



Second Sunday of Advent ~ See Hope

December 5, 2021 @10:30 am

Liturgist: Greg Hardy

Special Music: The Chancel Choir

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

Music as we prepare our hearts and minds for worship

Chimes: Advent Hymns

Organ Prelude

“Lo, How A Rose E’er Blooming”

arr. J. Brahms

Welcome

Moment for Ministry – Greg Hardy on welcoming Olive Mahabir

Nursery care is available for infants through age 5 in Room 115.

Children are welcome to use our new “Prayground” space in the Sanctuary (right front section) during the worship service. An adult will be present to assist the children.

Parents and grandparents are welcome to sit close by.

Advent Candle Lighting ~ The Vandervort Family

Leader 1: Where do we see hope?

People: In light that shines in darkness and the darkness cannot overcome it.

Leader 2: In the light of one candle that illumines a face or ignites a thousand other candles.

Leader 1: Where do we see hope?

People: In the coming of a child full of promise.

Leader 2 or 3: For unto us a child is born, and he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Leader 1: On this second Sunday of Advent, let us light a candle to see hope.
(Light the Second Advent Candle)

Congregational Response

Live into Hope

TRURO

Glory to God Hymnal #772, v. 2

Live into hope! The blind shall see with insight and with clarity,
removing shades of pride and fear, a vision of our God brought near.

***Opening Prayer**

Hymn

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

VENI EMMANUEL

Glory To God Hymnal #88, vs 1, 2, & 7

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.

O come, thou Wisdom from on high, who orderest all things mightily:
to us the path of knowledge show; and teach us in her ways to go.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind;
bid envy, strife, and discord cease; fill the whole world with heaven's peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

First Reading Genesis 1:1-5

1 In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, **2** the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. **3** Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. **4** And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. **5** God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Music Meditation

"In The Bleak Midwinter"

Robert I. Hugh

Children's Moment

Worship bag supplies, including sermon notes for the kids,
are available on the worship cart in the narthex.

Gospel Reading John 1:1-14

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. **2** He was in the beginning with God. **3** All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being **4** in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. **5** The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. **7** He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. **8** He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. **9** The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. **10** He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. **11** He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. **12** But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, **13** who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

14 And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Meditation

Prayers of the People

Offering

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Communion

Invitation

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

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

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

It is right and a good and joyful thing always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth . . . We lift up this and all of our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ who taught the church how to pray, saying,

**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.**

“Pray for One Another”

To encourage all of us to pray for each other, we list here some members and families each week. Here is this week’s list:

Robert & Ophelia Gregory, Breanna, Madison; Mark & Lynette Griffin;
Harry & Terri Hackett; Cullen & Barbie Hackler; Stewart Hackler; Joyce
Hall; Jay & Jennifer Hannah, Will, Ainsley; Ted & Jennifer Hansen,
Benjamin, Sarah; Rod & Susan Hardee; Spencer & Nina Hardee.

Words of Institution

Sharing of Communion

Prayer after Communion

***Closing Hymn** Prepare the Way, O Zion BERENDEN VAG FOR HERRAN
Glory To God Hymnal #106

Prepare the way, O Zion, your Christ is drawing near!
Let every hill and valley a level way appear.
Greet One who comes in glory, foretold in sacred story.

Refrain:

O blest is Christ who came in God’s most holy name.

He brings God’s rule, O Zion; he comes from heaven above.
His rule is peace and freedom, and justice, truth, and love.
Lift high your praise resounding, for grace and joy abounding. **(Refrain)**

Fling wide your gates, O Zion; your Savior’s rule embrace,
and tidings of salvation proclaim in every place.
All lands will bow rejoicing, their adoration voicing. **(Refrain)**

Benediction

Doxology

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise him all creatures here below,
Praise him above ye heavenly hosts,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Organ Response

“We Gather Together”

Eduard Kremser (1877)

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