

2023

*“Gloria In Excelsis Deo”*



WELCOME TO WORSHIP  
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Outdoor worshipers, tune your car radio to 106.1 FM to hear and join in today's Worship service

*Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,  
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.  
Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name;  
worship the LORD in the splendor of His holiness.  
Psalm 29:1, 2*

Call Statement:

*“My call is to share my Faith in Christ”*

Mission Statement:

*“To live my Faith in Christ I will build loving relationships  
so others will become disciples with Jesus as Lord and Savior.”*

**WELCOME AND PRAYER**

**BRIEF ORDER: CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**

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**ADVENT LITANY AND CANDLE LIGHTING** (based on Gen. 1:1 -5)

Leader: In the beginning God

**All: created the heavens and the earth,**

Leader: the earth was a formless void

**All: and darkness covered the face of the deep.**

Leader: the Spirit of God was moving

**All: over the face of the waters.**

Leader: Then God said, "Let there be light."

**All: And there was light.**

Leader: And God saw that the light was good.

**All: God separated the light from the darkness.**

Leader: God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night.

**All: And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.**

Leader: Like the dawn of a new day,

**All: the coming light of Christ brings Peace.**

(Light candle of Peace)

Leader: As light from the candle of Peace dispels the darkness

**All: Peace fills our souls!**

**THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**All: And also with you** (*Greet each other sharing Christ's peace.*)

**SONG**

**I heard the Bells on Christmas Day**

**Verse 1**

I heard the bells on Christmas day.  
Their old familiar carols play.  
And mild and sweet their songs repeat  
Of peace on earth, good will to men.

**Chorus 1**

And the bells are ringing, (peace on earth)  
Like a choir they're singing. (peace on earth)  
In my heart I hear them.  
"Peace on earth Good will to men"

**Verse 2**

And in despair I bowed my head.  
"There is no peace on earth" I said.  
"For hate is strong and mocks the song  
Of peace on earth good will to men."

**Chorus 2**

But the bells are ringing. (peace on earth)  
Like a choir singing, (peace on earth)  
Does anybody hear them?  
"Peace on earth Good will to men"

**Bridge**

Then rang the bells more loud and deep,  
"God is not dead nor does He sleep."  
(Peace on earth, peace on earth)  
The wrong shall fail, the right prevail  
With peace on earth, good will to men!

**Verse 3**

Then ringing, singing on its way,  
The world revolved from night to day.  
A voice,, a chime, a chant sublime  
"Of peace on earth, good will to men,"

**Chorus 3**

And the bells, they're ringing, (peace on earth)  
Like a choir they're singing, (peace on earth)  
And with our hearts we'll hear them.  
"Peace on earth Good will to men"

**Chorus 4**

Do you hear the bells, they're ringing?  
The life the angels singing.  
Open up your heart and hear them.  
"Peace on earth good will to men"

**Ending**

"Peace on earth. Peace on earth.  
Peace on earth, good will to men."

**APOSTOLIC GREETING**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**All: And also with you.**

**THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: Let us pray: Lord God, Heavenly Father

**All: We give thanks that in Your great mercy and compassion You sent Your dear Son to become incarnate and through Him redeemed us from sin and eternal death. Enlighten our hearts by Your Holy Spirit that we may always be thankful for such grace and be comforted in all trouble and temptation, and at last, obtain eternal salvation; through Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One true God, now and forever. Amen.** Veit Dietrich - reformation theologian

**LESSONS**

Isaiah 40:1-11, Psalm 85

2 Peter 3:8-15

**GOSPEL**

Mark 1:1-8

**THE MESSAGE**

Pastor Jeffrey J. Lee

**Words from the Wilderness**

## On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry

### Verse 1

On Jordan's banks the Baptist's cry  
Announces that the LORD is nigh;  
Awake and hearken, for he brings  
Glad tiding of the King of kings!

### Verse 2

Then cleansed be ev-'ry life from sin;  
Make straight the way for God within,  
And let us all our hearts prepare  
For Christ to come and enter there.

### Verse 3

We hail You as our Savior, LORD,  
Our refuge and our great reward;  
With-out Your grace we waste away  
Like flow'rs that wither and decay.

### Verse 4

Stretch forth Your hand, our health restore,  
And make us rise to fall no more;  
Oh, let Your face upon us shine  
and fill the world with love divine.

### Verse 5

All praise to You, Eternal Son,  
Whose Advent has our freedom won,  
Whom with the Father we adore,  
And Holy Spirit evermore.

