ child is coming near.

All: **We will listen to what the Lord is saying, for he is speaking peace to those who turn their hearts to him.**

One: May the light from this candle overwhelm the world.

All: **May the light from this candle say to all that God's peace is coming, on earth as it already is in heaven.**

One: Indeed, God's peace is at hand! Let us call out:

All: **O Light come down to earth, be praised!**

+Congregational Song

O Come, Let Us Adore Him

O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him,
Christ, the Lord.

We'll praise God's name forever ...
We'll give God all the glory ...
For Christ alone is worthy ...

+All congregants are invited to stand in body or spirit.

Scripture Reading — Psalm 139:7-12

Georgia McKee

Where can I go from your spirit?
Or where can I flee from your presence?
If I ascend to heaven, you are there;
if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.
If I take the wings of the morning
and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,
even there your hand shall lead me,
and your right hand shall hold me fast.
If I say, “Surely the darkness shall cover me,
and night wraps itself around me,”
even the darkness is not dark to you;
the night is as bright as the day,
for darkness is as light to you.

For the Word of God in Scripture,
For the Word of God among us,
And for the Word of God within us,
Thanks be to God!

Message

Georgia McKee

Communion

Jordann McMahan

Music for Meditation

Peace
Laci Jones, guitar

Ed Cash/Bethel Music

When my mind is like a battlefield
And my heart is overcome by fear
And hope seems like a ship that's lost at sea

I am resting underneath
The shelter of your mighty wings
Your promises are where my hope is found

My enemies on every side
And I'm tempted to run and hide
Your gentle whisper reaches out to me

I remember who you are
You're the God who's never far
So I will not be afraid
God, you always keep me safe in your arms

Peace holds me when I'm broken
Sweet peace that passes understanding
When the whole wide world is crashing down
I fall to my knees and breathe in your peace

I breathe you, I breathe you in
Take a deep breath and be still
And know that you are God alone

Fiery arrows whistling
The terror of the night sets in
But I can feel your angels all around

Sending

Georgia McKee

Benediction

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One: God our maker,
We honor the sacred multitude that resides in you.

All: **May the guardian in you protect us.**
May the child in you delight in us.

One: May the friend in you challenge us.
May your ashes resurrect us.

All: **May your sky shelter us.**
May the mystery of you liberate us.

One: Provide abundance and healing in all forms to those who need it today.
And deliver us from shame, hatred, and the chains that bind us.

All: **For you have made us, and we are still being made.**
Amen.



We're glad you're here.

If you're a guest today and would like to let us know, scan the QR code with your smartphone camera to access our online response card. You can also scan the code to make a financial contribution or submit a prayer request. Response cards and offering envelopes are available in the pews and can be given to any minister after the service.

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