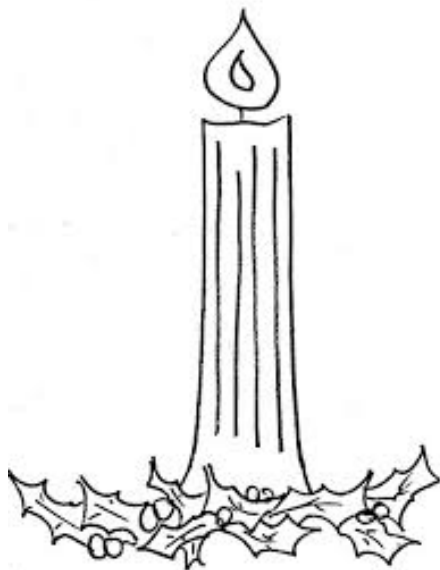


# First Sunday of Advent

December 2, 2018

10:00 AM Service

Holy Communion



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## WELCOME TO GOOD SHEPHERD

**If you are new** to our congregation, please let us know by getting a name tag at the Welcome Center outside and completing a newcomer card, found either at the Welcome Center or in the pew rack in front of you.

**Childcare is available:** During the service, infants to age 5 are welcome in the Nursery, located on the first floor of the education wing, accessed through the double doors near the elevator.

We have **gluten-free wafers** available: Please make your request known at the altar rail.

**Restrooms are located** to the right as you go through the arch off the breezeway.

**Hymn numbers** listed in the bulletin are referencing *The Hymnal 1982*, found in the pew rack.

**Following the service** we welcome everyone for coffee and refreshments in Kirk Hall, located on the first floor. Turn right after passing through the arch off the passageway between the buildings.

A gentle reminder: As a courtesy during the church service, please be sure to turn your **cell phone off** or put it on the vibrate setting.

# GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

## PRELUDE

*Sleepers, Wake!*

J.S. Bach

*[Please stand when the chimes sound.]*

## GATHERING HYMN

*Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*

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***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 every nation, joy of every longing heart.***

***Born thy people to deliver, born a child, and yet a king,  
born to reign in us for ever, 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.***

## WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MISSION MOMENT

*[Please be seated.]*

## ACCLAMATION

*[Please stand.]*

- P** Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- C** **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

## COLLECT FOR PURITY

- AI** **Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH AND PRAYER [**P** Priest/**C** Congregation]

*[Please stand.]*

## ADVENT HYMN

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

56, vs. 1,5

- AI** **O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!**

## PRAYER FOR THE FIRST CANDLE OF ADVENT: Hope

- P** We light the first candle as a symbol of Christ who brings Hope.
- L** Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.  
*[One blue candle is lit.]*
- C** **Our God, we come to you today filled with hope. We ask your blessing upon us and our mission. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

***O come, thou Key of David, come, and open wide our heavenly home;  
make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!***

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray... Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## WORD OF GOD

**THE READINGS:** Jeremiah 33:14–16 • Psalm 25:1–9 • 1 Thessalonians 3:9–13 • Luke 21:25–36  
*[Please be seated.]*

### The First Reading

**L** *The First Reading is taken from Jeremiah, chapter 33...*

The time is coming, declares the Lord, when I will fulfill my gracious promise with the people of Israel and Judah. In those days and at that time, I will raise up a righteous branch from David's line, who will do what is just and right in the land. In those days, Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is what he will be called: The Lord Is Our Righteousness.

**L** The Word of the Lord

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm: *[sing to the tune: All People That on Earth]*  
*[Please remain seated.]*

**To you, O Lord, I lift my soul, Let not my foes have victory;  
Let not your servant be ashamed; Confound those set on treachery.**

**Show me your ways, O Lord, my God, And teach my feet your path, I pray;  
For my salvation comes from you, I trust in you throughout the day.**

**Remember your compassion, Lord, Your steadfast love of ancient days,  
And in that love remember me, Remember not my youthful ways.**

### The Second Reading:

**L** *The Second Reading is taken from 1 Thessalonians, chapter 3...*

How can we thank God enough for you, given all the joy we have because of you before our God? Night and day, we pray more than ever to see all of you in person and to complete whatever you still need for your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus guide us on our way back to you. May the Lord cause you to increase and enrich your love for each other and for everyone in the same way as we also love you. May the love cause your hearts to be strengthened, to be blameless in holiness before our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his people. Amen.

