

Second Sunday of Advent

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10:00 AM Service

Holy Communion



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

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

Savior of the Nations, Come

J.S. Bach

[Please stand when the chimes sound.]

GATHERING HYMN

There's a Voice in the Wilderness

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***There's a voice in the wilderness crying, a call from the ways untrod:
Prepare in the desert a highway, a highway for our God!
The valleys shall be exalted, the lofty hills brought low;
make straight all the crooked places where the Lord our God may go!***

***O Zion, that bringest good tidings, get thee up to the heights and sing!
Proclaim to a desolate people the coming of their King.
Like the flowers of the field they perish, like grass our works decay,
the power and pomp of nations shall pass like a dream away;***

***but the word of our God endureth, the arm of the Lord is strong;
he stands in the midst of nations, and he will right the wrong.
He shall feed his flock like a shepherd, the lambs he'll gently hold;
to pastures of peace he'll lead them, and bring them safe to his fold.***

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

A 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. 1,7

A ***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 SECOND CANDLE OF ADVENT: Hope, Peace

P We light the first candle as a symbol of Christ who brings Hope.

[One blue candle is lit.]

We light the second candle as a symbol of Christ who brings Peace.

L For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. *[A second blue candle is lit.]*

**☩ Our God, we come to you today in the spirit of peace. In Jesus' name we pray.
Amen.**

***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.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!***

COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

☩ And also with you.

P Let us pray... Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming give to all the people of the world knowledge of your salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

☩ Amen.

WORD OF GOD

THE READINGS: Baruch 5:1–9 • Canticle 16 • Philippians 1:1–11 • Luke 1:26b–38

[Please be seated.]

The First Reading

L *The First Reading is taken from Baruch, chapter 5...*

Take off your mourning clothes and oppression, Jerusalem! Dress yourself in the dignity of God's glory forever. Wrap the justice that comes from God around yourself like a robe. Place the eternal one's glory on your head like a crown. God will show your brilliance everywhere under heaven. God will give you this name by which to be called forever: The Peace That Comes from Justice, The Honor That Comes from Reverence for God!

Get up, Jerusalem! Stand on the high place, and look around to the east! See your children gathered from the west to the east by the holy one's word, as they rejoice that God has remembered them. They went out from you on foot, driven along by their enemies, but God will bring them back to you, carried aloft with glory as on a royal throne. God has ordered every high mountain and the eternal hills to be brought down, and the valleys to be filled in to level the ground so that Israel may walk safely in God's glory.

The woods and every fragrant tree have shaded Israel with God's command. God will lead Israel with gladness by the light that shines forth from his glory, with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

L The Word of the Lord

☩ Thanks be to God.

The Psalm: [sing to the tune: Blessed Be the God of Israel]

[Please remain seated.]

**Blessed be the God of Israel who comes to set us free
and raises up new hope for us: a Branch from David's tree.
So have the prophets long declared that with a mighty arm
God would turn back our enemies and all who wish us harm.**

**With promised mercy will God still the covenant recall,
the oath once sworn to Abraham, from foes to save us all;
that we might worship without fear and offer lives of praise,
in holiness and righteousness to serve God all our days.**

**My child, as prophet of the Lord you will prepare the way,
to tell God's people they are saved from sin's eternal sway.
Then shall God's mercy from on high shine forth and never cease
to drive away the gloom of death and lead us into peace.**

The Second Reading:

℣ *The Second Reading is taken from Philippians, chapter 1...*

From Paul and Timothy, slaves of Christ Jesus. To all those in Philippi who are God's people in Christ Jesus, along with your bishops and deacons. May the grace and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

I thank my God every time I mention you in my prayers. I'm thankful for all of you every time I pray, and it's always a prayer full of joy. I'm glad because of the way you have been my partners in the ministry of the gospel from the time you first believed it until now. I'm sure about this: the one who started a good work in you will stay with you to complete the job by the day of Christ Jesus. I have good reason to think this way about all of you because I keep you in my heart. You are all my partners in God's grace, both during my time in prison and in the defense and support of the gospel. God is my witness that I feel affection for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus.

