

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 11, 2022

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

Masks are recommended, but not required.

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.

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

VOLUNTARY

Partita on "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"
Theme

John Behnke

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

arr. Brian Childers
Bells of Hope

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

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

PRAYER FOR THE THIRD CANDLE OF ADVENT - JOY

Leader At every beginning there is a yearning.

People **O Emmanuel, open us up to your coming.**

Leader Reveal yourself to us.

People **O Emmanuel, open us up to your coming.**

Leader We welcome your presence now with the lighting of these candles whose flames bring warmth to winter and fill this place with the glow of hope, peace, and joy.

People **Amen.**

Cantor: Christ the Lord is coming sent from God above
To reveal God's mercy, justice, truth, and love.

All sing twice:



"No - ël" sing with glad - ness, "No - ël" sing with cheer, put a -



way all fear and sad - ness, Christ the Son of God is near!

ENTRANCE HYMN H-640

Watchman, Tell Us of the Night

ABERYSTWYTH

Watchman, tell us of the night, what its signs of promise are.
Traveler, o'er yon mountain's height, see that glory-beaming star.
Watchman, does its beauteous ray aught of joy or hope foretell?
Traveler, yes; it brings the day, promised day of Israel.

Watchman, tell us of the night; higher yet that star ascends.
Traveler, blessedness and light, peace and truth its course portends.
Watchman, will its beams alone gild the spot that gave them birth?
Traveler, ages are its own; see, it bursts o'er all the earth.

Watchman, tell us of the night, for the morning seems to dawn.
Traveler, darkness takes its flight, doubt and terror are withdrawn.
Watchman, let thy wanderings cease; hie thee to thy quiet home.
Traveler, lo! the Prince of Peace, lo! the Son of God is come!

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People And blessed be God's 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.

SONG OF PRAISE S-278

Gloria in excelsis

William Mathias

1. Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
2. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
3. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
 4. you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
 5. you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
 6. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
 7. you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father, Amen.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray... Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever.

All Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD

The people sit.

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 35:1-10

Lector The First Reading is taken from Isaiah chapter 35...

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the

majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 146

We will read the verses as indicated 'choir', 'women', 'men'

All will sing this refrain:



All **Refrain**

Choir I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my god while I have my being.

Women Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, for there is no help in them.

Men When they breathe their last, they return to earth, and in that day their thoughts perish.

All **Refrain**

Choir Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help, whose hope is in the Lord their God;

Women Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; who keeps faith for ever;

Men Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger.

All **Refrain**

Choir The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind; the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;

Women The Lord loves the righteous and cares for the stranger; the Lord sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

Men The Lord shall reign for ever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.
Hallelujah!

All **Refrain**

THE SECOND READING

James 5:7-10

Lector *The Second Reading is taken from James chapter 5...*

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All stand as able.

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION H-56 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel **VENI EMMANUEL**
(stanza 4)

**O come, thou Branch of Jesse's tree, free them from Satan's tyranny
that trust thy mighty power to save, and give them vict'ry o'er the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!**

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 11:2-11

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

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

After the Gospel is read...

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The people sit.

SERMON

The Rev. Whitney Burton

All stand as able.

THE NICENE CREED

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.*

Deacon

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Lector

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

Lector

Lord, in your mercy

People

Hear our prayer.

Lector

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

Lector

Lord, in your mercy

People

Hear our prayer.

Lector

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.

Silence

Lector

Lord, in your mercy

People
Lector

Hear our prayer.

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 give you thanks for all the blessings of this life, especially the flowers given today to the Glory of God, and for the birthdays this week of Bill Elmendorf, Noel Powell, Judy Ratliff, Elena Goletz, Christine McLaughlin, and the anniversaries this coming week of Wayne & Jane Morris, Marc & Cathy Jacobson.

Silence

Lector

Lord, in your mercy

People

Hear our prayer.

Lector

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

Silence

Lector

Lord, in your mercy

People

Hear our prayer.

Lector

We commend to your mercy all who have died, (especially . . . [add names from notebook]) and 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

Lord, in your mercy

People

Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION *Please kneel or stand as able.*

Deacon

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. (*Silence is kept.*)

People

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.

