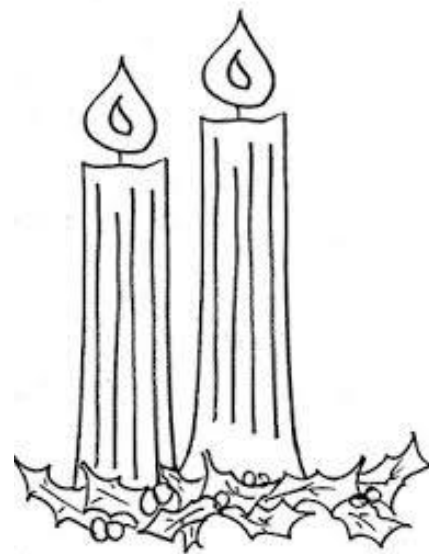


SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 8, 2024

10:00 AM Service

Holy Communion: Rite II



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Sunday Services at 8 and 10 AM • Wednesday at 6 PM

Our Sunday 10 AM service is livestreamed

WELCOME TO GOOD SHEPHERD

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.

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

Standing, sitting, and kneeling: Throughout the bulletin, there are invitations to stand, sit or kneel, as you choose. You are free to be seated at any time when that is best for you.

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A gentle Reminder: Please enter the Nave quietly and reverently and silence your phones.

Most of the sung music is found in the blue hymnal, *The Hymnal, 1982*. In the bulletin, an "H" indicates the hymn section of the book; an "S" indicates it's from the service music section in the front of the book.

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

VOLUNTARY

An Advent Prelude
Flute and Organ

Charles Callahan
(1951-2023)

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES

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

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

JEFFERSON
Choir and Bells

ENTRANCE HYMN H-56

(stanzas 1,5,6,7)

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

VENI EMMANUEL

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.

[Refrain] **Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!**

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. [Refrain]

O come, thou Dayspring from on high, and cheer us by thy drawing nigh; disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadow put to flight. [Refrain]

O come, Desire of nations, bind in one the hearts of all mankind; bid thou our sad divisions cease, and be thyself our King of Peace. [Refrain]

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

All **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.**

KYRIE

Lord, Have Mercy

Paul Hillebrand

Congregation echoes each phrase

from *Come, Emmanuel Mass*

Priest, Deacon or Cantor, then All

Lord, have mer - cy,

Priest, Deacon or Cantor, then All

Christ, have mer - cy,

Priest, Deacon or Cantor, then All

Lord, have mer - cy.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray... Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

The people sit.

THE FIRST READING

Malachi 3:1-4

Lector *The First Reading is taken from Malachi chapter 3...*

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight-- indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

CANTICLE 16

Blest Be the God of Israel

MERLE'S TUNE



1 Blest be the God of Is - rael, who comes to set us free;
 2 God from the house of Da - vid a child of grace has given;
 3 On those who sit in dark - ness the sun be - gins to rise,



who vis - its and re - deems us, who grants us lib - er - ty.
 a Sav - ior comes a - mong us to raise us up to heaven.
 the dawn - ing of for - give - ness up - on the sin - ner's eyes.



The proph - ets spoke of mer - cy, of free - dom and re - lease;
 Be - fore him goes the her - ald, fore - run - ner in the way,
 God guides the feet of pil - grims a - long the paths of peace.



God shall ful - fill that prom - ise and bring the peo - ple peace.
 the proph - et of sal - va - tion, the har - bin - ger of day.
 O bless our God and Sav - ior with songs that nev - er cease!

THE SECOND READING

Philippians 1:3-11

Lector The Second Reading is taken from Philippians chapter 1....

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All stand as able.

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Stephen Weber

Choir sings:

*Alleluia. Alleluia. Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight paths for him;
All the world will see God's salvation. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

THE GOSPEL

Luke 3:1-6

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Celebrant In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The people sit.

SERMON

The Rev. Whitney Burton

NICENE CREED *All stand as able.*

People **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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please sit, stand, or kneel, as you prefer.

