

Kern Memorial United Methodist Church

The Reverend James Bailes, Pastor

December 5, 2021 Online Service 10:00 am

Second Sunday of Advent

Welcome

Prelude

O Come All Ye Faithful

Oh, come, all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant!
Oh, come ye, oh, come ye to Bethlehem
Come and behold him
Born the king of angels:
Oh, come, let us adore him,
Oh, come, let us adore him,
Oh, come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.
Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all
Glory in the highest:

*A Call to Worship

A voice cries out:

“In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.” (Isaiah 40:3)

Hymn

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

Charles Wesley

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.

The Lighting of the Second Advent Candle

⁴ John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. (Mark 1:4)

We light his candle as a symbol of Christ the Way
May the word sent from God through the prophets lead us to the way of salvation.
O come, O come, Emmanuel.

Prayer

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass 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.

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Sentence

Freely we have received; freely we give, with gratitude and joy.

Doxology

Offertory Prayer

Hymn

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Henry Sloan

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, and order all things far and nigh;
To us the path of knowledge show and cause us in her ways to go.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, O come, great Lord of might, who to thy tribes on Sinai's height
In ancient times once gave the law in cloud and majesty and awe.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, thou Root of Jesse's tree, an ensign of thy people be;
Before thee rulers silent fall; all peoples on thy mercy call.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 40:1-11; Luke 3:1-6

Comfort, comfort my people,
says your God.

2

Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and proclaim to her
that her hard service has been completed,
that her sin has been paid for,
that she has received from the Lord's hand
double for all her sins.

3

A voice of one calling:
"In the wilderness prepare
the way for the Lord;
make straight in the desert
a highway for our God.

4

Every valley shall be raised up,

every mountain and hill made low;
the rough ground shall become level,
the rugged places a plain.

5

And the glory of the Lord will be revealed,
and all people will see it together.
For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.”

6

A voice says, “Cry out.”
And I said, “What shall I cry?”
“All people are like grass,
and all their faithfulness is like the flowers of the field.

7

The grass withers and the flowers fall,
because the breath of the Lord blows on them.
Surely the people are grass.

8

The grass withers and the flowers fall,
but the word of our God endures forever.”

9

You who bring good news to Zion,
go up on a high mountain.
You who bring good news to Jerusalem,^[c]
lift up your voice with a shout,
lift it up, do not be afraid;
say to the towns of Judah,
“Here is your God!”

10

See, the Sovereign Lord comes with power,
and he rules with a mighty arm.
See, his reward is with him,
and his recompense accompanies him.

11

He tends his flock like a shepherd:
He gathers the lambs in his arms
and carries them close to his heart;
he gently leads those that have young.

Luke 3:1-6

3 In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar—when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of Iturea and Traconitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene— **2** during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. **3** He went into all the country around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. **4** As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet:

“A voice of one calling in the wilderness,
‘Prepare the way for the Lord,
make straight paths for him.

5

Every valley shall be filled in,
every mountain and hill made low.
The crooked roads shall become straight,
the rough ways smooth.

6

And all people will see God's salvation.”

Hymn

Prepare Ye the Way

Michael W. Smith

Chorus

Prepare ye the way

Prepare ye the way of the Lord

Prepare ye the way

Prepare ye the way of the Lord

Verse

Yeshua You reign on high

You reign on high

Almighty God Your love is like no other

(REPEAT)

Interlude

Your love is like no other yeah

Ending

Prepare ye the way

Prepare ye the way of the Lord

Message

“Turning Toward and Getting Ready”

Rev. James Bailes

Prayer

Song

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Kathleen Thomerson

(1) I want to walk as a child of the light.

I want to follow Jesus.

God set the stars to give light to the world.

The star of my life is Jesus.

Refrain

In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.

The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

(2) I want to see the brightness of God.

I want to look at Jesus.

Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path,

And show me the way to the Father. (Refrain)

(3) I'm looking for the coming of Christ.

I want to be with Jesus.

When we have run with patience the race,

We shall know the joy of Jesus. (Refrain)

Blessing

Postlude

Hark the Herald Angels Sing/King of Heaven

C. Wesley/Paul Baloch

Verse 1

Hark the herald angels sing

Glory to the newborn King

Peace on earth and mercy mild

God and sinners reconciled

Joyful all ye nations rise
Join the triumph of the skies
With angelic hosts proclaim
Christ is born in Bethlehem
Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King

Verse 2

Hail the heav'n born Prince of Peace
Hail the Son of righteousness
Light and life to all He brings
Risen with healing in His wings
Mild He lays His glory by
Born that man no more may die
Born to raise the sons of earth
Born to give them second birth
Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King

Chorus

King of Heaven come down
King of Heaven come now
Let Your glory reign shining like the day
King of Heaven come
King of Heaven rise up
Who can stand against us
You are strong to save
In Your mighty name King of Heaven come

Interlude

Oh oh

Verse 3

Christ by highest heaven adored
Christ the everlasting Lord
Late in time behold Him come
Offspring of a virgin's womb
Mild He lays His glory by
Born that man no more may die
Born to raise the sons of earth
Born to give them second birth
Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King the newborn King

Ending

King of Heaven come King of Heaven come
King of Heaven come King of Heaven come
King of Heaven come down
King of Heaven come now
Let Your glory reign shining like the day
King of Heaven come

Sunday, December 5, 2021

- 8:30 am** Christian Formation Class (Zoom)
- 9:00 am** Praise and Worship Service (FLC)
- 10:00 am** Sunday School Classes
- 10:00 am** Online Worship Service (Facebook, YouTube)
- 11:00 am** Traditional Worship Service (Sanctuary)

Monday, December 6, 2021

- 9:00 am** Monday Morning Maintenance (Narthex)
- 12:30 pm** Staff Meeting (Parlor)
- 5:30 pm** Yoga (FLC)
- 6:00 pm** Venture Crew (Room 3)
- 7:00 pm** Scout Troop 324 (FLC)

Tuesday, December 7, 2021

- 9:00 am** Camp Faith (Rm 26, 28)

Wednesday, December 8, 2021

- 5:30 pm** Family and Fellowship (FLC) reservations needed before noon on Monday
- 6:15 pm** Children/Youth Play Practice (FH/Sanctuary)
- 7:00 pm** Choir Practice (Sanctuary)

Thursday, December 9, 2021

- 8:00 am** Prayer Partners (Parlor)
- 9:00 am** Camp Faith (Rm 26, 28)

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