**L** The Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**ACCLAMATION**

*Word of God, Come Down on Earth*

*[Please stand.]*

***Word of God, come down on earth, living rain from heav'n descending;  
touch our hearts and bring to birth faith and hope and love unending.  
Word almighty, we revere you; Word made flesh, we long to hear you.***

***Word that speaks God's tender love, one with God beyond all telling,  
Word that sends us from above God the Spirit, with us dwelling,  
Word of truth, to all truth lead us; Word of life, with one bread feed us.***

The Gospel:

Ⓓ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

☞ **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Ⓓ [Jesus said] "There will be signs in the sun, moon, and stars. On the earth, there will be dismay among nations in their confusion over the roaring of the sea and surging waves. The planets and other heavenly bodies will be shaken, causing people to faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world. Then they will see the Human One coming on a cloud with power and great splendor. Now when these things begin to happen, stand up straight and raise your heads, because your redemption is near."

Jesus told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees. When they sprout leaves, you can see for yourselves and know that summer is near. In the same way, when you see these things happening, you know that God's kingdom is near. I assure you that this generation won't pass away until everything has happened. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will certainly not pass away.

"Take care that your hearts aren't dulled by drinking parties, drunkenness, and the anxieties of day-to-day life. Don't let that day fall upon you unexpectedly, like a trap. It will come upon everyone who lives on the face of the whole earth. Stay alert at all times, praying that you are strong enough to escape everything that is about to happen and to stand before the Human One."

Ⓓ The Gospel of the Lord.

☞ **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**SERMON**

Becky Robbins-Penniman

*[Please be seated.]*

*[Please stand.]*

***Awake! Awake, and greet the new morn, for angels herald its dawning.  
Sing out your joy, for soon he is born, behold! the Child of our longing.  
Come as a baby weak and poor, to bring all hearts together,  
he opens wide the heav'nly door and lives now inside us forever.***

***To us, to all in sorrow and fear, Emmanuel comes a singing,  
his humble song is quiet and near, yet fills the earth with its ringing;  
music to heal the broken soul and hymns of loving kindness,  
the thunder of his anthems roll to shatter all hatred and blindness.***

***In darkest night his coming shall be, when all the world is despairing,  
as morning light so quiet and free, so warm and gentle and caring.  
Then shall the mute break forth in song, the lame shall leap in wonder,  
the weak be raised above the strong, and weapons be broken asunder.***

***Rejoice, rejoice, take heart in the night, though dark the winter and cheerless,  
the rising sun shall crown you with light, be strong and loving and fearless.  
Love be our song and love our prayer and love our endless story;  
may God fill ev'ry day we share and bring us at last into glory.***

**THE NICENE CREED**

**AI** 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 THE PEOPLE

*[Please sit, stand, or kneel, as you prefer.]*

**D** Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

**L** Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. *Silence...*  
We pray in hope.

**C** **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

**L** Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. *Silence...*  
We pray in hope.

**C** **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

**L** Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. We give you thanks for the flowers given for your glory. *Silence...* We pray in hope.

**C** **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

**L** Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, especially *[read names from notebook...]* and those we now name aloud or in our hearts *[leave time...]*. Bring them the joy of your salvation. *Silence...* We pray in hope.

**C** **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

**L** Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. We thank you for all the blessings of this life *[especially... read items from notebook.]* *Silence...* We pray in hope.

**C** **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

**L** We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially *[read names from notebook...]*. We pray also for those we now name aloud or in our hearts *[leave time...]*; that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. *Silence...* We pray in hope.

