

For Prayer & Contemplation

For me it is the virgin birth, the Incarnation, the resurrection which are the true laws of the flesh and the physical. Death, decay, destruction are the suspension of these laws. —Flannery O'Connor

Welcome & Sharing Information

Prelude: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" – arr. Reichel

Lighting the Advent Wreath (*Jurkiewicz Family*)

All: Come to us, Lord, be with us as nights grow dim, as stress crowds out joy, and we yearn for something better. Show us the power of hope. Prepare us to be transformed by your love. And help us to welcome your Son, as you come to be with us. Amen.

One: As Isaiah promised: 'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel', which means, 'God is with us.'

*Hymn No. 88 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that it is too easy to lose track of what matters, to choose nostalgia over substance, activities over connection, things over people,

In this time of holy waiting, direct our hearts so that we may stay tuned to your Spirit at work, ready to witness the miracle of holy birth, rejoice with the angels, and know your incarnate love.

Moment of Silence

Words of Assurance

One: You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light;

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*Hymn No. 581 "Glory Be to the Father"

"Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen."

*Passing of Peace

One: May the Peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also, with you.

Anthem: "Prayer" – Humperdinck
Tyler Bell Choir

Time with Children (Dismissal to Sunday School)

Pastor: It is time for you to depart.

Adults: God be with you there.

Children: God be with you here.

Scripture

1st Reading: *Psalm 27: 1-14*
Old Testament PG 503-504
Large Print PG 619-620

2nd Reading: *Isaiah 7: 10-14*
New Testament PG 636
Large Print PG 779

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon "With – The Most Important Word in the Bible"
-Rev. Drew Harrison

*Affirmation of Faith (*The Apostle's Creed*)

I believe in God, the Father, almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

"Minute For Mission - 100th Anniversary" - Elaine Scheetz

Invitation to Offering

Offertory

*Doxology No. 606 "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

"Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen."

*Unison Prayer of Dedication

It is humbling, Lord, that you trust us depend on our gifts to build your Kingdom. May we live up to the responsibility you have given us, giving glory to you with all our gifts. Amen

The Prayers of the People

Gertrude Monaghan, Joy Pino-Mottlin, the family of Margaret Fortney, Mavis Finch, the family of Paul Minkoff, Dan, Cindy, the family of Phyllis Bullock-Beaufait, April Staman, Jason, Tina, Sarah Chowning, Joan Wagner, Nic Albadine, Erin Fitzpatrick, Meg Yanefski, The family of Dorothy Weir, Sara Crispin, Jim Taylor, David, William Loeb, Rachael Lodholz, Aaron Hill, Douglas Hoffman, Jason Bell, the family of Luke Griffith, Jack Van Ens, Greer and Graham, Marta, The family of Dot Clay, Rev. Bruce Gillette, Bonnie MacGibeny, Harrison Gianfortune, Jane Sheridan

The Lord's Prayer

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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

*Hymn No. 93 "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"

*Benediction

*Benediction Hymn 106 vs. 1 "Prepare the Way, O Zion"

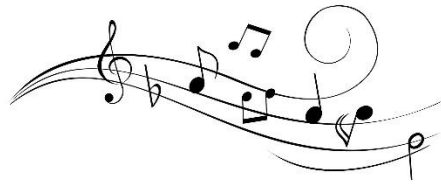
Prepare the way, O Zion, your Christ is drawing near!
Let every hill and valley a level way appear.
Greet One who comes in glory, foretold in sacred story.
O blest is Christ who came in God's most holy name.

Postlude "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" – arr. Ashdown

***** ***** *Please stand as you are able.* ***** *****

Worship Servers

<i>Thank you to our Worship Servers</i>	
Ushers	Mike Ballard Margaret Ginter
Liturgist	Patty Junuszewski



Music Notes

Music Notes: Today's prelude is Swiss organist and teacher Bernard Reichel's setting of "Veni Emmanuel," a plainsong that goes back to the 9th century. The postlude is Franklin Ashdown's 2009 arrangement of the tune "Truro," a tune which first appeared in a 1789 collection of hymns, without a composer's name. We thank the Tyler Bell Choir for sharing special music with us this morning.



<i>This Week's Calendar</i> November 27 – December 4	
<i>Sunday</i> November 27	10 AM Worship Service – Sanctuary/Livestreaming, Sunshine Singers, Stephen Ministry 11:30, Jazz Vespers 5pm
<i>Monday</i> November 28	Liturgy Meeting 6pm, Worship Committee 7:15pm
<i>Tuesday</i> November 29	Girl Scouts 6:30
<i>Wednesday</i> November 30	Sparrow Chorale 6:30pm
<i>Thursday</i> December 1	Sanctuary Choir 8pm
<i>Friday</i> December 2	
<i>Saturday</i> December 3	
<i>Sunday</i> December 4	Deacons Meeting 8:30am, 10 AM Worship Service – Sanctuary/Livestreaming, Sunshine Singers

Birthday Blessings

<i>This Week's Birthdays</i>	
November 23	Keith Conley
November 27	Bruce Lovelace
December 1	Sandy Lovelace



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10 AM Worship Service
November 27, 2022
First Sunday of Advent
Rev. Drew Harrison