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.**

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

OFFERTORY

Creator of the Stars of Night

arr. John Scott
(1956-2015)

All stand as able.

THE PRESENTATION

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 O Lord, How Shall I Meet You VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

**O Lord, how shall I meet you, how welcome you aright?
Your people long to greet you, my hope, my heart's delight!
O kindle, Lord most holy, a lamp within my breast,
to do in spirit lowly all that may please you best.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer D

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Celebrant *(Here a proper preface is read.)*

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing (say),

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant continues

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Celebrant and People

**We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray
to you, Lord our God.**

The Celebrant continues

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Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.

All

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 S-154

David Hurd

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
therefore let us keep the feast.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

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 Partita on "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"
Cantabile

John Behnke

COMMUNION HYMN H-81

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

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**Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung!
Of Jesse's lineage coming as seers of old have sung.
It came, a blossom bright, amid the cold of winter,
when half spent was the night.**

**Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the Rose I have in mind,
with Mary we behold it, the Virgin Mother kind.
To show God's love aright, she bore to us a Savior,
when half spent was the night.**

**O Flower, whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air,
dispel in glorious splendor the darkness everywhere;
true man, yet very God, from sin and death now save us,
and share our every load.**

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 H-490 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light HOUSTON

I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.

Refrain:

In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus.
Clear sun of righteousness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the Father.

[Refrain]

I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus.

[Refrain]

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

People Thanks be to God!

VOLUNTARY Partita on "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" John Behnke
Fantasia

SERVING US TODAY

Celebrant	The Rev. Whitney Burton
Deacon	The Rev. Cindy Roehl
Organist/Choirmaster	Tom Huffman
Crucifer/Server	Jackson Bond
Torch/Chalicians	Dan Depies & Andrea Zahn
Lectors	Sandy & Frank Kneen
Prayers of the People	Judy Warner
Ushers	Phil & Carol Beauchamp
Building & Grounds	Robin Megel
Welcome Table	Robin Megel, Lynn Henderson, Anne Punch
Cantor	Julian Guini

Prayers are requested for:

The Week of Dec 4 – Brian S, Steve B, Bill GW, Jim, Marilyn, Liam, Sally, BJ, Hazel, Cam & Sherry B, Carmella A, Helen Marie, Randy T, Lael B, Deborah & family, Brian & Milly, The Rev. Ann, Gus & Becky, Lou F, Colette S, Heather S, Ally, Olena, People of Ukraine, Cristaine M, Kristy A, Evie A, Leslie P, Elliot T, Brent S, Marcia K, Juliet, Chris, Bob, Lynne M, Sue P, Gloria S, Amanda B.

Celebrations this week: Birthdays – Bill Elmendorf, Noel Powell, Judy Ratliff, Elena Goletz, Christine McLaughlin.

Anniversaries – Wayne & Jane Morris, and Marc & Cathy Jacobson.

Announcements

Advent Study: Sacred Space for Advent and the Christmas Season will last through the 4 weeks of Advent between services at 9:15 am.

Farm Worker Christmas Gifts: You may drop off gifts to the bins at the church and in Kirk Hall through December 14th, or send a check made out to COGS noted "Farm Worker Fund". See website for full list of gift suggestions.

Soul Sisters Holiday Luncheon: Saturday, Dec. 17th at 11:00 am. All church women are invited but please RSVP to Michelle Schombs at m19ma50@verizon.net or 727-638-3560 to bring dishes for our feast.

Carol Sing: Please join Bells of Hope on Sunday, Dec. 18 @ 4 pm to enjoy the music of the season.

Christmas Flower and Music Donations: Donations are now being accepted toward music and flowers for our Christmas services. To donate, please either fill out an envelope located in the church on Sundays, or see the link on the COGS website. Donation deadline is Thursday, Dec 15. Minimum donation is \$25.00.

COGS Christmas Services: Wednesday, Dec 14 @ 6 pm – Blue Christmas Service
Saturday, Dec 24 @ 5 pm – Family Christmas Eve Service and Plug-in Pageant – Live Streamed
Saturday, Dec 24 @ 9 pm – Candlelight Christmas Service – Live Streamed (Music begins at 8:30 pm)
Sunday, Dec 25 @ 10 am – Christmas Day Service (Note: incense will be used for this service.)