

November 28, 2021

(**Indicates, please stand as able)

Prelude "O Come, O come, Emmanuel" Carol Stewart
and "What Child Is This?" arr. by Melody Bober

Greeting/Life of the Church Liturgist

Introit Chancel Choir

**Call to Worship

L: The days are surely coming, says our God, when justice and righteousness will appear.

P: God's promises will be made known to us, and we will declare God's goodness and salvation.

L: Lift up your souls in trust and praise; open your hearts and minds to God's teaching.

P: God's ways will be demonstrated to us, and we will seek to walk in them all our days.

L: Render thanksgiving to God for all life's benefits. Watch and pray, in holiness and abiding faith.

P: God's mercy and steadfast love will surround us, and we will abound in love for one another.

**Opening Hymn "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" UMH#196

Opening Prayer (unison)

In obedience and trust, we approach you, God of the covenant. Day by day, your promises are fulfilled among us. Our redemption is drawing near. Help us to prepare ourselves and our communities for Christ's coming. Equip us now to worship you with all the saints, past and present, nearby and far away. Amen.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath Dick Montgomery and Sandy Pramer

Prayer Hymn "It Came upon the Midnight Clear" UMH#218

Prayers of the Faithful & 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 sins as we forgive those who sin 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. Amen.

Worship with Tithes and Offerings Carol Stewart

Offertory

"Of the Father's Love Begotten" James Southbridge/Dorothy Wells

**Doxology UMH #95

**Prayer of Dedication Liturgist

Thank you, God, for this family of faith, which enriches our lives and enables us to share. Thank you for making us aware that some faint with fear and others dwell in hopelessness. We are grateful that you show us ways to lift the burdens of our sisters and brothers. May our offerings further this ministry among us and beyond our community. Amen.

Ministry of Music Chancel Choir (see insert)

"Lo How a Rose E'er Blooming" By Michael Praetorius

Scripture Lesson Jeremiah 33: 14-16

L: The Word of God for the People of God.

P: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Sermon "Advent Connection and Tradition" Rev. Vic Toney

**Closing Hymn "Hail to the Lord's Anointed" UMH#203

Sending Forth

Choral Benediction Chancel Choir

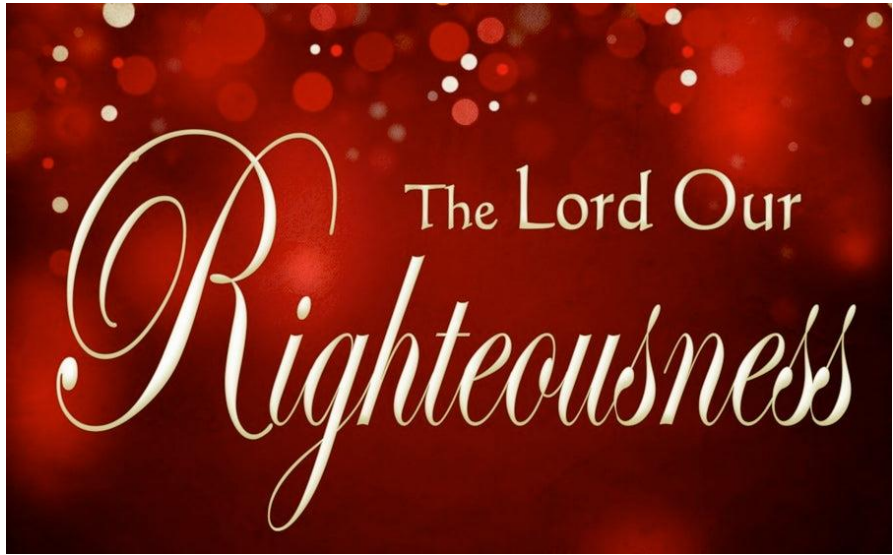
**Postlude "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" arr. by Cindy Berry



*Altar Flowers are given by Rick and Joyce Smith
in honor of their 53rd Wedding Anniversary.*



