

THE *Wonder* OF CHRISTMAS  
ADVENT 2021



**First Presbyterian Church**  
OF LAKE FOREST

December 5, 2021  
Second Sunday of Advent

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

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### Prayer for Worship

*"Faith walks simply, childlike, between the darkness of human life and the hope of what is to come." — Catherine de Hueck Doherty*

### Prelude

Two Advent Chorales, BWV 599 and 600                  Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685-1750  
Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland/Gottes Sohn ist kommen

### The Welcome

### Introit

Veni Emmanuel    Plainsong, pre-9th century  
*O come, thou Key of David, come, and open wide our heavenly home;  
make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

## \*Call to Worship

Leader: O come, O come, Immanuel.

**People: Lift our eyes from lists to see the wonder of heaven,  
the smiles on other faces.**

Leader: O come, O come, Immanuel.

**People: Make conflicts cease; fill every table with bread to share;  
shelter us all from the cold.**

Leader: O come, O come, Immanuel.

**People: Bring healing to bodies and souls hurt by sickness,  
bitter words, or abuse.**

Leader: O come, O come, Immanuel.

**People: Fill us with forgiveness and blessing; laughter, loving, and peace!**

## \*Hymn of Praise *NO. 88 (stanza 1,4,6,7)*

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

TUNE: VENI EMMANUEL

## Lighting the Candle of Peace

The 2022 Confirmands

Leader: The season of Advent continues. Four thousand years of waiting for the Messiah, commemorated by the lighting of four candles.

We join with a hopeful throng in the lighting of the Advent candles, symbols of our faith and signs of God's love.

We are a people of hope. Last Sunday the frail light of a single candle dared to pierce through the darkness of desolation and sin. The sin for which we ask forgiveness, asking God to cleanse us.

Hope lives in us and will abide with us as God's forgiveness surrounds us brighter than any candle.

Today, we will light the candle of peace.

This light, too, must brave great darkness.

In an age when people so seldom find peace within themselves, and when all the earth stands under threat of eradication, we light a fire called peace.

Peace that is not merely the absence of war and conflict, but peace that is the fullness of blessing for all. That is the peace for which we dare to hope.

The Christ comes to bring peace to those who have been separated from God and one another.

In the name of that Child born so long ago, we light the candle of peace.

In following Christ's teachings, we nurture our hope for peace, especially today.

*Lighting of the candles of Hope and Peace.*

**All: God of peace, help us to remember that you have come to save us and fill us with your peace as we trust in your mighty name. Amen.**

**\*Sung Response** *NO. 105 (stanza 2)*

People, Look East

TUNE: BESANÇON

***Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare,  
one more seed is planted there.  
Give up your strength the seed to nourish,  
that in course the flower may flourish.  
People, look east and sing today:  
Love, the Rose, is on the way.***

**\*Passing the Peace of Christ**

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

**Prayer for Illumination**

Most gracious God, prepare our hearts and minds to receive your deep peace. Take from us all weariness of spirit. Hush the anxieties that shout in our minds. Release us from bondage to irritation that depletes our energy. Prepare us now to receive your living Word with joy through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Old Testament Lesson**

Isaiah 43:1-3a

But now thus says the Lord,  
he who created you, O Jacob,  
he who formed you, O Israel:  
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;  
I have called you by name, you are mine.  
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;  
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;  
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,  
and the flame shall not consume you.

For I am the Lord your God,  
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## New Testament Lesson

Matthew 1:18-25

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

"Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,  
and they shall name him Emmanuel,"

which means, "God is with us." When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus"

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to Christ.**

## Meditation

"The Wonder of a Name"

