

# First Sunday of Advent

November 27, 2022

9:00 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

The Words of Welcome and Announcements

Please sign the Friendship pads and pass them back to the center aisle.

After worship, please greet your neighbors by name.

## Our Approach to God

Prelude Picardy setting by Craig Phillips

Lighting of the Advent Wreath – the Candle of Hope

We light the Candle of Hope. (Light the First Candle)

On this day we bear witness to the light of Christ with all the faithful of every time and place:

Hear God's promise of hope from Isaiah 2:2-4:

In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say,

**“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.”**

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.

Let us pray:

Faithful God, out of war's chaos, you bring the order of peace. Renew us in hope, that we may work toward Christ's advent of peace among all nations.

**Come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!**

\*The Hymn of Praise *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

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\*The Prayer of Praise and Adoration

**Unslumbering God, at an unexpected hour you sent an unlikely liberator to an undeserving world. Keep us faithful in unguarded moments and alert in uncertain times, so that we may seek your unmeasured mercy, serve you with undivided hearts, live together in unbroken community, and greet you with unending praise; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our undying Life, in whom we know your unfailing justice, unfathomable grace, and unlimited love. Amen**

\*The Response

*Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

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**Let all mortal flesh keep silence, And with fear and trembling stand. Ponder nothing earthly minded, For with blessing in His hand. Christ our God to earth descend-eth, Our full homage to demand.**

The Anthem “Light the Advent Candle (Advent Song)” Mary Lu Walker  
Chancel Choir

## The Word of God

The Dedication of the Bell House Ethan Hoepfner

The Epistle Reading Romans 13:11-14 page 216 NT

The Gospel Reading Matthew 24:36-44 page 36 NT

The Sermon “Be Watchful in the Waiting” Pastor Philomena

## Our Response to Serve

\*The Affirmation of Faith The Nicene Creed (Ecumenical) Hymnal, page 15

\*The Hymn *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* 2

The Offering of our Tithes and Gifts  
The Offertory *Veni Emmanuel* setting by Philip Moore

\*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 Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Lord's Prayer (using sins)

The Lord be with you. **And also, with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe. You established your people to be a light for the nations and called us to walk in your paths and follow your ways. Even now, you are coming to bring justice and peace to the world....

**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

Distribution of the elements

(Hold the bread until all have been served. We will eat it together symbolizing our unity in Christ. Drink the cup when it is served symbolizing your individual relationship with Christ.)

Prayer after Communion

**You have torn open the heavens to come among us, O Lord, in Jesus the Christ. May we take the light you give into the all the world. All this we ask to the glory of your name we pray, even as we sing with the angelic proclamation of good news. Amen.**

\*The Hymn *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* 5  
Verses 2, 3, & 4

\*The Charge and Benediction

\*The Congregational Response *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* 9  
**O come, O come Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here Until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel.**

\*Postlude *Besancon/Carol of Advent* setting by Rebecca Groom te Velde

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**Liturgist and Advent Wreath Lighter:** Ethan Hoepfner & Elexia Ortiz

**Greeter:** Anne Schmidt

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### Poinsettias



If you would like to order a poinsettia in honor or memory of someone special, please fill out the order form and, along with your payment, place in a clearly marked envelope and put it in the basket. All the necessary supplies are on the table by the restrooms in the gathering area. The **deadline to order is December 4**. These beautiful red or white poinsettias are in a 6" pot, have multiple large blossoms and a bow attached for \$11.00 each. They will decorate the sanctuary for worship beginning on Sunday, December 18, and will stay until after the Christmas Eve service. Take your poinsettias home after the Christmas Eve service.

### Rescue Mission Lunches



Saturday, **December 3**, please join us in the church kitchen to assemble bag lunches for the Saginaw Rescue Mission. We will meet at 9:30 a.m. in the church kitchen (Please enter from parking lot through Fellowship Hall door) to visit and share in the work of making sandwiches and lunches for those struggling with hunger. Many hands make light work! We look forward to seeing you as we gather to help those in need.

**Our congregation mourns** with the family of Adam Wells who passed into the church triumphant. His mother, Carol, was the secretary of the church for many years. Please keep the Wells family in your thought and prayers.

**"Looking for volunteers to help with shoveling snow this year. Please call the church @ 989-792-1023 -Thank you"**



### Music and Worship Committee

We need your help!! The Music and Worship Committee is looking for volunteers to help with Fellowship Hour after worship service on Sundays. We would like to offer coffee, juice, donuts or cookies after worship service. There is a sign-up sheet available so please look for a Sunday service you would like to host!



### Stewardship

We have received 38 Estimates of Giving for 2023. If you have not already done so, please turn in your **yellow 2023 Estimate of Giving slip** (one is included in this newsletter) by either mailing it to the church or dropping it in the collection box. We are working on the budget for 2023 as many of the programs at the church depend upon your estimate of giving. Thank you for your faithfulness.



- Gifts for Angel Tree are due back **NEXT Sunday, December 4**.
- Sunday December 4, we will welcome Rev. Dr. Andrew Pomerville to our pulpit.
- Beginning Monday, November 28, the church office will be open Monday – Thursday from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm during this transition period. Folks needing congregational care should contact the office at (989) 792-1023 and the appropriate individuals will be contacted. Voicemails and emails will be monitored when the office is closed. Any changes to the hours will be announced in the bulletin announcements and the weekly update.