

Preparation for Worship

Holy God, we take a deep breath and know that you are here. You never leave our sides. Like a protective mother hen, or the sun who circles the earth, you carry us with you.

So today, we bow our heads with tender spirits and ask that once more you would lean in close. Hear our prayers. Buoy our hearts. Send your Spirit rushing through us like a mighty wind.

Gathering

His Strength is Perfect -Steven Curtis Chapman, Jerry Salley

The Welcome and Opening Prayer

Lighting the Advent Wreath

Leader: We are asked as we light the Advent Wreath, "What are you afraid of?"

Leader: Today we light the candle of peace, because we so desperately need God's peace in the midst of all we fear.

People: May this light be a reminder that Christ is coming. God was with generations before, God is with us today, and God will be with us tomorrow. Even now, God is on the way.

*Songs of Praise (see insert)

You Are Worthy of My Praise -David Ruis

Our God -Chris Tomlin

*Confession and Assurance

*The Peace

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

*Song of Response (see insert)

To A Maid Whose Name Was Mary

Hymn no. 98

Reading from Scripture

Isaiah 11:1-10

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf

and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Offering

Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus -Rowland H. Prichard



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Reading from Scripture

Luke 1:26-38

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Message

"God Meets Us in Our Fear"

Rev. Clint Roberts

Joys & Concerns

Gathering Song

Taste and See

Hymn no. 520

Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord. O taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.

The Invitation to the Table

Prayers of Thanksgiving, Petition, and Intercession

The Lord's Prayer

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Sharing the Bread and Cup

All who trust in Jesus are invited to share in the Lord's Supper. Please come forward to receive the Bread and Cup and return to your seat to partake of the bread. We will hold the cup and drink together. We are also happy to bring the Elements to you.

Closing Prayer

*Song of Sending (see insert)

In Christ Alone -Keith Getty, Stuart Townend

*The Blessing

*Sending

Our God -Chris Tomlin

Flowers in the niches are given in honor of our loved ones passed and present and in celebration of Christmas, from John, Frances, James, Shasta, Thomas, and Abigail Swaine.

Worship Participants

Rev. Clinton G. Roberts
Rev. Kristie W. Finley
Rev. Jim Cochrane
Susan Noble
Christina Maldonado
Nathan Fivecoate

Worship Ensemble
Rick Day, AV Support Lead
Henry Thomas, AV Support
Georgia Sottosanto-Sorenson, AV Support
Ryder Gamrath, AV Support

*Songs of Praise

You Are Worthy of My Praise –David Ruis

*I will worship
With all of my heart
I will praise You
With all of my strength*

*I will seek You
All of my days
I will follow
All of Your ways*

Chorus:
*I will give You all my worship
I will give You all my praise
You alone I long to worship
You alone are worthy of my praise*

*I will bow down
And hail You as King
I will serve You
Give You everything*

*I will lift up
My eyes to Your throne
I will trust You
Trust You alone*

Our God –Chris Tomlin

Verse 1
*Water You turned into wine
Opened the eyes of the blind
There's no one like You
None like You*

Verse 2
*Into the darkness You shine
Out of the ashes we rise
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Chorus
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*Song of Sending

In Christ Alone –Keith Getty, Stuart Townend

*In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My Comforter my All in All*

*In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
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The wrath of God was satisfied
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This Week's Calendar

TODAY

8:45 AM Nursery Open until 11:45 AM, Room 212
9:00 Worship, Sanctuary
Children's Faith Building, Chapel
10:00 Fellowship, Great Room
10:30 Worship, Sanctuary
Children's Church, Chapel
11:30 Fellowship, Great Room
4:00 PM Middle School Youth Group, Away
7:00 Senior High Youth Group, Youth Lounge

MON

9:30 AM Rummage Sorting, Rummage Sorting Room
10:00 Pause for Prayer, Chapel
5:00 PM Engagement Committee Meeting, Zoom
5:45 Women's Christmas Tea, Great Room/Sanctuary

TUE

9:30 AM Women's Advent Bible Study, Parish House
1:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry, South Parlor
Adult Bible Study, Zoom
4:00 Worship & Music Committee Meeting, Zoom
6:00 Lakemister Ringers, Sanctuary
7:00 Women's Evening Bible Study, Zoom

WED

10:00 AM Wed. Women's Bible Study, South Parlor/Zoom
4:15 PM Children's Carol Choir, Music Room
5:00 Children's Cherub Choir, Music Room
Confirmation Class, Stuart Room
5:30 Wednesday Night Supper, Great Room
Chancel Bells, Sanctuary
6:00 Children's Faith Building, South Parlor
7:00 Taize Service, Chapel
Explorations of Faith, Great Room/Zoom
Worship Ensemble Rehearsal, Sanctuary