Rev. Clinton G. Roberts

## \*Congregational Anthem *(please turn to page 7)*

A New Magnificat

Hannah: Amelia Harlovic, Mary: Catherine Larson

Carolyn Jennings, 1981

## Sharing our Joys and Concerns

## A Word from Stewardship

Bob Karlblom  
Stewardship

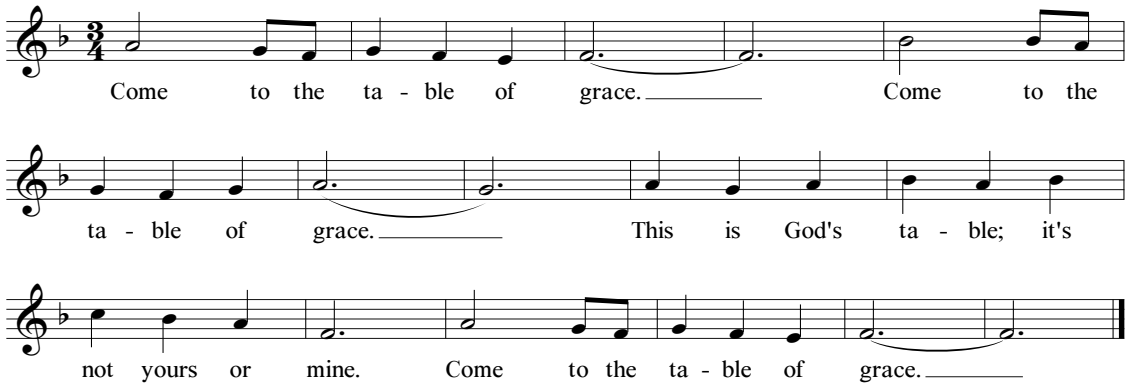
# Offering

Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine

German carol/arr. Gilbert M. Martin, 1982

## — THE LORD'S SUPPER —

### \*Gathering Song



Come to the ta - ble of grace. \_\_\_\_\_ Come to the  
ta - ble of grace. \_\_\_\_\_ This is God's ta - ble; it's  
not yours or mine. Come to the ta - ble of grace. \_\_\_\_\_

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### \*The Invitation to the Table

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### Prayers of Thanksgiving, Petition, and Supplication

#### 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.

## Words of Institution

### Sharing the Bread and Cup

*All who trust in Jesus are invited to share in the Lord's Supper.  
Please come forward, as you are able, to receive (without contact) the Bread and Cup.  
After receiving the Elements, we will partake of them together.  
We are also happy to bring the elements to you.*

### Closing Prayer (unison)

**Almighty God,  
you have made us and all things to serve you.  
Now prepare the world for your rule.  
Come quickly to save us,  
so that wars and violence shall end,  
and your children may live in peace,  
honoring one another with justice and love;  
through Jesus Christ,  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### \*Hymn of Sending NO. 106

Prepare the Way, O Zion

*TUNE: BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN*

### \*Charge and Benediction

### \*Postlude

Prepare the Royal Highway

arr. Emma Lou Diemer, 2002

## A New Magnificat

**HANNAH:** My heart exults in the Lord;  
my strength is exalted in the Lord.  
My mouth derides my enemies;  
I rejoice in thy salvation.

**MARY:** My soul magnifies the Lord,  
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.  
He has regarded the estate of his handmaid;  
all generations will call me blessed.

**CONGREGATION:**



**HANNAH:** There is none holy like the Lord;  
there is no rock like our God.  
Let not your mouth be arrogant,  
for the Lord is a God of all knowledge.

**MARY:** For he who is mighty has done great things for me,  
and holy is his name.  
And his mercy is on those who fear him,  
from generation to generation.

**CONGREGATION:**



**HANNAH:** The bows of the mighty are broken,  
but the feeble gird on strength.  
Those who were full are hungry,  
and those who were hungry are filled.

**MARY:** He has shown strength with his arm,  
he has scattered the proud in their hearts;  
he has put down the mighty  
and lifted those of low degree.

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## A New Magnificat

**HANNAH:** The Lord kills and brings to life;  
he brings low, he also exalts.  
He lifts up the poor from the dust  
to sit with princes and inherit a seat of honor.

(CHOIR:) For the pillars of the earth are the Lord's,  
and on them he has set the world.

**MARY:** He has shown strength with his arm,  
He has scattered the proud in their hearts.  
He has filled the hungry,  
and the rich he has sent empty away.

**CONGREGATION:**



**HANNAH:** He will guard his faithful flock,  
for not by might shall man prevail.  
The Lord will judge the earth;  
he will exalt the power of his anointed.

**MARY:** He has helped his servant Israel  
In remembrance of his steadfast love and mercy,  
as he spoke to our fathers,  
to Abraham, and to his children's children forever.

**CONGREGATION:**



**HANNAH:** Alleluia!

**MARY:** Alleluia!

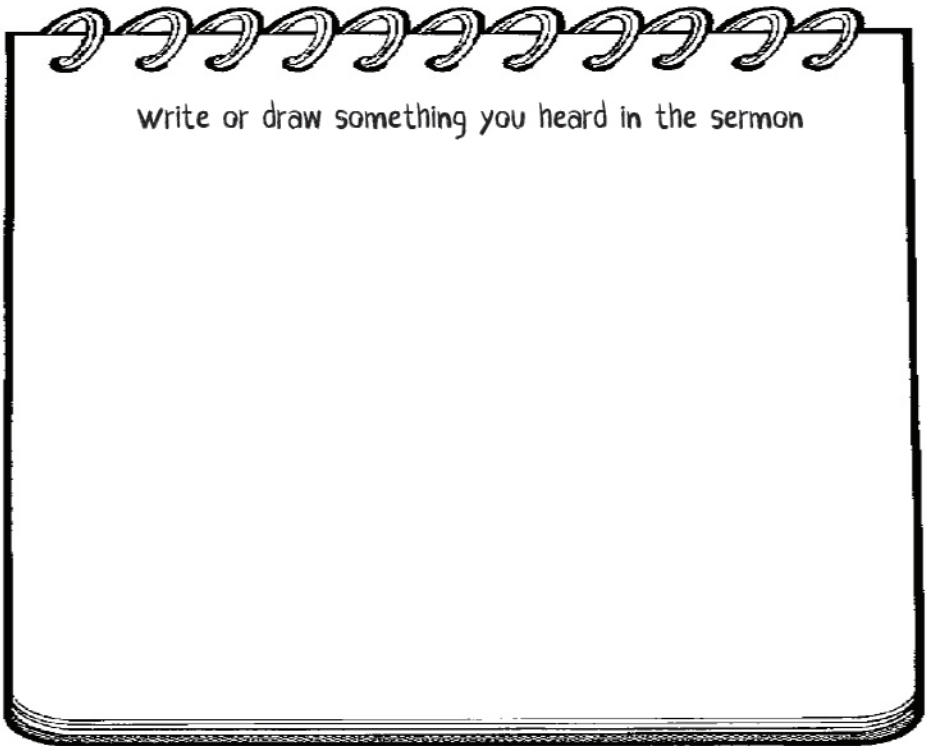
**Text:** The Song of Hannah, 1 Samuel 2  
The Song of Mary, Luke 1