Monday 29	Cub Scouts	6:00 pm	Rm 15 A-B
	Boy Scouts	7:00 pm	Rm 15C
Tuesday 30	Girl Scouts Sign Up	6:00 pm	Rm 15 C
Wednesday 1	Cancer Support	12:00 pm	Parlor
	Handbell Practice	6:15 pm	Music Room
	Praise Band Practice	7:00 pm	FCC
	Choir Practice	7:30 pm	Sanctuary
Thursday 2	Prayer Shawl	11:00 am	Parlor
	Dr. Dillaplain's Retirement Party	4:00 pm	Rm 15 A-B
	Concert Set up	10:00 am	FH A-C
Friday 3	Xenia Winter Guard	3:30 pm	FCC
	Concert Rehearsal	9:00 am	Rm 15 A-C
Saturday 4	Blue Christmas Set up	9:00 am	Sanctuary, Parlor
	Traditional Worship	9:00 am	Sanctuary
Sunday 5	Sunday School	10:00 am	Rm 11, 15 C, 16A, Parlor, Library
	Contemporary Worship	11:00 am	FCC
	Blue Christmas	2:00 pm	Sanctuary, Parlor



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Sunday School Studies

Double I meet in 15C, Leader Wayne Cook, study of "The Heart That Grew Three Sizes."

Open Doors meet in Parlor, Leader Sandy Pramer study of "The Heart That Grew Three Sizes."

Friends & Followers meet in the Library, Leader Chad Mossing.

Grades 6-12 will meet in Rm 16 A-B, Leader Joyce Smith.

Preschool – Grade 5 Join the children in Rm 11 under the leadership of Kiley Fleming and Karen Mossing for Bible Stories and activities to reinforce the Bible Story of the day.

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Worship Team

- Guest Pastor Rev. Vic Toney
- Ushers Doug Wickline, Paul Pinkerton,
 Brant Wickline, Bill Turner
- Liturgist Julie Wickline
- Acolytes Catherine Mossing, Will Mossing
- Organist Carol Stewart
- Bell Director Jim McPeek
- Choir Director Bob Colaner

Scripture Lesson – Jeremiah 33: 14-16

The Righteous Branch and the Covenant with David

¹⁴The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."



Week 1 – The Candle of Peace

The Lord proclaimed through the prophet Jeremiah: "They have treated the wound of my people carelessly saying, 'Peace, peace,' when there is no peace."

Through the prophet Isaiah, God promised a child to be born for us, a son given to us, a savior to be named "Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

Our peace does not come from the things of this world but from God's Son, Jesus Christ. In his honor we light the candle of peace.

Let us pray.

Gracious Lord, who is our peace, we thank you for the peace in our hearts even amidst the tumult of our days. Allow us to be your peacemakers in this world that we may be called Blessed in your kingdom. Amen.

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By Michael Praetorius

Lo how a rose e're blooming from tender stem hath sprung.

Of Jesse's lineage coming as men of old have sung.

It came a flower bright, amid the cold of winter, when half-spent was the night.

Isaiah was fore told it the rose I have in mind.

With Mary we behold it, the virgin mother kind.

To show God's love aright, she gave to us a Savior, when half-spent was the night.

This flower whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air.

Dispels with glorious splendor the darkness everywhere.

True man yet very God, from sin and death He saves us and lightens very load.

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Next Sermon – Sunday, December 5

"A Glimmer of Hope"
Scripture Lesson

Pastor Andy Wagner
Malachi 3: 1-4

Announcements

ST. PAUL'S CHRISTMAS TREE: Just a reminder that the **LAST DAY** to return the unwrapped gifts to the church is: **TODAY, Sunday, November 28**. They can be placed under either tree in the Narthex or Community Center.

PLEDGE ENVELOPES NOW AVAILABLE: 2022 pledge envelopes can be picked up in the narthex after church services or during office hours during the week.

CHRISTMAS IS RED AND GREEN – SO WHY AM I BLUE? "Joy to the world, the Lord is come!" For those who know that "this Christmas will be a hard one" there will be a Blue Christmas service sponsored by Stephen Ministry on **Sunday afternoon, December 5th, at 2:30pm** in the sanctuary. At that time we will acknowledge the pain and sadness many people experience as the holidays approach as well as encourage people to move toward hope.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT: The Community Christmas Concert Band will present its annual Christmas concert on **Sunday, December 12, 3:00 – 4:00pm** in the Sanctuary and perform both sacred and secular music. There will be no admission charge but donations for new music will be accepted. Please come and help us celebrate the birth of our Savior.

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