

Welcome & Announcements		Rev. Dr. Timothy Valentino
Organ Voluntary & Quiet Reflection	O Come, All Ye Faithful <i>Wade / Whitworth</i>	Pat Shroff
Call to Worship	Haggai 2:6-7 <i>(Responsive)</i>	Rev. Dr. Timothy Valentino Faye Hipkiss
Lighting of the Advent Candle		Aeryn Marks
Opening Hymn	87: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel	Congregation
Prayer of Adoration		Rev. Dr. Timothy Valentino
Scripture Readings		
The Old Testament Lesson:	Numbers 13:30-14:12	Shelley Miller
The Response:	Psalms 80:1-7, 16-19	Shelley Miller / Faye Hipkiss
The New Testament Lesson:	Mark 13:24-37	Shelley Miller
Worship in Giving	Psalms 72:10-11	Rev. Dr. Timothy Valentino
Prayer Hymn	117: Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming (v. 1)	Congregation
Praise & Worship	Immanuel (Card) / Emmanuel (McGee)	Congregation
Sermon	Fear Not, Part 1: The High Cost of Fear (Numbers 13-14)	Rev. Dr. Timothy Valentino
Closing Hymn	86: Come Thou Long Expected Jesus	Congregation
Benediction		Rev. Dr. Timothy Valentino
Organ Postlude	Fantasia on "Irby" <i>Gauntlett / Parks</i>	Pat Shroff

Hospital Visitor This Week: Ruth Turner, 717-926-1543

Lector	Shelley Miller	Children's Church Leader	Maureen Logan
Responder	Faye Hipkiss	Narthex Greeters	Dave & Kaye Focht
Organist	Pat Shroff	Sound Technician	Bob Long
Pianist	Shelley Miller	Video Technician	Andrew Valentino
Flutist	Shirley Long	Lead Pastor	Rev. Dr. Tim Valentino
Trumpeter	Mel Leedom	Visitation Minister	Pat Strain
Trumpeter, Pianist	Marcy Garman	Office Administrator	Maureen Logan
Trumpeter, Pianist	Sonya Valentino	Staff Organist	Pat Shroff
Hymn Leader, Vocalist	Maureen Logan	Custodian	Gloria Graybill
Acolyte	Aeryn Marks	Director of Buildings & Grounds	Will Robertson

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: **Haggai 2:6-7**

⁶“This is what the LORD Almighty says:

‘In a little while I will once more shake the heavens and the earth, the sea and the dry land.

⁷I will shake all nations, and what is desired by all nations will come, **and I will fill this house with glory, says the LORD Almighty.**

The Old Testament Lesson: **Numbers 13:30-14:12**

³⁰Then Caleb silenced the people before Moses and said, “We should go up and take possession of the land, for we can certainly do it.”

³¹But the men who had gone up with him said, “We can’t attack those people; they are stronger than we are.” ³²And they spread among the Israelites a bad report about the land they had explored. They said, “The land we explored devours those living in it. All the people we saw there are of great size. ³³We saw the Nephilim there (the descendants of Anak come from the Nephilim). We seemed like grasshoppers in our own eyes, and we looked the same to them.”

¹That night all the members of the community raised their voices and wept aloud. ²All the Israelites grumbled against Moses and Aaron, and the whole assembly said to them, “If only we had died in Egypt! Or in this wilderness! ³Why is the LORD bringing us to this land only to let us fall by the sword? Our wives and children will be taken as plunder. Wouldn’t it be better for us to go back to Egypt?” ⁴And they said to each other, “We should choose a leader and go back to Egypt.”

⁵Then Moses and Aaron fell facedown in front of the whole Israelite assembly gathered there. ⁶Joshua son of Nun and Caleb son of Jephunneh, who were among those who had explored the land, tore their clothes ⁷and said to the entire Israelite assembly, “The land we passed through and explored is exceedingly good. ⁸If the LORD is pleased with us, he will lead us into that land, a land flowing with milk and honey, and will give it to us. ⁹Only do not rebel against the LORD. And do not be afraid of the people of the land, because we will devour them. Their protection is gone, but the LORD is with us. Do not be afraid of them.”

¹⁰But the whole assembly talked about stoning them. Then the glory of the LORD appeared at the tent of meeting to all the Israelites. ¹¹The LORD said to Moses, “How long will these people treat me with contempt? How long will they refuse to believe in me, in spite of all the signs I have performed among them? ¹²I will strike them down with a plague and destroy them, but I will make you into a nation greater and stronger than they.”

The Response: **Psalms 80:1-7, 16-19**

¹Hear us, Shepherd of Israel,
you who lead Joseph like a flock.
You who sit enthroned between the cherubim,
shine forth ²before Ephraim, Benjamin
and Manasseh.

Awaken your might;
come and save us.

³**Restore us, O God;
make your face shine on us,
that we may be saved.**

⁴How long, LORD God Almighty,
will your anger smolder
against the prayers of your people?

⁵You have fed them with the bread of tears;
you have made them drink tears by the bowlful.

⁶You have made us an object of derision to
our neighbors,
and our enemies mock us.

⁷**Restore us, God Almighty;
make your face shine on us,
that we may be saved.**

¹⁶Your vine is cut down, it is burned with fire;
at your rebuke your people perish.

¹⁷Let your hand rest on the man at your right hand,
the son of man you have raised up for yourself.

¹⁸Then we will not turn away from you;
revive us, and we will call on your name.