**Music:** Carolyn Jennings

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# WORSHIP NOTES



Write or draw something you heard in the sermon




As you attend worship, use this sheet to help you pay attention and learn. We want you to worship with us by singing to God and listening to the message.



Favorite song today was:



What are we learning about God from this passage?



Words you heard but don't know...

Coming up...



**Joy Ride + Christmas Open House**  
Today, December 5, 3:00 - 6:00 PM

3:00 PM, Open House at the Roberts'  
4:30 PM, Scavenger Hunt begins at the Deerpath lot  
5:30 PM, Christmas Carol Sing begins.



**Caroling with Clint**  
Sunday, December 12, 3:00 – 5:00 PM

Share Christmas cheer and sing Christmas carols to our homebound with Pastor Clint aboard a school bus! Bring your family, friends, and neighbors. Afterward, we head back to the manse for some coffee, hot chocolate, and treats!



**Christmas Concert: Dinner and Show!**  
Wednesday, December 15, 7:00 PM, Sanctuary

Come by for our Wednesday Night Supper at 5:30 PM, and stay for the Christmas Concert at 7:00 PM (in our usual Taize timeslot). The Sanctuary Choir, instrumental ensemble, and the Lakeminster Ringers Bell Choir will usher in the Christmas season through lessons and music from the Piaie Cantiones (holy songs), the oldest Swedish song.

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View our Weekly Schedule of ministries, and find details and Zoom links on our church website: [www.firstchurchlf.org/ministries](http://www.firstchurchlf.org/ministries)

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## This Week's Calendar

### TODAY

8:30 AM	FIDE "Hope" Bible Study, S. Parlor/Zoom
10:00	Worship, Sanctuary
10:00	Children's Faith Building, Chapel
11:00	Rummage Christmas Pop-Up Sale, Great Room
2:00 PM	Middle School Youth Group, Offsite
3:00	Christmas Open House, Roberts' Home
4:30	Joy Ride, Deerpath Parking Lot
5:30	Christmas Carol Sing, Roberts' Home
7:00	Senior High Youth Group, Youth Lounge

### MON

7:00 PM	19 <sup>th</sup> Annual Women's Christmas Tea, Sanctuary
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### TUE

1:00 PM	Adult Bible Study, Zoom Prayer Shawl Ministry, South Parlor
4:00	Worship & Music Committee Mtg, Zoom
6:00	Lakeminster Ringers, Sanctuary
7:00	Women's Evening Bible Study, Zoom
7:00	Cub Scout Pack 46, Fellowship Hall

### WED

	Giving Tree Gifts Due
10:00 AM	Wed. Women's Bible Study, South Parlor/Zoom
1:00 PM	Adult Faith Formation Meeting, Zoom
4:15	Carol Choir, Music Room
5:00	Cherub Choir, Music Room
5:00	Confirmation Class, Stuart Room
5:30	Wednesday Night Supper, Fellowship Hall
5:30	Chancel Bells, Sanctuary
6:00	Children's Faith Building, Youth Lounge
7:00	Explorations of Faith, Great Room/Zoom
7:00	Taize, Sanctuary

### THURS

6:00 AM	Daybreakers Men's Ministry, S. Parlor/Zoom
7:00 PM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Music Room
7:00	Children's Faith Formation Mtg, Stuart Room
7:00	APNC, South Parlor

### FRI

7:00 AM	Men of Corinth Bible Study, Great Room /Zoom
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The Advent Wreath is given by the Grost and Barabas families to the glory of God and in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Ward McMasters and the Rev. Miss Lynn Holmes, a graduate of Lake Forest College and St. Andrews University, Edinburgh, who was the first American woman to be ordained in the Church of Scotland.

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Pastor Clint's day off is on Monday.  
Pastor Kristie's day off is on Friday.

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Rick Day  
Alex McDowell  
Aaron Helms  
Emma Darling  
The 2022 Confirmands  
Sanctuary Choir

## Serve, Learn & Connect

**For our weekly ministries and Zoom links**  
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### Share Joys & Concerns

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### Home Communion

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