This is my prayer: that your love might become even more and more rich with knowledge and all kinds of insight. I pray this so that you will be able to decide what really matters and so you will be sincere and blameless on the day of Christ. I pray that you will then be filled with the fruit of righteousness, which comes from Jesus Christ, in order to give glory and praise to God.

℣ The Word of the Lord.

☩ **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.**

☐ God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a city in Galilee, to a virgin who was engaged to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David's house. The virgin's name was Mary. When the angel came to her, he said, "Rejoice, favored one! The Lord is with you!" She was confused by these words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. The angel said, "Don't be afraid, Mary. God is honoring you. Look! You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great and he will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of David his father. He will rule over Jacob's house forever, and there will be no end to his kingdom."

Then Mary said to the angel, "How will this happen since I haven't had sexual relations with a man?"

The angel replied, "The Holy Spirit will come over you and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore, the one who is to be born will be holy. He will be called God's Son. Look, even in her old age, your relative Elizabeth has conceived a son. This woman who was labeled 'unable to conceive' is now six months pregnant. Nothing is impossible for God."

Then Mary said, "I am the Lord's servant. Let it be with me just as you have said." Then the angel left her.

☐ The Gospel of the Lord.

☑ **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

SERMON

Becky Robbins-Penniman

[Please be seated.]

SERMON HYMN

My Soul Cries Out

[Please stand.]

***My soul cries out with a joyful shout that the God of my heart is great,
and my spirit sings of the wondrous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight, and my weakness you did not spurn,
so from east to west shall my name be blest. Could the world be about to turn?***

Refrain ***My heart shall sing of the day you bring.
Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,
and the world is about to turn.***

***Though I am small, my God, my all, you work great things in me,
and your mercy will last from the depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
Your very name puts the proud to shame, and to those who would for you yearn,
you will show your might, put the strong to flight, for the world is about to turn.***

Refrain

***From the halls of pow'r to the fortress tow'r, not a stone will be left on stone.
Let the king beware for your justice tears ev'ry tyrant from his throne.
The hungry poor shall weep no more, for the food they can never earn;
there are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be fed, for the world is about to turn.***

Refrain

***Though the nations rage from age to age, we remember who holds us fast:
God's mercy must deliver us from the conqueror's crushing grasp.
This saving word that our forebears heard is the promise which holds us bound,
till the spear and rod can be crushed by God, who is turning the world around.***

Refrain

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 by Charles E. Shannon in memory of Joanie Shannon; and by Frank and Sandy Kneen with joy and thanks. *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

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

French/D. Johnson

[Please be seated.]

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.**

- Ⓟ 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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THE LORD'S PRAYER

- ¶ And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:
- ¶ **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 bread we break makes us one in Christ.
- Ⓒ **Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.**

- Ⓟ 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.]

- Ⓒ **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.]

- Ⓟ Let us pray...
- Ⓒ **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.]

- Ⓟ 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.
- Ⓒ **Amen.**

**Prepare the way, O Zion, your Christ is drawing near!
 Let every hill and valley a level way appear.
 Greet One who comes in glory, foretold in sacred story.
 Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most holy Name.**

**He brings God's rule, O Zion; he comes from heaven above.
 His rule is peace and freedom, and justice, truth, and love.
 Lift high your praise resounding, for grace and joy abounding.
 Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most holy Name.**

**Fling wide your gates, O Zion; your Savior's rule embrace.
 His tidings of salvation proclaim in every place.
 All lands will bow before him, their voices will adore him.
 Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most holy Name.**

THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Prepare the Way, O Zion

Paul Manz

SERVING US TODAY

CelebrantBecky Robbins-Penniman
DeaconCindy Roehl
Priest AssociateAnn Chaplin
OrganistRobert Moncrief
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ChaliciansDan Smith
 Debra Mackay
LectorsAlan Mackay
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