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Second Sunday of Advent

December 6, 2020, 10:00AM

PRELUDE

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*THE ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

Theme for bulletin insert:

Today we will place light from two sources on our worship center. The first light comes from the candle, which was placed here last week, but remained unlit. The second source is a flashlight, with its small, but directed beam of light to show us the way to Hope.

Reader 1: Last week we placed this candle on our worship center, but it remained unlit so that we would take the time to actually think about the darkness and hope for the light.

Reader 2: We light this candle, remembering that in the midst of darkness, God created the world and all that is in it. In the midst of our darkness, God has again brought light!

[Person 3 lights the Advent Candle]

Reader 3: We turn this flashlight on, with its small beam. The darkness is great, but God's powerful light will show us the way, our path is illuminated by God's gracious love. This light represents direction and hope.

[Person 3 turns the flashlight on. Note: Pass the flashlight through the camera lens once quickly then, place the light is either shining on the floor or down an aisle.]

Reader 1: Let us pray: Lord of love and light, give us direction this day. Draw us from our darkness back to you. Help us to remember that your light and presence are always with us. AMEN.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Days are getting darker.

P: **Who will come to give us light?**

L: The voice of the prophet cries in the wilderness of our lives!

P: **Is this prophet the One who brings the light?**

L: This prophet brings witness to the Light which is coming for all people.

P: **Praise be to God who has heard our cries. AMEN.**

*OPENING HYMN

196 Come, Thou Long-expected Jesus

In Our Prayers..

Lincoln Coakley

-(grandson of Joann Coakley)

Irene Goff

Carol Ensley

Steve & Lynne Farnsworth

Deb Nissen

-(sister-in-law of Deb Wickman)

**The loved ones of those who passed away, including:*

Janice Kassel

Mae Stevens

**Those who have been hospitalized or are in long term care facilities*

**Hospital & nursing/assisted care facility staff, essential workers, & our military members.*

**All individual prayer requests will be listed for 6 weeks. At which time they will be removed from the list. If you wish for a name to remain, be removed, or to be put back on the list, contact the church office at 712-852-2154.*

Thank You!

***OPENING PRAYER**

Lord of Darkness and of Light,
come to us this day in the midst of our growing darkness
bringing the light of hope to our lives.
Keep our hearts and minds alert to your presence.
Give peace to our stressed spirits.
In this season of Advent,
prepare us to greet the One who will lift our burdens
and change our lives forever. AMEN.

JOYS CONCERNS PRAYERS

***SCRIPTURE READINGS** Matthew 1:20-21, Luke 2:8-12

Matthew 1:20-21

²⁰But after he had considered 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 home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."

Luke 2:8-12

⁸And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. ⁹An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. ¹¹Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

MESSAGE OF LIFE Hojin Shin

Incarnation 2: The Savior and Our Need for Saving

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Into the dark depths of our fear and anguish, you, O Lord, reach out to us. We need your guidance this day, for we have found it far too easy to stray into selfish pathways. We seek first our own comfort; we gather our toys and trinkets and proclaim that all is right with the world, yet our hearts feel strangely discomfited. Guide us and gather us, Lord. Teach us again to be people of peace and hope. Help us to cast off the mantle of greed and hatred. Forgive us for the many times when we have ignored the cries of those in need; when we have turned our backs on opportunities to help others. Forgive us, Lord. Touch our hearts and bring your bright light of salvation to them that we might turn again to you and in your love may be part of ministries of peace and justice. Help us again to hear the voice of one who cries in the wilderness, "Prepare the way

of the Lord. Make straight in the desert a highway for our God.” In the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior, we offer this prayer. AMEN.

***WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

God’s forgiving love has been poured upon each one of us. Hear the good news! You are healed and forgiven! AMEN.

***HOLY COMMUNION**

drive through, at the FLC, from 11:00-11:30.

***CLOSING HYMN**

230 O Little Town of Bethlehem

***BLESSING**

***SONG OF SENDING FORTH**

219 What Child Is This (verse 1)

POSTLUDE

God is Good!

Birthdays...

7 Brandi Fehr
Steven Hoyman
10 Tara Sargent
13 Bev Salas

Anniversaries...

12 James & Connie Manwarren

December Liturgists

12/6 Susan Embrock
12/13 Sarah Frederick
12/20 Jodi Ward
12/24 Michelle Kogel
12/27 Danielle Ditch

#196 “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus ”

1. Come, thou long expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us,
let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.
2. Born thy people to deliver,
born a child and yet a King,
born to reign in us forever,
now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal spirit
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all sufficient merit,
raise us to thy glorious throne

#230 “O Little Town of Bethlehem”

1. O little town of Bethlehem,
how still we see thee lie;
above thy deep and dreamless sleep
the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
the everlasting light;
the hopes and fears of all the years
are met in thee tonight.
2. For Christ is born of Mary,
and gathered all above,
while mortals sleep, the angels keep
their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars together,
proclaim the holy birth,
and praises sing to God the king,
and peace to all on earth!

3. How silently, how silently,
the wondrous gift is given;
so God imparts to human hearts
the blessings of his heaven.
No ear may hear his coming,
but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive him, still
the dear Christ enters in.
4. O holy Child of Bethlehem,
descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin, and enter in,
be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
the great glad tidings tell;
o come to us, abide with us,
our Lord Emmanuel!

#219 “What Child is This” (Vs. 1)

1. What child is this who, laid to rest,
on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
while shepherds watch are keeping?

Refrain

This, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud,
the babe, the son of Mary.

**Adopt-a –Family gifts were due
back by Dec 5. If you haven't al-
ready done so, please drop them
off on Monday Dec 7!**

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