

2022

## *“With a Firm Reliance on Divine Providence”*



3RD SUNDAY OF *Advent*

WELCOME TO WORSHIP  
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**Please tune your car radio to 106.1 FM to Worship  
with us today!**

*And we know that in all things God works for the good of those  
who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose.*

*Romans 8:28*

**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.”*

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### WELCOME AND PRAYER

#### 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 Joy.**

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

**All: Joy fills our souls!**

(Light candle of Joy)

#### 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.)*

**HYMN** Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel **LBW #34**

**Verse 1**

Oh, come, Oh, come, Emmanuel,  
And ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear

**Refrain**

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to you, O Israel.

**Verse 2**

Oh, come, Oh, come, great Lord of might,  
Who to Your tribes on Sinai's height  
In ancient times once gave the law  
In cloud, and majesty, and awe. Refrain

**Verse 3**

Oh, come, strong Branch of Jesse, free  
Your own from Satan's tyranny;  
From depths of hell Your people save  
and give them vic-t'ry o'er the grave. Refrain

**Verse 4**

Oh, come, blest Dayspring, come and cheer  
Our spirits by Your advent here;  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
And death's dark shadows put to flight. Refrain

**Verse 5**

Oh, come, O Key of David, come.  
And open wide our heav'nly home;  
Make safe the way that leads on high  
And close the path to misery. Refrain

**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 35:1 - 10**

**GOSPEL**

**Matthew 11:2 - 15**

**THE MESSAGE**

Pastor Jeffrey J. Lee

**Signs, Wonders, & Good News!**

**HYMN**

**LBW #36**

**Mary Did You Know**

**Verse 1**

Mary, did you know That your baby boy  
Would one day walk on water?  
Mary, did you know That your baby boy  
Would save our sons and daughters?  
Did you know That your baby boy  
Has come to make you new?  
This Child that you delivered  
Will soon deliver you.

**Verse 2**

Mary, did you know That your baby boy  
Would give sight to the blind man?  
Mary, did you know That your baby boy  
Would calm a storm with His hand?

Did you know That your baby boy  
Has walked where angels trod,  
And when you kiss your little baby  
You've kissed the face of God?  
Oh, Mary did you know?

**Bridge**

The blind will see, The deaf will hear,  
The dead will live again.  
The lame will leap, The dumb will speak  
The praises of the Lamb.

**Verse 3**

Mary, did you know That your baby boy  
Is Lord of all creation?  
Mary, did you know That your baby boy  
Will one day rule the nations?  
Did you know That your baby boy  
Is heaven's perfect Lamb,  
and the sleeping Child you're holding  
Is the great I AM?

**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 WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

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.**

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 INSIDE

#### 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.

**HYMN** Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus LBW #30  
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### THE DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go and be a witness for the Lord!

**All:** Thanks be to God!

### THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION OUTSIDE

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**Next Sunday December 18, 2022**

***Fourth Sunday of Advent***

**Scripture Readings for Next Sunday**

**Isaiah 7:10-17 Psalm 24 Romans 1:1-7**

**Matthew 1:18-25**

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**Sunday Dec 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Attendance 34**

**Offering \$4,824.00**

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**Join us for Fellowship Hour  
following worship today**



**HYMN LBW #30**

**Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus**

**Verse 1**

**Come, Thou long expected Jesus,  
Born to set Thy people free.  
From our fears and sins release us;  
Let us find our rest in Thee.  
Israel's strength and consolation,  
Hope of all the earth Thou art,  
Dear desire of ev'ry nation,  
Joy of ev'ry longing heart.**

**Verse 2**

**Born Thy people to deliver,  
Born a Child, and yet a King.  
Born to reign in us forever,  
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.  
By Thine own eternal Spirit  
Rule in all our hearts alone;  
By Thine all sufficient merit,  
Raise us to Thy glorious throne.**

**HOLIDAY GIFT SHOPPE at  
Clark Memorial Home**

Thank you to all who donated. You brought many smiles and joy to the hearts of the Ladies. You have given much Christmas JOY!

  
**Thanks!**



Poinsettia sponsor forms are available. Each poinsettia is \$10.00 and include your payment with the order form. Orders are due Next Sunday December 18<sup>th</sup>

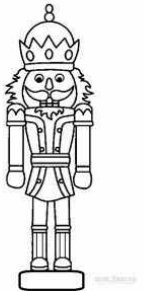
**10 am Friday morning performance of Nutcracker**

Our place for the Faith in Christ group attending the special morning performance **THIS Friday morning** has been reserved. Joyce and Duane are our group coordinators for the morning performance. Please meet Joyce and Duane in the Lobby of the Kuss at 9:15 am to check in as the Faith in Christ group. Performance begins at 10:00 am.

**Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker Friday**

**Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> at 8pm**

Come, enjoy an annual Christmas tradition watching OPAI's 33<sup>rd</sup> annual production of Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker. Tickets are on sale for the evening performances at the KUSS. We celebrate our dancers as they shine their light and use their talents to praise God.



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

*Sing with Great JOY!  
A Savior has been BORN!  
He is Christ our LORD.  
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 Day worship 10:15 am  
Carols and Communion**