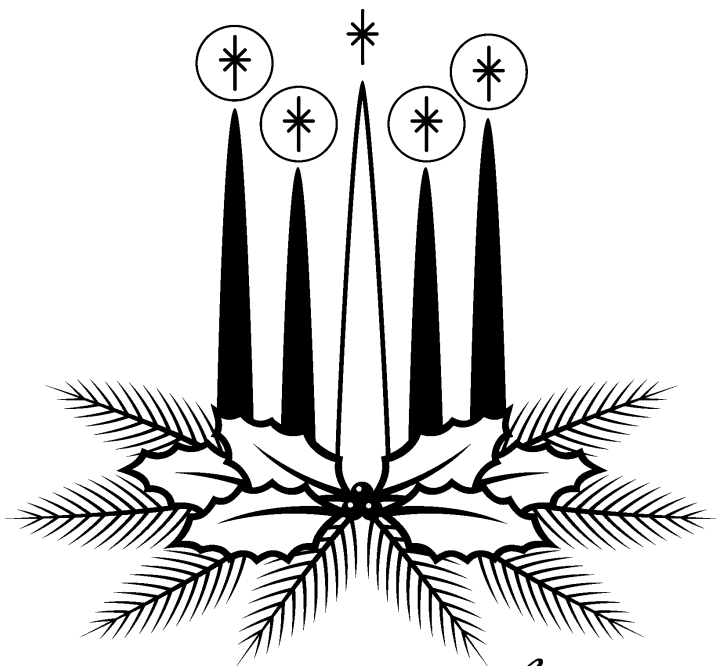


2022

*“With a Firm Reliance on Divine
Providence”*



4TH SUNDAY *OF Advent*

WELCOME TO WORSHIP
FOURTH 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.”*

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 Love.

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

All: Love fills our souls!

(Light candle of Love)

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.
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."
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,"
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"

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"
"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 7:10 - 17

GOSPEL

Matthew 1:18 - 25

THE MESSAGE

Pastor Jeffrey J. Lee

The Sign the LORD has Given

HYMN

What Child is This

LBW #40

Verse 1

What child is this who, Laid to rest,
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
While shepherds watch are keeping?

This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing.
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,
The Babe, the Son of Mary!

Verse 2

Why lies He in such mean estate
Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; For sinners here
The silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear shall pierce Him through,
The cross be borne for me, for you;
Hail, hail the Word made flesh,
The Babe, the Son of Mary!

Verse 3

So bring Him incense, gold and myrrh;
Come peasant, king to own Him.
The King of kings salvation brings;
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.
Raise, raise the song on high,
The virgin sings her lullaby;
Joy, joy for Christ is born,
The Babe, The Son of Mary!

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
See Insert**

THE DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go and be a witness for the Lord!

All: Thanks be to God!

THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION OUTSIDE

Next Sunday December 25, 2022

Christmas Day

Scripture Readings for Next Sunday

Isaiah 52:7-10 Psalm 2 Hebrews 1:1-6 (7-12)

Luke 2:1 - 20

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Sunday Dec 11th

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HYMN Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

LBW #30

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.**



Poinsettia sponsor forms are due TODAY! Each poinsettia is \$10.00 and include your payment with the order form.

CHRISTMAS CARDS



The Christmas Card exchange Basket has returned and is 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 Sunday. No stamps needed! Worshipping 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.

Christmas Eve Worship - SATURDAY Dec. 24th 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!*



*Join us for on Christmas Day for worship
Sunday December 25th at 10:15 am
We'll sing Carols and Celebrate Holy
Communion*