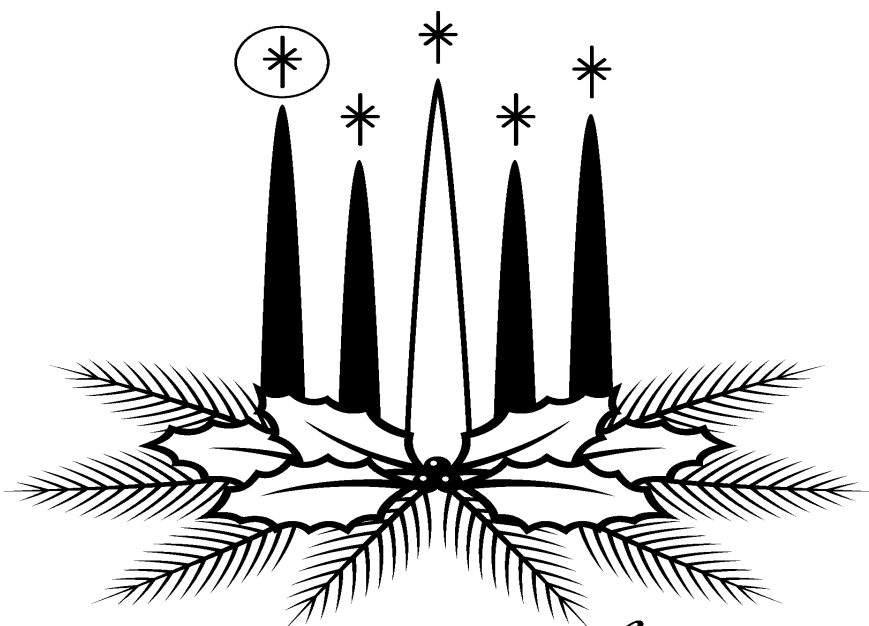


2022

“With a Firm Reliance on Divine Providence”



1ST SUNDAY OF Advent

WELCOME TO WORSHIP
FIRST 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 Hope.

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

All: Hope fills our souls!

(Light candle of Hope)

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

Come On Ring those Bells

Verse 1

Ev'rybody likes to take a holiday;
Ev'rybody likes to take a rest.
Spending time together with the family,
Sharing lots of love and happiness.

Chorus

Come on, ring those bells; Light the Christmas tree.
Jesus is the King Born for you and me.
Come on, ring those bells;
Ev'rybody say, "Jesus, we remember
This Your birthday."

Verse 2

Celebrations come because of something good,
Celebrations we love to recall.
Mary had a baby boy in Bethlehem,
The greatest celebration of them all.

Chorus

Chorus

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

Romans 13:8 - 14

GOSPEL

Matthew 24:36 - 44

THE MESSAGE

Pastor Jeffrey J. Lee

Do You Recognize the Hour?

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.

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.**

SONG

Days of Elijah

Verse 1

These are the days of Elijah,
Declaring the Word of the Lord;
And these are the days of Your servant, Moses,
righteousness being restored;
And though these are days of great trials,
of famine and darkness and sword;
Still we are the voice in the desert crying,
"Prepare ye the way of the Lord."

Chorus

Behold He comes, Riding on the clouds,
Shining like the sun at the trumpet call;
Lift your voice, It's the year of Jubilee,
and out of Zion's hill Salvation comes.

Verse 2

And these are the days of Ezekiel,
the dry bones becoming as flesh;
And these are the days of Your servant, David,
rebuilding a temple of praise;

And these are the days of the harvest,
the fields are as white in the world;
And we are the laborers in Your vineyard,
Declaring the Word of the Lord.

Chorus

BRIDGE

There is no god like Jehovah, There is no god like Jehovah.
(repeat)

Chorus

Chorus

THE DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go and be a witness for the Lord!

All: **Thanks be to God!**

THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION OUTSIDE

Next Sunday December 4, 2022

Second Sunday of Advent

Scripture Readings for Next Sunday

Isaiah 11:1-10 Psalm 72:1-7 Romans 15:4-13

Matthew 3:1-12

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Join us for Fellowship Hour
following worship today



HOLIDAY GIFT SHOPPE at Clark Memorial Home

We are accepting donations for a Holiday Gift Shoppe at Clark Memorial Home. These items will be offered free of charge to the ladies as an opportunity to Christmas shop for their friends and relatives—or themselves.

Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker Friday Dec. 16th @ 10 A.M.



Come, enjoy an annual Christmas tradition! OPAI's 33rd annual Production of Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker has a Friday morning performance for special groups. Tickets for this special performance at the Kuss are only \$5.00. Sign up TODAY with Pastor Jeff.

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



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!*

Christmas Day worship 10:15 am
Carols and Communion