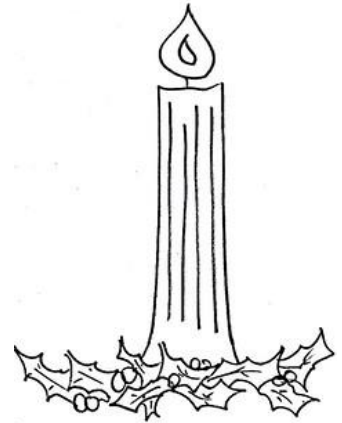


The First Sunday of Advent

December 1, 2019

10:00 AM Service

Holy Communion



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Sunday Services at 8 and 10 AM • Wed. Service at 10 AM • Sat. Service at 5 PM

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 by the elevator.

Restrooms: Handicap-accessible restrooms are located to the right as you go up the ramp through the archway across from the doors of the sanctuary.

If you read music: if there is a number next to the title of the hymn, the music will be in our blue Hymnal, which is in the pew rack. Hymn numbers with an "S" in front are in the front section of the Hymnal, all others are sequential in the main section.

We have gluten-free wafers available: Please tell us when you come to the altar rail.

Getting to know each other: Following the service we welcome **everyone** for coffee and refreshments in Kirk Hall, which is up the ramp archway across from the doors of the sanctuary, and to the right.

A gentle reminder: please silence your mobile phone before the service.

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Savior of the Nations, Come

J.S. Bach

[During the Prelude, please prepare for worship by observing attentive silence.]

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH AND PRAYER

[Please stand when the chimes sound, and face the Baptistry in the rear of the sanctuary.]

Advent Hymn

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

H 56, v. 1, 2

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.**

AI *O come, thou Wisdom from on high, who orderest all things mightily;
to us the path of knowledge show, and teach us in her ways to go.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!*

GATHERING HYMN

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

H 66

*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 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.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

[Please be seated.]

MISSION MOMENT

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.**

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: Isaiah 2:1–5 • Psalm 122 • Romans 13:11–14 • Matthew 24:36–44

[Please be seated.]

The First Reading

- L** *The First Reading is taken from Isaiah, chapter 2...*
This is what Isaiah, Amoz's son, saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In the days to come the mountain of the Lord's house will be the highest of the mountains. It will be lifted above the hills; peoples will stream to it.

Many nations will go and say, "Come, let's go up to the Lord's mountain, to the house of Jacob's God so that he may teach us his ways and we may walk in God's paths." Instruction will come from Zion; the Lord's word from Jerusalem.

God will judge between the nations, and settle disputes of mighty nations. Then they will beat their swords into iron plows and their spears into pruning tools. Nation will not take up sword against nation; they will no longer learn how to make war.

Come, house of Jacob, let's walk by the Lord's light.

- L** The Word of the Lord
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

***Jerusalem: a city built To be a place of unity;
The tribes go up, the tribes of God, To praise God's Name eternally.***

***Jerusalem: pray for its peace: "May all who love you find success;
Peace be to all within your walls, And in your towers be righteousness.***

***Jerusalem: for comrades' sake My prayers for you will never cease;
Because God's house is standing there, I pray forever for your peace."***

The Second Reading

℣ *The Second Reading is taken from Romans...*

As you do all this, you know what time it is. The hour has already come for you to wake up from your sleep. Now our salvation is nearer than when we first had faith. The night is almost over, and the day is near. So let's get rid of the actions that belong to the darkness and put on the weapons of light. Let's behave appropriately as people who live in the day, not in partying and getting drunk, not in sleeping around and obscene behavior, not in fighting and obsession. Instead, dress yourself with the Lord Jesus Christ, and don't plan to indulge your selfish desires.

℣ The Word of the Lord.

☩ **Thanks be to God.**

ACCLAMATION

[Please stand.]

