

First Sunday of Advent

November 28, 2021

9:30 a.m.

Welcome friends in Christ! We are glad you have come to worship today and to celebrate the love of God in Jesus Christ. We extend a warm greeting of Christian Fellowship to you. If you are visiting with us, please introduce yourself to the pastor following the service.

*Congregation standing for those who are able

Our Approach to God

Prelude *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* Smith
One License #84028

Lighting of the Advent Wreath – the Candle of Hope

We light this candle as a symbol of Hope as a sign of the coming light of Christ. How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace;

Who brings good news, who announces salvation!

The Lord said, “The time is coming when I will fulfill the promise that I made to the people of Israel and Judah. At that time, I will choose as king a righteous descendant of David. That king will do what is right and just throughout the land. The people of Judah and of Jerusalem will be rescued and will live in safety. The city will be called ‘The Lord Our Salvation.’ (Jeremiah 33:14-16)

Let us Pray:

Faithful God, out of death you bring life. Renew us in hope, that we may be alert to the burgeoning of Christ’ advent among us.

God of promise, God of hope, into our darkness come.

*The Hymn of Praise *Come, Thou Long - Expected Jesus* 2
congregation sings verses 1 & 2

*The Prayer of Praise and Adoration

Holy One, you have promised us that the day of our salvation is near. Keep us faithful in love and watchful in prayer, so that we may stand with confidence and joy. Amen.

*The Response *The First Nowell* 56
The First Noel, the Angels did say, was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay. In fields where they lay keeping their sheep, on a cold winter's night that was so deep. Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel Born is the King of Israel!

The Special Music *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* Barnwell
Permission granted by Rhett Barnwell

The Word of God

The Time with the Children

The Gospel Reading Luke 21:25-36 page 115 NT

The Sermon “Expecting the Light” Pastor Philomena

Our Response to Serve

*The Affirmation of Faith The Apostle’s Creed (Traditional) Hymnal, page 14

The Offering of our Tithes and Gifts

The Offertory *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* Barnwell
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*The Doxology

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.

*The Prayer of Dedication

The Hymn *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* 9
Congregation sings verses 1 & 2

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving and 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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us; 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

The Elements

(We now eat together symbolizing our unity in Christ. We drink from the cup symbolizing our individual relationship with Christ.)

The Communion Hymn *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* 9
Congregation sings verse 3

The Prayer after Communion

God our hope, we give you thanks that you have given us this foretaste of the justice, righteousness, and peace of your promised new creation. Strengthen us with this heavenly food as we seek to serve your holy realm. Lead us to live in joyful expectation of the coming again in glory of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

*The Charge and Benediction

*Postlude *Angels We Have Heard on High* Smith
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* Congregation Standing – for those who are able.

Our guest musician today is Ruth Estell - piano & harp

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Congregational Meeting

On Sunday, December 12, immediately following worship, there will be a congregational meeting to elect Elders for the Second Presbyterian Church Session. Please plan on attending.

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Seeking and Serving Christ. We are a Place for Growing Christians.

Announcements and Upcoming Events

2nd @ Second Adult Education

We will not meet TODAY. Join us Sunday, December 5 at 10:45 a.m. in the library as we reflect on the Gospel of Luke chapters 1 & 2.



Poinsettias



We will decorate the Sanctuary with poinsettias for the Christmas Season. If you would like to order a poinsettia in honor or memory of someone special, please sign up and pay in the office. The deadline to order is December 5. These beautiful poinsettias are \$10.00 each. Take your poinsettias home after the Christmas Eve services.

The Angel Tree gift tags are out on the table in the front hallway. Angel Tree is a part of Prison Fellowship and provides an opportunity for our church to extend the hope of the Gospel through delivering Christmas gifts on behalf of their incarcerated parents. Please keep in mind, although there is a "wish list" on each tag, you are not obligated to buy everything on that list. \$25 is usually the maximum amount. All gifts are due back at church by December 12th.



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