¹⁹**Restore us, LORD God Almighty;
make your face shine on us,
that we may be saved.**

The New Testament Lesson: **Mark 13:24-37**

²⁴“But in those days, following that distress,
“the sun will be darkened,

and the moon will not give its light;

²⁵the stars will fall from the sky,
and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.”

²⁶“At that time people will see the
Son of Man coming in clouds with great
power and glory. ²⁷And he will send his
angels and gather his elect from the four
winds, from the ends of the earth to the
ends of the heavens.

²⁸“Now learn this lesson from the
fig tree: As soon as its twigs get tender
and its leaves come out, you know that
summer is near. ²⁹Even so, when you
see these things happening, you know
that it is near, right at the door. ³⁰Truly
I tell you, this generation will certainly
not pass away until all these things have
happened. ³¹Heaven and earth will pass
away, but my words will never pass away.

³²“But about that day or hour no one
knows, not even the angels in heaven,
nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³Be on
guard! Be alert! You do not know when
that time will come. ³⁴It’s like a man
going away: He leaves his house and
puts his servants in charge, each with
their assigned task, and tells the one at
the door to keep watch.

³⁵“Therefore keep watch because
you do not know when the owner of
the house will come back—whether
in the evening, or at midnight, or when
the rooster crows, or at dawn. ³⁶If he
comes suddenly, do not let him find you
sleeping. ³⁷What I say to you, I say to
everyone: ‘Watch!’”

Worship in Giving: **Psalms 72:10-11**

¹⁰May the kings of Tarshish and of
distant shores bring tribute to him.
May the kings of Sheba and Seba
present him gifts.

¹¹May all kings bow down to him
and all nations serve him.

Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming 117

1. Lo! how a rose e'er bloom - ing From ten - der stem hath
 sprung! Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing As men of old have
 sung. It came, a flow - eret bright, A - mid the
 cold of win - ter, When half - spent was the night.

WORDS: German carol, 16th century; Sts. 1, 2, tr. Theodore Baker, 1894;
 St. 3, tr. Harriet Krauth Spaeth, 1875
 MUSIC: *Geistliche Kirchengesäng*, 1599; harm. Michael Praetorius, 1609

ES IST EIN' ROS' ENTSPRUNGEN
 Irregular meter

Immanuel

A sign shall be given
 A virgin will conceive
 A human baby bearing
 Undiminished Deity
 The glory of the nations
 A light for all to see
 That hope for all who will embrace
 His warm reality

[CHORUS]

**Our God is with us
 And if God is with us
 Who could stand against us
 Our God is with us
 Immanuel**

For all those who live
 In the shadow of death
 A glorious light has dawned
 For all those who stumble
 In the darkness
 Behold your light has come

[REPEAT CHORUS]

So what will be your answer?
 Will you hear the call?
 Of Him who did not spare His son
 But gave him for us all
 On earth there is no power
 There is no depth or height
 That could ever separate us
 From the love of God in Christ

[REPEAT CHORUS 2X]

Emmanuel

Emmanuel Emmanuel
 His name is called Emmanuel
 God with us
 Revealed in us
 His name is called Emmanuel

Emmanuel Emmanuel
 His name is called Emmanuel
 God with us
 Revealed in us
 His name is called Emmanuel

86 Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

1. Come, Thou long ex-pect-ed Je-sus, Born to set Thy peo-ple free;
2. Born Thy peo-ple to de-liv-er, Born a child and yet a king.

From our fears and sins re-lease us; Let us find our rest in Thee.
Born to reign in us for-ev-er, Now Thy gra-cious king-dom bring.

Is-rael's strength and con-so-la-tion, Hope of all the earth Thou art;
By Thine own e-ter-nal Spir-it Rule in all our hearts a-lone;

Dear De-sire of ev-ery na-tion, Joy of ev-ery long-ing heart.
By Thine all suf-fi-cient mer-it, Raise us to Thy glo-rious throne.

WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1744
MUSIC: Rowland H. Prichard, c.1830; harm. by Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday: MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY Online via Zoom @ 7:00 p.m.

Sundays: SUNDAY SCHOOL for all ages @ 9:00 a.m.

MORNING WORSHIP in Dech Chapel @ 10:30 a.m.

Monday, December 11: MINISTRY COUNCIL MEETING

7 p.m. in Zinn Commons + Online via Zoom

Thursday, December 14:

WOMEN OF FAITH @ 7:00 p.m. in Zinn Commons

MEN OF ADVENTURE @ 7:00 p.m. at the Keller home

Sunday, December 17: CHURCH FAMILY CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

12:15 p.m. in Zinn Commons. Please sign up to let us know how many will be attending. If you plan to bring food, please add it to the sign-up sheet.

Sunday, December 24: CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

7 p.m. in Dech Chapel + Online via Zoom

The list of **Sharing Cupboard**
current food needs: • Snack food
• Chips • Pretzels • Cookies
• Crackers • Toiletries
• Other Regular Items

Prayer Requests: If you have any
prayer requests for distribution,
please send them to Pastor Tim at
pastortim@christcomm.church
or (484) 269-4313.

We are looking to start an active **Intercessory Prayer Team** rotation during our morning worship service. If you would like more info on this way to serve, there is a sign up sheet in the narthex. Francy Lindenmuth will contact you.

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 church website.

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 17th and available for pick up.

New contact information for Glenn & Doris Dreibelbis :

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