WORD OF GOD

℣ ***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.***

The Gospel

☐ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

☑ **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

☐ [Jesus said,] “But nobody knows when that day or hour will come, not the heavenly angels and not the Son. Only the Father knows. As it was in the time of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Human One. In those days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark. They didn’t know what was happening until the flood came and swept them all away. The coming of the Human One will be like that. At that time there will be two men in the field. One will be taken and the other left. Two women will be grinding at the mill. One will be taken and the other left. Therefore, stay alert! You don’t know what day the Lord is coming. But you understand that if the head of the house knew at what time the thief would come, he would keep alert and wouldn’t allow the thief to break into his house. Therefore, you also should be prepared, because the Human One will come at a time you don’t know.

☐ The Gospel of the Lord.

☑ **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

Becky Robbins-Penniman

[Please be seated.]

SERMON HYMN

The Church of Christ in Every Age

[Please stand.]

[Tune: On Jordan’s Bank]

***The church of Christ in every age, beset by change but spirit led,
must claim and test its heritage and keep on rising from the dead.***

***Across the world, across the street, the victims of injustice cry
for shelter and for bread to eat and never live until they die.***

***Then let the servant church arise. A caring church that longs to be
a partner in Christ’s sacrifice, and clothed in Christ’s humanity.***

***We have no mission but to serve in full obedience to our Lord:
to care for all without reserve, and spread Christ’s liberating word.***

NICENE CREED

[Please stand.]

☩ 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.]

☩ Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

℣ 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.

☩ Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

℣ 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.

☩ Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

℣ 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 all the blessings of this life and for the flowers given by Becky and Gus Robbins-Penniman to your glory and in thanksgiving for the members of our families: the ones that share our family tree, and the ones united by faith in this wonderful parish. *Silence...* We pray in hope.

☩ 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.

☩ **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.

☩ **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.

☩ **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.

☩ **Amen.**

CONFESSION & 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

[Those celebrating birthdays, anniversaries or special occasions may receive an individual blessing.]

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE GREETING OF PEACE

[Please stand.]

P The peace of the Lord be always with you.

C **And also with you.** *[All may greet one another in the name of the Lord.]*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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

[If this is your first time worshiping with us, please let your offering be only the completed blue guest card, and let this service be our gift to you.]

OFFERTORY

The Race That Long in Darkness Pined

Peek

[Please be seated.]

PRESENTATION

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

D 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

God of the Fertile Fields

A11

***God of the fertile fields, shaper of earth that yields
our daily bread: forth from your bounteous hand
come gifts your love has planned, that all in every land be clothed and fed.***

***We would be stewards true, holding in trust from you
all that you give; help us in love to share,
teach us like you to care for people everywhere, that all may live.***

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer A

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

- 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

All

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."

P 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:


C **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.

P 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.

All



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:

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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

FRACTION

P The bread we break makes us one in Christ.

C **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, thanksgiving, for 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.]

AII



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...

C 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 The Lord calls us to prepare our hearts for the coming of the Day of the Lord by focusing our lives on the promises of hope, the labors of love, the depths of joy, and the strengths of peace; go from here with the blessing of the Triune God: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, this day and forever.

C Amen.

***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 speed 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.***

***O'er every foe victorious, he on his throne shall rest,
from age to age more glorious, all-blessing and all-blest;
the tide of time shall never his covenant remove;
his Name shall stand for ever, his changeless Name of Love.***

THE DISMISSAL

D Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

G Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Sleepers, Wake!

E. Diemer

SERVING US TODAY

Celebrant	Becky Robbins-Penniman
Deacon	Cindy Roehl
Priest Associate	Ann Chaplin
Organist	Robert Moncrief
Acolyte	Carol Beauchamp
Chalicians	Miriam Benitez-Nixon
	Joe Nixon
Lectors	Nels Auger
	Frank Kneen
Prayers of the People	Donna Pylman
Prayer Team	Maureen Belote
	Cyndy Fahnestock
Greeters	Caroline Maisel
	Steve Maisel
Ushers	Bob Roehl
	Sally Wakefield
Welcome Center	Betty & Joe Lombardo
Coffee Hour Hosts	Bob & Lucy Jennings
Buildings & Grounds	Dan Smith