

Sunday, December 4, 2022

Second Sunday of Advent
The Lord's Day

Organ Prelude	Make Straight the Crooked Places - Colin Curtis	Pat Shroff
	Wonderful Name - Strader / Doran	
Call to Worship	Isaiah 9:6 (Responsive)	Rev. Tim Valentino Faye Hipkiss
Hymn	87: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel <i>Lighting of the Second Advent Candle</i>	Congregation Shannon Sweigart
Prayer of Adoration		Rev. Tim Valentino
Scripture Readings		
The Old Testament Lesson:	Isaiah 11:1-6	Pat Strain
The Response:	Psalms 72:1-7, 18-19 (Responsive)	Pat Strain / Faye Hipkiss
The Epistle Lesson:	Romans 15:7-13	Pat Strain
The Gospel Lesson:	Matthew 3:1-12	Pat Strain
Church Family Announcements		Rev. Tim Valentino
Worship in Giving	Isaiah 60:5-6	Rev. Tim Valentino
Prayer Hymn	359: Be Thou My Vision (v. 2)	Congregation
Prayer		Rev. Tim Valentino
Worship Song	We All Bow Down / Sanctuary	Congregation
Sermon	Anticipation, Part 2: Confess & Repent (Matthew 3:1-12)	Rev. Tim Valentino
Response Hymn	391: God Himself Is With Us	Congregation
Benediction		Rev. Tim Valentino
Organ Postlude	Christmas Shines - Cloninger / Doran	Pat Shroff

Organist	Pat Shroff	Hospital Visitor This Week:	Faye Hipkiss
Pianist	Shelley Miller	Children's Church	Sonya Valentino
Flutist	Shirley Long	Greeters	Kaye & Dave Focht
Trumpeter, Pianist	Sonya Valentino	Sound Technician	Bob Long
Trumpeter, Pianist	Marcy Garman	Video Technician	Andrew Valentino
Hymn Leader, Vocalist	Maureen Logan	Visitation Minister	Patricia Strain
Lector	Pat Strain	Lead Pastor	Rev. Tim Valentino
Responder	Faye Hipkiss	Advent Candle Lighting	Shannon Sweigart

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel 87

Unison



1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som cap - tive
 2. O come, Thou Rod of Jes - se, free Thine own from Sa - tan's
 3. O come, Thou Day-spring, come and cheer Our spir - its by Thine
 4. O come, Thou Key of Da - vid, come, And o - pen wide our
 5. O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind All peo - ples in one

Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
 tyr - an - ny; From depths of hell Thy peo - ple save
 ad - vent here; And drive a - way the shades of night,
 heav'n - ly home; Make safe the way that leads on high,
 heart and mind; Bid en - vy, strife and quar - rels cease;

Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 And give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.
 And pierce the clouds and bring us light! Re - joice! re - joice! Em -
 And close the path to mis - er - y.
 Fill all the world with heav - en's peace.

man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el! A - men.

WORDS: Latin hymn; tr. John M. Neale, 1851; St. 5, Henry Sloane Coffin, 1916
 MUSIC: Thomas Helmore, 1854; based on plainsong phrases

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Call to Worship: **Isaiah 9:6** (Responsive)

For unto us a child is born,
unto us a son is given:
And the government shall be upon his shoulder:
And his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor,
the mighty God,
the everlasting Father
the Prince of Peace.
Of the increase of his government and peace
there will be no end.

The Old Testament Lesson: **Isaiah 11:1-6**

¹A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse;
from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.
²The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him—
the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding,
the Spirit of counsel and of might,
the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the LORD—
³and he will delight in the fear of the LORD.
He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes,
or decide by what he hears with his ears;
⁴but with righteousness he will judge the needy,
with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth.
He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth;
with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked.
⁵Righteousness will be his belt
and faithfulness the sash around his waist.
⁶The wolf will live with the lamb,
the leopard will lie down with the goat,
the calf and the lion and the yearling together;
and a little child will lead them.

The Response: **Psalms 72:1-7, 18-19**

¹Endow the king with your justice, O God,
the royal son with your righteousness.
²**May he judge your people in righteousness,**
your afflicted ones with justice.
³May the mountains bring prosperity to the people,
the hills the fruit of righteousness.
⁴**May he defend the afflicted among the people**
and save the children of the needy;
may he crush the oppressor.
⁵May he endure as long as the sun,
as long as the moon, through all generations.
⁶**May he be like rain falling on a mown field,**
like showers watering the earth.
⁷In his days may the righteous flourish
and prosperity abound till the moon is no more.
¹⁸**Praise be to the LORD God, the God of Israel,**

who alone does marvelous deeds.

¹⁹Praise be to his glorious name forever;
may the whole earth be filled with his glory.
Amen and Amen.

The Epistle Lesson: **Romans 15:7-13**

⁷Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God. ⁸For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the Jews on behalf of God's truth, so that the promises made to the patriarchs might be confirmed ⁹and, moreover, that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written:

"Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles;
I will sing the praises of your name."

¹⁰Again, it says,
"Rejoice, you Gentiles, with his people."

¹¹And again,
"Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles;
let all the peoples extol him."

¹²And again, Isaiah says,
"The Root of Jesse will spring up,
one who will arise to rule over the nations;
in him the Gentiles will hope."

¹³May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

The Gospel Lesson: **Matthew 3:1-12**

¹In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." ³This is he who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah:

"A voice of one calling in the wilderness,
'Prepare the way for the Lord,
make straight paths for him.'"

⁴John's clothes were made of camel's hair, and he had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵People went out to him from Jerusalem and all Judea and the whole region of the Jordan. ⁶Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River.