### NICENE CREED (in unison)

We believe in one God, The Father, the Almighty, Maker of  
heaven and earth, Of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, The only Son of God,  
Eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from  
Light, True God from true God, Begotten, not made, Of one  
Being with the Father, Through Him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven; By  
the power of the Holy Spirit He became incarnate from the  
virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake He was  
crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was  
buried. On the third day He rose again In accordance with  
the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven And is seated at the  
right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge  
the living and the dead, And His kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of life, Who  
proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and  
the Son He is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken  
through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and  
apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the  
forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
And the life of the world to come. Amen.

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Pastor: Brothers and sisters in Christ, let us be united as the  
Church in heart and mind as we go to our heavenly Father  
in prayer...

Pastor: *(After each petition. . .)* Lord, in your mercy,

**All: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: . . . Accept, O Lord, the prayers of Your faithful people for  
the well being of Your holy Church throughout the world.  
Govern and sanctify it, with all its pastors and ministers, by  
Your Holy Spirit, that we may be kept by Your Word in true  
Faith and fervent love toward You and one another.

**All: Amen.**

### THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**All: and also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

**THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

Pastor: In the night in which He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

**The LORD'S PRAYER** (in unison)

**All: Our Father, who 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,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

**The DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION**

**The POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you by His grace unto life everlasting.

**All: Amen.**

**THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Pastor: Let us pray. Eternal God,

**All: We give You thanks, that You have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in Your mercy You would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**THE SENDING PRAYER**

Leader: Let us pray. Heavenly Father,

**All: Open my eyes, open my heart, so I see and have compassion on broken and lost people around me. Move me to bring Hope into their lives with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Give me courage. Give me patience. Guide my words. Through me I pray they experience Jesus' redeeming Love. I ask in Jesus' Name. Amen**

**THE BENEDICTION**

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**All: Amen.**

**SONG He Has Come for Us insert and screen**

**THE DISMISSAL**

Pastor: Go and be a witness for the Lord!

**All: Thanks be to God!**

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**NEXT SUNDAY December 17, 2023**

**Third Sunday of Advent**

**Readings for Next Sunday**

**Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11 Psalm 126 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24  
John 1:6-8, 19-28**

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**December 3, 2023**

**Attend: 35**

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**Join us for Fellowship Hour**



**SONG**

**He Has Come for Us**

**Verse 1**

**God rest ye merry gentlemen,  
Let nothing you dismay.  
Remember Christ our Savior  
Was born on Christmas day  
To save us all from Satan's pow'r  
When we were gone astray.**

**Pre-chorus**

**O, tidings of comfort and joy.  
Comfort and joy.  
O, tidings of comfort and joy.**

**Chorus**

**He has come for us, This Jesus.  
He's the hope for all mankind.  
He has come for us, The Messiah.  
Born to give us life.**

**Verse 2**

**From God, our heav'nly Father,  
A blessed angel came.  
And unto certain shepherds  
Brought tidings of the same.  
How that in Bethlehem was born,  
The Son of God by name.**

**BRIDGE**

**All the angels sing, "Hallelujah!  
Jesus Christ is born!"  
All the children sing, "Hallelujah!  
He is Christ the Lord!"**

**ENDING**

**He is born to give us life.  
Angels sing, "Hallelujah!  
Jesus Christ is Lord!"  
All the children sing, "Hallelujah!  
He is Christ the Lord!"**



***This Thursday Live Nativity in the  
Fellowship Hall  
Come and share in the events of  
Jesus' birth***

*Poinsettia sponsor forms are available. Each  
poinsettia is \$10.00 and include your  
payment with the order form. Orders are due  
by NEXT Sunday December 17<sup>th</sup>*



**Christmas Eve Worship - SUNDAY Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>  
at 7 P.M.**

***Emmanuel, GOD with US!***

***We'll worship The Greatest Gift ever***

***Given with***

***Carols, Candlelight and Holy  
Communion.***

***Bring your whole family! Bring your Friends!***



**CHRISTMAS CARDS**



The Christmas Card exchange Basket returns and will be in the Narthex. Drop off your Christmas Cards in the basket and they will be sorted alphabetically and be available for pick up the following Sundays. No stamps needed!

Worshiping in the parking lot? No problem. Our Santa's Elf will bring your cards inside to drop off for you.

Remember....no cards will actually be mailed so do not include any mail for out of town members or shut-ins. Those cards should be mailed in the usual way.