

Sunday, December 10, 2023

Second Sunday of Advent The Lord's Day

Welcome & Announcements	5	Rev. Dr. Timothy Valentino
Organ Voluntary & Quiet Reflection	A Christmas Trilogy James Mansfield	Pat Shroff
Call to Worship	Isaiah 9:6 (Responsive)	Rev. Dr. Timothy Valentino Maureen Logan
Lighting of the Advent Cand	le	Shawn Garman
Opening Hymn	86: Come Thou Long Expected Jesus	Congregation
Prayer of Adoration		Rev. Dr. Timothy Valentino
Scripture Readings The Old Testament Lessor The Response: The New Testament Lesso	Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13 Shaw	Shawn Garman n Garman / Maureen Logan Shawn Garman
Worship in Giving	Isaiah 60:5-6	Rev. Dr. Timothy Valentino
Prayer Hymn	117: Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming (v. 1-2)	Congregation
Praise & Worship Me	eekness and Majesty / Here I Am to Worsh	<i>ip</i> Congregation
Sermon	Fear Not, Part 21: Moving Beyond Fear (Exodus 14:10-15)	Rev. Dr. Timothy Valentino
Closing Hymn	321: Trust and Obey	Congregation
Benediction		Rev. Dr. Timothy Valentino
Organ Postlude	Postlude on "Regent Square" Smart / Parks	Pat Shroff

Hospital Visitor This Week: Marlin Bohannon, 717-383-1153

Lector	Shawn Garman	Children's Church Leader	Sonya Valentino
Responder	Maureen Logan	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	Custodian	Gloria Graybill
Hymn Leader, Vocalist	Maureen Logan	Director of Buildings & Grou	Inds Will Robertson
Preacher, Vocalist	Rev. Dr. Tim Valentino	Acolyte	Shawn Garman



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Call to Worship: Isaiah 9:6

⁶ For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders.
And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end.

The Old Testament Lesson: Exodus 14:10-15

¹⁰As Pharaoh approached, the Israelites looked up, and there were the Egyptians, marching after them. They were terrified and cried out to the LORD. ¹¹They said to Moses, "Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you brought us to the desert to die? What have you done to us by bringing us out of Egypt? ¹²Didn't we say to you in Egypt, 'Leave us alone; let us serve the Egyptians'? It would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the desert!"

¹³ Moses answered the people, "Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the Lord will bring you today. The Egyptians you see today you will never see again. ¹⁴ The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still."

¹⁵Then the LORD said to Moses, "Why are you crying out to me? Tell the Israelites to move on.

The Response: Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13

¹You, LORD, showed favor to your land; you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

²You forgave the iniquity of your people and covered all their sins.

⁸I will listen to what God the LORD says; he promises peace to his people, his faithful servants but let them not turn to folly.

⁹ Surely his salvation is near those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.

¹⁰ Love and faithfulness meet together; Righteousness and peace kiss each other.

¹¹ Faithfulness springs forth from the earth, and righteousness looks down from heaven.

¹²The LORD will indeed give what is good, and our land will yield its harvest.

¹³ Righteousness goes before him and prepares the way for his steps.

The New Testament Lesson: Mark 1:1-8

¹The beginning of the good news about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God, ² as it is written in Isaiah the prophet:

"I will send my messenger ahead of you,

who will prepare your way"—

³ "a voice of one calling in the wilderness,

'Prepare the way for the Lord,

make straight paths for him.""

⁴And so John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River. ⁶John wore clothing made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷And this was his message: "After me comes the one more powerful than I, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie.⁸I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

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

⁵Then you will look and be radiant. vour 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.



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Meekness and Majesty

Meekness and majesty manhood and deity In perfect harmony the Man who is God Lord of eternity dwells in humanity Kneels in humility and washes our feet

O what a mystery meekness and majesty Bow down and worship for this is your God This is your God

Father's pure radiance perfect in innocence Yet learns obedience to death on a cross Suffering to give us life Conquering through sacrifice And as they crucify prays Father forgive O what a mystery meekness and majesty Bow down and worship for this is your God This is your God

Wisdom unsearchable God the invisible Love indestructible in frailty appears Lord of infinity stooping so tenderly Lifts our humanity to the heights of His throne

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Here I Am to Worship

Light of the world, You stepped down into darkness. Opened my eyes, let me see. Beauty that made this heart, adore you. Hope of a life spend with you.

Here I am to worship, Here I am to bow down, Here I am to say that you're my god. You're altogether lovely, All together worthy. All together wonderful to me.

King of all day's oh so highly exalted. Glorious in heaven above. Humbly you came to the earth you created All for love's sake became poor.

Here I am to worship, Here I am to bow down, Here I am to say that you're my god. You're altogether lovely, All together worthy. All together wonderful to me.

I'll never know how much it cost To see my sin up on that cross I'll never know how much it cost To see my sin up on that cross

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday: <u>MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY</u> Online via Zoom @ 7:00 p.m. Sundays: <u>SUNDAY SCHOOL</u> for all ages @ 9:00 a.m. <u>MORNING WORSHIP</u> in Dech Chapel @ 10:30 a.m.

> Monday, December 11: <u>MINISTRY COUNCIL MEETING</u> 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 <u>pastortim@christcomm.church</u> or (484) 269-4313.

We are looking to start an active **Intercessory Prayer Team** rotation during our morning worshp 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.