⁷But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to where he was baptizing, he said to them: "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath?" ⁸Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. ⁹And do not think you can say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. ¹⁰The ax is already

at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.

¹¹"I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹²His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor, gathering his wheat into the barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire."

Worship in Giving: **Isaiah 60:5-6**

⁵Then you will look and be radiant,
your heart will throb and swell with joy;
the wealth on the seas will be brought to you,
to you the riches of the nations will come.
⁶Herds of camels will cover your land,
young camels of Midian and Ephah.
And all from Sheba will come,
bearing gold and incense
and proclaiming the praise of the LORD.

Be Thou My Vision 359

The musical score is for the hymn 'Be Thou My Vision' (numbered 359). It is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in unison. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are: '2. Be Thou my Wis - dom, and Thou my true Word; I ev - er with Thee and Thou with me, Lord; Thou my great Fa - ther, I Thy true son; Thou in me dwell - ing, and I with Thee one. A - men.' The score includes a 'Unison' marking at the beginning and a '2.' indicating a second ending. The bottom of the page contains the following text: 'WORDS: Irish hymn, c. 8th century; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1905; versified Eleanor H. Hull, 1912. MUSIC: Traditional Irish melody; arr. Donald P. Hustad, 1973. SLANE 10.10.10.10'

We All Bow Down

Princes and paupers
Sons and daughters
Kneel at the throne of grace
Losers and winners
Saints and sinners
One day will see His face

And we all bow down
Kings will surrender their crowns
And worship Jesus
For He is the love
Unfailing love
He is the love of God

Summer and winter
The mountains and rivers
Whisper our Savior's name
Awesome and holy
A friend to the lonely
Forever His love will reign

He's the light of the world
And Lord of the cross

And we all bow down
Kings will surrender their crowns
And worship Jesus
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For He is love
Unfailing love
He is the Love of God

Sanctuary

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary
Pure and holy, tried and true
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
Sanctuary for You

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary
Pure and holy, tried and true
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
Sanctuary for You

391 God Himself Is with Us

1. God Him-self is with us; Let us all a - dore Him, And with awe ap -
2. Come, a - bide with - in me; Let my soul, like Ma - ry, Be Thine earth-ly
3. Glad - ly we sur - ren - der Earth's de - ceit - ful treas - ures, Pride of life and

pear be - fore Him. God is here with - in us; Soul, in si - lence
sanc - tu - ar - y. Come, in - dwell - ing Spir - it, With trans - fig - ured
sin - ful pleas - ures; Glad - ly, Lord, we of - fer Thine to be for -

fear Him, Hum - bly, fer - vent - ly draw near Him. Now His own who have known
splen - dor; Love and hon - or will I ren - der. Where I go here be - low
ev - er, Soul and life and each en - deav - or. Thou a - lone shalt be known

God, in wor - ship low - ly, Yield their spir - its whol - ly.
Let me bow be - fore Thee, Know Thee and a - dore Thee.
Lord of all our be - ing, Life's true way de - cree - ing. A - men.

WORDS: Gerhard Tersteegen, 1729;
tr. *Hymnal*, 1940
MUSIC: Joachim Neander's *Bundes-lieder*, 1680

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday Bible Study: Online via Zoom @ 7:00 p.m.
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Monday, December 12: Ministry Council Meeting @ 7 p.m. in Zinn Commons + via Zoom
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Sunday, December 18: Ham Dinner @ 12:15 p.m. in Zinn Commons.

Sharing Christmas Cards with Church family: the Christmas card box is now in the narthex. Drop your cards there, and they will be sorted on December 18th and available for pick up at the Ham Dinner.
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Saturday, December 24: Christmas Eve Candlelight Service @ 7:00 p.m. in Dech Chapel.

Invite your friends and family to our Christmas Eve Service:

Christmas Eve invitation cards have been printed and are in narthex.

You can also print them out from the church website.
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Sunday, December 25 & January 1: On Christmas Day and New Year's Day, we will have a 1-hour worship service each Sunday, but there will be no Sunday school classes.
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Saturday, January 7: Church Fellowship Breakfast @ 8:30 a.m. in Zinn Commons
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Thursday, January 12: Women's Bible Study @ 7 p.m. in Zinn Commons

Thursday, January 12: Men of Adventure @ 7 p.m.

This monthly men's group will be meeting at the home of Kirby Keller

REMINDERS

The list of **Sharing Cupboard** includes items associated with Christmas, except turkeys.
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Prayer Requests: If you any have any prayer requests for distribution, please send them to Pastor Tim at pastortim@christcomm.church or (484) 269-4313.

WAYS TO VOLUNTEER

CARING MEALS: Recently, Christ Community Church has had opportunities to share God's love and care with those in our church family who could use a meal during family illness or moving. If you would like to help provide meals in the future, there is a sign-up sheet in the lobby. Grace Miller will be the coordinator and will call you when there is a need.

ANTICIPATION, PART 2

CONFESS & REPENT

Matthew 3:1-12

God wants your heart to be like a hay-filled manger—soft and ready for Jesus.

OPEN your heart—God is coming to you!

God's first-century prophet announced it. (1, 2b, 4)

God's Old Testament prophets anticipated it. (3)

HUMBLE your heart—God is coming to rescue you from spiritual exile!

God's people confess their sins as they need to. (5-6a)

God's people repent of their sins as they need to. (2, 7-8)

God's people rely only on divine grace for their forgiveness of sins. (9)

SURRENDER your heart—God is coming to cleanse and purify you!

Water baptism is a grace-filled picture of divine cleansing. (6b, 11a)

Spirit baptism is the power-filled impartation of divine purification. (11b)

The absence of baptism is a jolting reminder of divine separation. (10, 12)