

The Lord's Day, December 5, 2021
The Christian Year: The Second Sunday in Advent

My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior. Luke 1:46-47

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Leader: Why do we light the Advent candles?

Response: Jesus said, "I am the Light of the world. He who follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the Light of Life."

Leader: A voice cries in the wilderness, "Prepare the way of the Lord. Make straight in the desert a highway for our God."

Response: "Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill made low. The uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places plain."

(Lighting of the candle)

Leader: We light this candle as a symbol of proclamation.

Response: May the Word sent from God through the prophets lead us to the way of salvation."

The Voluntary for Silent Prayer

***Call to Worship: Psalm 40:16-17**

Minister: May all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;

People: may those who love your salvation say continually, "Great is the Lord!"

Minister: As for me, I am poor and needy, but the Lord takes thought for me.

People: You are my help and my deliverer; do not delay, O my God!

***Hymn of Adoration: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (No. 194)**

1 O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here,
until the Son of God appear.

Refrain:
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.

2 O come, O come, thou Lord of might,
who to thy tribes, on Sinai's height,
in ancient times didst give the law
in cloud and majesty and awe. [Refrain]

3 O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free
thine own from Satan's tyranny;
from depths of hell thy people save,
and give them vict'ry o'er the grave. [Refrain]

4 O come, thou Dayspring from on high,
and cheer us by thy drawing nigh;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadows put to flight.
[Refrain]

5 O come, thou Key of David, come
and open wide our heav'nly home;
make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery. [Refrain]

***Prayer of Adoration and Congregational Invocation**

God of All Grace, you have given me a Savior; produce in me a faith to live by him, to make him all my desire, all my hope, all my glory. May I enter him as my refuge, build on him as my foundation, walk in him as my way, follow him as my guide, conform to him as my example, receive his instructions as my prophet, rely on his intercession as my high priest, obey him as my king. In his name I come to you. Amen.

From "The Savior" in The Valley of Vision

***Affirmation of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 29**

Minister: Why is the Son of God called Jesus, that is, Savior?

People: Because he saves us from all our sins, and because salvation is not to be sought or found in anyone else.

Gloria (Tune: Gloria)

Gloria in excelsis Deo!

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The Revelation of God's Will: Ex. 20:1-17; Mt. 22:37-40

Unison: And God spoke all these words saying: 'I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. '

Minister: You shall have no other gods before me.

People: You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

Minister: You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain.

People: Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates.

Minister: For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

People: Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

Minister: You shall not murder.

People: You shall not commit adultery.

Minister: You shall not steal.

People: You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

Minister: You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's.'"

Unison: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and soul, mind and strength...and your neighbor as yourself."

Hymn of Response: "We Have Not Known Thee As We Ought" (No. 493, Tune: St. Catherine)

1 We have not known thee as we ought,
nor learned thy wisdom, grace and pow'r;
the things of earth have filled our thought,
and trifles of the passing hour.
Lord, give us light thy truth to see,
and make us wise in knowing thee.

2 We have not feared thee as we ought,
nor bowed beneath thine awful eye,
nor guarded deed, and word, and thought,
remembering that God was nigh.
Lord, give us faith to know thee near,
and grant the grace of holy fear.

3 We have not loved thee as we ought,
nor cared that we are loved by thee;
thy presence we have coldly sought,
and feebly longed thy face to see.
Lord, give a pure and loving heart
to feel and own the love thou art.

4 We have not served thee as we ought;
alas! the duties left undone,
the work with little fervor wrought,
the battles lost, or scarcely won!
Lord, give the zeal, and give the might,
for thee to toil, for thee to fight.

5 When shall we know thee as we ought,
and fear, and love, and serve aright!
When shall we, out of trial brought,
be perfect in the land of light!
Lord, may we day by day prepare
to see thy face, and serve thee there.

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, we are unworthy to come into your presence because of our many sins. If you dealt with us as we deserve, we would not receive any grace or mercy from you. We have sinned against you, O Lord, and we have offended you. And yet, O Lord, as we acknowledge our sins and offenses, so also do we acknowledge you to be a merciful God, a loving and favorable Father to all who turn to you. And so we humbly ask you, for the sake of Christ your son, to show us mercy and forgive all of our offenses. Forgive the sins of our youth and the sins of our old age. By your Spirit, O God, take possession of our hearts so that, not only the actions of our life, but the words of our mouths and the smallest thoughts of our minds, may be guided and governed by you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit be all honor and glory now and forever, Amen.

Private Confession

Pastoral Prayer

Promise of the Gospel

For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God.
I Peter 3:18

***Hymn of Thanksgiving: "Prophets' Words Foretold a Savior" (SH No. 18)**

Prophets' words foretold a savior in Bethlehem that night
Hailed by angels, shepherds wisemen, Emmanuel our Light.
Royal blood his kingly mantle, yet in kindness came to show
Human flesh in God's hands death its final, fatal blow.
Lowly infant in a stable, make all our prayers take flight.
Coming Christ, our God incarnate, be all our soul's delight.

Worship of God through Tithes and Offerings

***Doxology (Tune: Old Hundredth)**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost; Amen.

***Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication**

***Reading of The Holy Scriptures: Matthew 1:18-25**

***Prayer for Illumination**

Sermon: "The Promise of Jesus" (Rev. Seth Wallace)

***Hymn of Response: "O Come, All Ye Faithful" (No. 208)**

1 O come, all ye faithful,
joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
come and behold him
born the King of angels;

Refrain:

O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.

2 God of God,
Light of Light;
lo, he abhors not the Virgin's womb;
very God,
begotten, not created; [Refrain]

3 Sing, choirs of angels,
sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above;
glory to God
in the highest; [Refrain]

4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
born this happy morning:
Jesus, to thee be all glory giv'n;
Word of the Father, late in flesh appearing;
[Refrain]

***The Benediction**

Postlude

**Denotes congregation standing, if able.*

If you would like someone to pray with you, an Elder will be available at the front of the sanctuary following the service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

➤ **Men's Morning Prayer and Fellowship Time**

Men, please join us at C.J. Cannon's at 7 a.m. every **Wednesday** for Men's Morning Prayer and Fellowship Time.

➤ **Chili Luncheon**

You are invited to join in on the fun and fellowship at our Annual Chili Meal on **Sunday December 12, beginning after worship service**. The Blanzoles are providing the chili; families in the congregation are asked to bring a salad or dessert. Beverages and the trimmings (sour cream, lettuce, tomato, shredded cheese, Doritos, etc.) will be provided by the Fellowship Committee. A signup sheet is located in the foyer; please remember to add your name, the number of people in your party, and the dish you plan to bring to serve eight. You may also sign up online. Many thanks to the Blanzoles for sharing their culinary talents with the saints of CTK. Please remember to sign up so that the Deacons and the Fellowship Committee can plan accordingly. Thank you.

➤ **Lessons & Carols Service**

Our Annual Lessons & Carols Service will be on December 19 at 6 p.m.

➤ **Operation Shoebox Update**

Fifty-nine children will receive Christmas gifts this year, thanks to the generosity of everyone who filled a box. We surpassed last year's number by one; one more child than last year will be blessed by the saints of CTK. Special kudos to the McShea children, who shopped and filled 24 boxes for those of us who preferred to let them do the shopping. A heartfelt thank-you to everyone who participated.

➤ **Poinsettias**

If you wish to purchase a poinsettia in honor or memory of a loved one, please complete the insert in the bulletin and leave it in the offering plate with your payment of \$10 each. The poinsettias will be available to take home after the Christmas Eve service.