Celebrant In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.
Silence

Lector For all people in their daily life and work;
People **For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

Lector For this community, the nation, and the world;
People **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

Lector For the just and proper use of your creation;
People **For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

Lector For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
People **For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

Lector For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
People **For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

Lector For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially [*add names from notebook*] and those we name aloud or in our hearts [*leave time*].
Silence

Lector Hear us, Lord;
People **For your mercy is great.**

Lector We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life, especially the flowers given today to the Glory of God, and for the birthdays this week for Andrea Zahn, Marilyn Nalewajek, Bill Elmendorf, Noel Powell, Bonnie Bond and the anniversary of Jane and Wayne Morris.
Silence

Lector We will exalt you, O God our King;
People **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

Lector We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom, especially... [*add names from notebook*] and those we name aloud or in our hearts

People [leave time]. Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

Lector We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

All **Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us out sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

ABSOLUTION

Celebrant 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.

All **Amen.**

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING: THE SERVICE OF INSTITUTION OF A SENIOR CHAPTER AND ADMISSION OF MEMBERS

HYMN H-473

Lift High the Cross

CRUCIFER

[Refrain] **Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred Name.**

**Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
the hosts of God in conquering ranks combine. [Refrain]**

**Each newborn servant of the Crucified
bears on the brow the seal of him who died. [Refrain]**

**O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
as thou hast promised, draw the world to thee. [Refrain]**

**So shall our song of triumph ever be:
praise to the Crucified for victory. [Refrain]**

THE GREETING OF PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

All may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Please be seated.

OFFERTORY

Celtic Advent Carol

Michael Barrett
Adrienne Clover, Flute and Choir

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.

People **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People **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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.

THE FRACTION ANTHEM

Paul Hillebrand
from *Come, Emmanuel Mass*

The musical score for the Fraction Anthem is written in G major and 6/8 time. It consists of five staves of music. The first staff is for the Cantor, with the lyrics "Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the". The second staff is for All, with the lyrics "world, have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on". The third staff shows two first endings for the word "us.", with the first ending leading to the second ending. The fourth staff is for the Cantor, with the lyrics "Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world,". The fifth staff is for All, with the lyrics "grant us peace, grant us peace."

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All are invited to receive the Sacrament. If you would like to receive wine you may do so by sipping from the Chalice or allowing the Eucharistic Minister to intinct (dip) the wafer for you.

If you desire a blessing instead of Communion, cross your arms over your chest.

COMMUNION

A Rose E'er Blooming

Evelyn R. Larter

Savior of the nations, come! Virgin's Son, make here your home.
Marvel now, both heaven and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.

Wondrous birth! Oh, wondrous child of the Virgin undefiled!
Mighty God and Mary's son, eager now his race to run!

Thus on earth the Word appears, gracing his created spheres;
hence to death and hell descends, then the heavenly throne ascends.

Come, O Father's saving Son, who o'er sin the vict'ry won.
Boundless shall your kingdom be; grant that we its glories see.

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant Let us pray...

All 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

THE SENDING HYMN

In the Darkened Days of Winter

HYFRYDOL

In the darkened days of winter, early dusk and tardy morn,
when the spirit seems so dormant just as life waits to be born,
comes the light that scatters shadows, sending promise of a dawn
in the hearts of those who know him, as the newborn Christ, God's Son.

In John's words we hear the summons, "Come, repent, and be baptized."

In God's Son we see the promise of a vict'ry realized.
So, our struggles are not futile; just as dawn will end the night,
all the truth found in Christ Jesus shall be ours to bring us light.

Enter then the waiting season, watching for the light to shine.
With the witness of the heavens God has come to humankind.

See beyond the days distractions; let anxiety subside.

Warmed by love that glows eternal, live the joy you've found inside.

So, when frowns are all around you, people filled with constant fears
that their many daily struggles will control them through the years,
send the ray that shines eternal, break despair hung o'er the earth.