THU

6:00 AM Daybreakers Men's Ministry, South Parlor/Zoom
9:30 Rummage Sorting, Rummage Sorting Room
11:00 Strength to Strength Book Group, South Parlor/Zoom
7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Music Room

FRI

7:00 AM Men of Corinth Bible Study, Great Room

SAT

8:30 AM Children's Pageant Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Rummage Dropoff closed
12/11 - 1/4 for the holiday season

Pastor on call:
Pastor Kristie
847.942.4057

Pastor Clint's
day off: Friday

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Elders

Paul Bergmann
Renee Borkowski
Donna Coffin
Scott Crawford
Paul Darling
John Gescheidle
Lynnette Hinch
John Johnson
Laura Johnson
Sally McDonald
Mary Gould Moorhead
Brian O'Keane
Diane Quinn
Kendall Severson
Nina Strnad
David Strong
Sadie Strong
Mary Watanabe
Clerk
Anne Winebrenner

Deacons

Bill Allen
Nancy Anderson
Carol Bagan
Dorothy Chantler
Mallory Ciarrocchi
Susan Daly
Wendy Darling
Peg Gronau
Nancy Hamming
Jeff Hinch
Cindy Johnson
Dick Johnson
Susan McDowell
John McNicholas
Susan Milanak
Lisa Murray
John Noble
Tiffany Notz
Tricia Sweet
Sherry Trenchard
Bert Tucker
Joan Vie
Gale Strenger Wayne
Moderator
Scott Weston

Coming Up...



Caroling with Clint & Christmas Open House

Sunday, December 11
Caroling 3:00 - 5:00 PM
Open House 5:00 - 7:00 PM

Hop on the bus and spread Christmas cheer as we carol to some of our homebound friends. We will end the evening with fellowship and festive treats at the manse for a Christmas Open House!



Rummage Holiday Pop-up Sale

Sunday, December 11
before and after worship services

Shop Christmas decor, sweaters, tabletop, and more while supporting our Mission Partners!



Carols & Candlelight

Wednesday, December 14, 7:00 PM

Join us in the Sanctuary for an evening of Carols & Candlelight to remind us of the true meaning of the season. We will sing classic carols, hear the Christmas story, and listen to music featuring the musical ensembles of First Pres.

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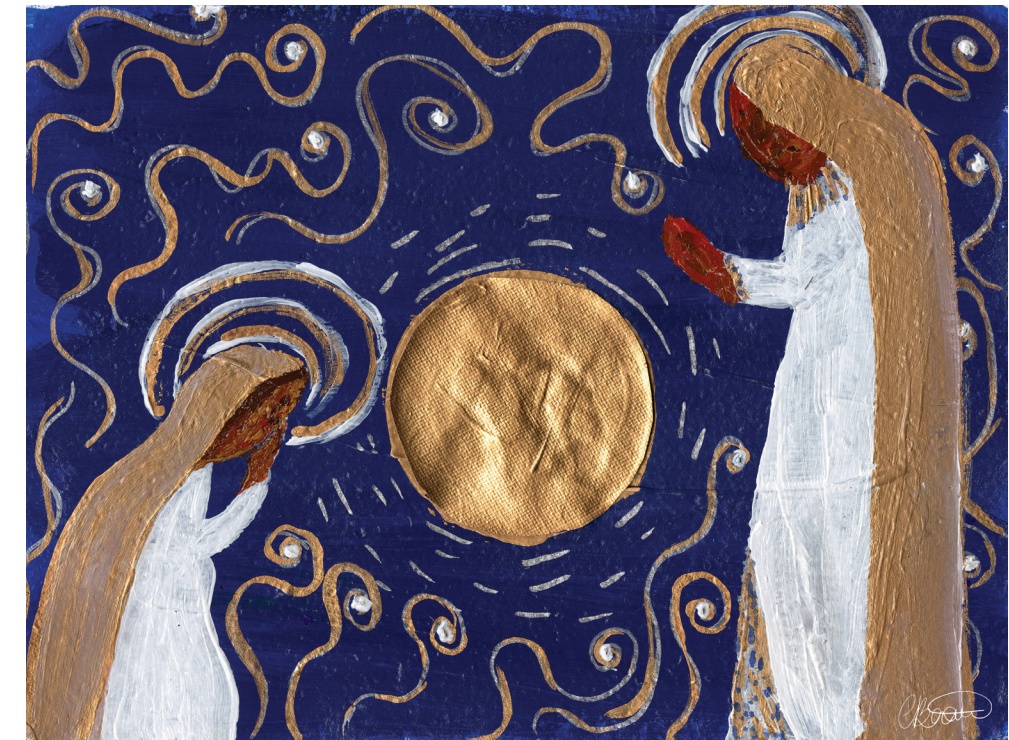


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Welcome
to Sunday Worship

December 4, 2022 | 9:00 AM
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*Sending well-equipped disciples of Jesus into the world—
compassionate, generous, resilient and wise*