

For Prayer & Contemplation

A prison cell, in which one waits, hopes and is completely dependent on the fact that the door of freedom has to be opened from the outside, is not a bad picture of Advent. - Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Welcome & Sharing Information

Prelude: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" – arr. Wyton
organ duet with Maggie Carson

Lighting the Advent Wreath (*Gilmore Family*)

All: Come to us, Lord, Be with us as the nation's rage,
as conflict and division drown out love for one another,
and we yearn for something better. Show us the power of
peace. 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: The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

*Hymn No. 105 "People, Look East"

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,
we confess that we give up too easily,
on our labors,
on our neighbors,
and on ourselves.

Forgive us, Lord. Strengthen our hearts so that we can run the race you have set before us. Bless us with your steadfast faithfulness so that we may be steadfast. And yoke us to you, so that we may see the fruits of love that makes and keeps commitments.

Moment of Silence

Words of Assurance

One: The Good News of this Advent season is forgiveness of sin and new life. Let us commit our lives to Christ's way of hope and peace.

All: Thanks be to God who comes among us, setting us free to love and serve.

*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: "Come to Us, Little King" – Schram
Sunshine Singers

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: *Job 2: 11-13*
Old Testament PG 454
Large Print PG 559

2nd Reading: *Luke 3: 1-14*
New Testament PG 60
Large Print PG 72-73

Sermon "Stay with Us" - Rev. Drew Harrison

*Affirmation of Faith

One: In Christ God gave us a glimpse of the new creation he has already begun and will surely finish.

All: We do not know when the final day will come. In our time we see only broken and scattered signs that the renewal of all things is under way.

One: We do not yet see the end of cruelty and suffering in the world, the church, or our own lives.

All: But we see Jesus as Lord. As he stands at the center of our history, we are confident he will stand at its end.

One: He will judge all people and nations. Evil will be condemned and rooted out of God's good creation.

All: There will be no more tears or pain. All things will be made new.

"Moment for Mission" – Lionel Stewart

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

Invitation to Communion

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

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 our thanks and praise to God.

Pastor: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise... therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

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.

Words of Institution

Prayer after Communion

God of hopeless hoppers, thank you for this sign of your love and steadfast faithfulness. May this small morsel of bread and wine be multiplied in our lives and in our actions to strengthen, nourish, and give hope to many. Amen

*Hymn No. 102 "Savior of the Nations, Come"

*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.

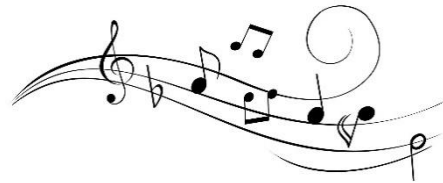
Postlude "People, Look East" – arr. Wold

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

Worship Servers



<i>Thank you to our Worship Servers</i>	
Ushers	John Fitzpatrick Renee Sheridan
Liturgist	Susan Burkart



Music Notes

Music Notes: Today's prelude is London-born organist and composer Alec Wyton's setting of "Veni Emmanuel." Dr. Wyton came to the United States in 1950 and served as choirmaster/organist at St. John the Divine in New York City from 1954 - 1974. The postlude is Wayne Wold's 1996 arrangement of the tune "Besancon," named for the city in eastern France where this melody originated. We thank the Sunshine Singers for sharing special music with us this morning.

<i>This Week's Calendar</i> December 4 – December 11	
<i>Sunday</i> December 4	Deacons Meeting 8:30am, 10 AM Worship Service – Sanctuary/Livestreaming, Sunshine Singers
<i>Monday</i> December 5	Session Meeting 7pm
<i>Tuesday</i> December 6	Girl Scouts 6:30
<i>Wednesday</i> December 7	Youth Group Memorial Hall 5:30pm, Sparrow Chorale 6:30pm, PW Christmas Program 7-9 Sanctuary & Agape Room
<i>Thursday</i> December 8	Bell Choir 7pm, Sanctuary Choir 8pm
<i>Friday</i> December 9	Christmas Karaoke 7pm
<i>Saturday</i> December 10	It's Okay to Play! 5:30pm
<i>Sunday</i> December 11	10 AM Worship Service – Sanctuary/Livestreaming, Sunshine Singers, Youth Group Cookie Exchange 11am,



<i>This Week's Birthdays</i>
December 4 Ed Mitchell
December 6 Nancy Capanna

"God's Open House"



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10 AM Worship Service
December 4, 2022
Second Sunday of Advent
Rev. Drew Harrison