May the love found in Christ Jesus, shine through you to give hope birth.

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY

Joyous Hymn Setting on HYFRYDOL

Jonathan Reuss

SERVING US TODAY

Celebrant	The Rev. Whitney Burton
Organist/Choirmaster	Tom Huffman
Flute	Adrienne Clover
Crucifer/Server	Alice Scotti
Torch/Chalicists	Dan Depies & Andrea Zahn
Lectors	Linda Corliss, Cindy Huffman
Prayers of the People	Carolyn Hughes
Ushers	Linda Corliss, Tiffany Walker Caroline & Steve Maisel
Building & Grounds	Robin Megel
Welcome Table	Robin & Dave Megel

Prayers are requested for:

The Week of Dec 1 – Marc J, Christopher J, Judith & Nels A, Helen Marie, Sara M, Priscilla & Tony B, Gene & Maureen B, Mandeville P, Michelle & Family, Kathy W & Gerry B, Peter & Donna B, Jim C, Janet S, Josephine, Jen E, Bill GW, Debra F, Brian, Emi, Jim, Marilyn, Don H, Bob & Karen, Olena & Family, Bob S, Anne C, Milly L, Karen K & Family, Bonnie L, Michelle B, Gerry B, Colette S, Billy V, Paul B, Maggie, Edna, Cathy, Skye & Family, Jodi, Barb, Ron L, Dolores C, Kipling

Celebrations this week: Birthdays – Andrea Zahn, Marilyn Nalewajek, Bill Elmendorf, Noel Powell, Bonnie Bond

Anniversaries – Jane and Wayne Morris

Announcements

Craft & Quilt Sale – COGS Quilters will be offering a special holiday sale on today, 9am – 1pm. Check off your gift list and support Pack-a-Sack.

Bake Sale – Grab some goodies at our bake sale to benefit Pack-a-Sack!

Book Club – Join Rev. Whitney for a discussion of *Inspired* by Rachel Held Evans today at 11:30 upstairs in Classroom C.

Youth Group – Middle and High School students are invited to meet today upstairs after the 10 AM service. Lunch is provided.

Christmas Flowers & Music – Donations are now being accepted toward special music and flowers for our Christmas services. To donate, either fill out an envelope located in the pews and front/rear of the church or fill out the online form. Please print names clearly. Deadline for donations is December 15. Minimum recommended donation amount is \$25. A listing of names will be included in all Christmas bulletins.

Blue Christmas – Our annual Blue Christmas service will be December 11 at 6pm. Join us for a contemplative service of lessons, songs and meditations.

Carol Sing – Join the Bells of Hope for the 9th Annual Carol Sing on Sunday, December 15 at 4pm. Sing along to your favorite carols and enjoy the beauty of the season.

Soul Sisters - The December meeting of the Soul Sisters will take place on Saturday, December 21 at 10 AM in Kirk Hall. All women of the parish are invited. Brunch will be served.

Hot Cocoa with Santa – Santa will be stopping at Good Shepherd for photos, hugs, and festive treats on December 22 after the 10 AM service.

COGS Christmas Services –

December 24 @ 5 PM – Family Christmas Eve Service and Plug-In Pageant – Live Streamed
December 24 @ 9 PM – Candlelight Christmas Service – Live Streamed (Music begins at 8:30 PM)

December 25 @ 10 AM – Christmas Day Service (Note: incense will be used for this service.)

Farm Worker Christmas – Every year Farmworker Self Help/Resurrection House Mission in Dade City gives Christmas gifts to over 200 families. You may purchase gifts and leave them in the bins at church and in Kirk Hall. We are also collecting used blue jeans in good condition. Or if you prefer, send a check made out to COGS noted “Farm Worker Fund” and we will shop for you. See website for full list of gift suggestions. Last date for collection is Sunday, Dec. 15.

Christmas Angel Tree – Please return your Angel Tree Gifts at the Side Altar today.