**C** **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

**L** These things and all for which we pray, we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

**C** **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*[Please stand or kneel.]*

- Ⓓ Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.  
*[Silence is kept.]* Most merciful God,
- ☩ **we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**
- Ⓓ Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
- ☩ **Amen.**

## PRAYERS AND BLESSINGS

### THE GREETING OF PEACE

*[Please stand.]*

- Ⓓ The peace of the Lord be always with you.
- ☩ **And also with you.** *[All may greet one another in the name of the Lord.]*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### OFFERTORY SENTENCE

- Ⓓ Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

### OFFERTORY

*[Please be seated.]*

*Creator of the Stars of Night*  
Isabelle Schueler, cello

Plainsong/M. Burkhardt

### PRESENTATION

*[Please stand when the offering plates are given to the Deacon.]*

- Ⓓ We gladly present the fruits of our lives to the God who creates us, redeems us and sustains us. May we have the grace to use them to heal God's world.

### PRESENTATION HYMN

*We Praise You, O God*

- Ⓐ **We praise you, O God, our redeemer, creator;  
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.  
We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;  
we bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.**

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer A

- Ⓓ The Lord be with you.
- ☩ **And also with you.**
- Ⓓ Lift up your hearts.
- ☩ **We lift them to the Lord.**
- Ⓓ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- ☩ **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

- P It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS

*Emmanuel*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and God of might.

Hea-ven and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho- san-na in the high - est, ho- san-na in the high - est.

Bles-sed is he who comes in the name o - f the Lord.

Ho- san-na in the high - est, ho- san-na in the high - est.



*[Please stand or kneel, as you choose.]*

- Ⓟ Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

- Ⓞ **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

**We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.**

**Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.**

- Ⓟ All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

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A - men, a - men, a - men, a - men.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**P** And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

**A** **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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

**P** The bread we break makes us one in Christ.

**G** **Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.**

**P** The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*[You may be seated. All are welcome at the Lord's Table. Please follow the directions of the usher, who will let you know when it's your turn to go to the altar rail. You may stand or kneel. To receive, hold your hands in front of you, one palm over the other. The priest will place a wafer there. You may either consume it immediately, and then sip from the cup of wine when it comes to you, or, you may wait and dip the wafer into the wine. When you are finished, please return to your seat by the side aisle.]*

**Our Prayer Team will be in the south narthex (at the back of the church) during Holy Communion to pray with you for healing, guidance, a loved one, or anything else on your heart.**

## COMMUNION MUSIC

*[Please remain seated.]*

## COMMUNION CHANT

*Wait for the Lord*

*[Please repeat this chant until the musician stops playing the tune.]*

**G** **Wait for the Lord, whose day is near. Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*[Please stand or kneel, as you choose.]*

**P** Let us pray...

**G** **Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

## THE BLESSING

*[Please stand.]*

**P** God bless you with the promises of hope, the strengths of peace, the depths of joy, and the labors of love, in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**G** **Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN**

*Hail to the Lord's Anointed*

616, vs. 1–3

***Hail to the Lord's Anointed, great David's greater Son!  
Hail, in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun!  
He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free;  
to take away transgression, and rule in equity.***

***He comes with succor speedy to those who suffer wrong,  
to help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong;  
to give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light,  
whose souls, condemned and dying, were precious in his sight.***

***He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth,  
and love, joy, hope, like flowers, spring in his path to birth:  
before him on the mountains shall peace, the herald, go;  
and righteousness in fountains from hill to valley flow.***

**THE DISMISSAL**

**Ⓓ** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Ⓒ** **Thanks be to God!**

**POSTLUDE**

*Sleepers, Wake!*

Emma Lou Diemer

## **SERVING US TODAY**

**Celebrant** ..... Becky Robbins-Penniman

**Deacon** ..... Cindy Roehl

**Priest Associate** ..... Ann Chaplin

**Organist** ..... Robert Moncrief

**Acolyte** ..... Joe Nixon

**Chalicians** ..... Dan Depies

..... Andrea Zahn

**Lectors** ..... Carolyn Hughes

..... Frank Kneen

**Prayers of the People** ..... Ryan Stollenmaier

**Prayer Team** ..... Wendy Anderson and Laurel Banta

**Greeters** ..... Steve Maisel

..... Caroline Maisel

**Ushers** ..... Bob Roehl

..... Sally Wakefield

**Sunday School** ..... Carey Cherivtch

**Nursery** ..... Dayana Mosquera

**Welcome Center** ..... Joe and Miriam Nixon

**Coffee Hosts** ..... Jim and Nancy Downs

**Building & Grounds** ..... Dan Smith