

Second Sunday of Advent

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Luke 1:68, 79

Leader

Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel,
Because he has come to his people and redeemed them,

All

**to shine on those living in darkness and in the shadow
of death to guide our feet on the path of peace**

Advent Wreath

All (sung)

**“O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.”**

Through the generations since David, God’s people watched for a Savior. Then John spoke anew the prophets, and their hearts stirred in expectation. We light this candle in solidarity with that voice of one calling in the wilderness, prepare the way of the Lord, make straight paths for him!

Light candle

All (sung)

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

“Angels from the Realms of Glory”

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Verse 1

Angels from the realms of glory, wing your flight o’er all the earth; ye who sang creation’s story now proclaim Messiah’s birth:

Refrain:

Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.

Verse 2

Shepherds, in the field abiding, watching o’er your flocks by night, God with us is now residing, yonder shines the infant light.

Refrain

O Come All Ye Faithful”

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Verse 1

O come all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem. Come and behold him, born the King of angels;

Refrain:

O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Verse 2

True God of true God, Light from Light Eternal, lo, he shuns not the Virgin’s Womb; Son of the Father, begotten, not created;

Refrain

Congregational Prayer

Anthem / Offertory

“Emmanuel, Expected Jesus”

Schram

Scripture Reading 1:

Malachi 3:1-4

Leader

The Word of God: our light in the darkness.

All

Thanks be to God.

Scripture Reading 2:

Luke 3:1-6

You are invited to stand as you are able for the reading of the Gospel

Leader

The Word of God, for the people of God

All (sung)

Doxology

Sermon: “The Black Sheep of Christmas”

Invitation and Confession

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him,
who earnestly repent of their sin
and seek to live in peace with one another.
Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Merciful God,

We confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.

We have failed to be an obedient church.

We have not done your will,

we have broken your law,

we have rebelled against your love,

we have not loved our neighbors,

and we have not heard the cry of the needy.

Forgive us, we pray.

Free us for joyful obedience,

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pardon and Peace

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God’s love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People only:

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

All:

Glory to God. Amen.

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 to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast.

You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through your prophets, who looked for that day when justice shall roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream, when nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ, whom you sent in the fullness of time to be a light to the nations. You scatter the proud in the imagination of their hearts and have mercy on those who fear you from generation to generation. You put down the mighty from their thrones and exalt those of low degree.

You fill the hungry with good things, and the rich you send empty away. Your own Son came among us as a servant to be Emmanuel, your presence with us. He humbled himself in obedience to your will and freely accepted death on a cross.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer (KJV)

And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

**Our Father who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done,
On earth as 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.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery
In which you have given yourself to us.
Grant that we may go into the world
in the strength of your Spirit,
to give ourselves for others,
In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Benediction and Sending

As you go forth to wait well the coming of Jesus,
"Prepare the way of the Lord,"
So that the world may know the coming of God's salvation
Amen.

All (sung)

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to the, O Israel



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December 5, 2021

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Our Mission
To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the
transformation of the world

PRAYER CONCERNS

If you have a prayer request, please share it during our Joys & Concerns or fill out a prayer request card and place it in the Offering plate. If you have a request during the week: please contact the church office 256-3632. In the evenings or on weekends call our Pastor, Rev. Brian Coplin He may be reached on his cell phone:318-614-5050 or send an e-mail: rev.coplin@gmail.com Please note we will remove names at the end of the month, you will need to call the office to put a name back on the list.

Sandra Bishop (Diann Migliore's mom)
Carrie Broussard
Our pastor and family
Brian, Monica, Jack & Anna Claire Coplin
Charles Enterkin
Jason Fluitt (Vicki Simpson's son-in-law)
Ken & Mary Ellen Freeman
Seth Freeman
Susan Giblin
John & Betsy Godfrey
Grace Kelsey
Becky Lafitte
Shirley Lee
Mike Luster
Family of Elizabeth Mitchell
Dena Sue Moore
Louise Moore
Garland Peterson
Cheryl & Daniel Procell
Janice Rike
Rodney Roach
(Vicki Weaver's nephew)
Brian Tannehill
Cindy Troha (Joe's sister-in-law)
Kevin Troquille

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, December 5

8:30 a.m. - Coffee Time - FLC
9:00 a.m. - Sunday School
10:00 a.m. - Worship in Sanctuary

Monday, December 6

6:00 p.m. - Ultreya
6:00 p.m. - Boy Scouts - FLC

Tuesday, December 7

12:00 p.m. - Lion's Club

Wednesday, December 8

5:30 p.m. - Youth & Children
7:00 p.m. - Choir Practice

Friday, December 10

6:30 p.m. - Women's Fellowship
5:00 p.m. - Sabine District Fire Banquet - FLC



Nursery care is provided for children 5 years and younger at the bottom of the front stairway. There is also a "cry room" at the back of the sanctuary. Please be aware that, for safety's sake, all external doors are locked after the worship service has begun. So, if you need to leave and re-enter the building please do so through the double glass doors in the Narthex where the ushers can assist you.

December Nursery Workers

December 5 - Elizabeth Pickett
December 12 - Mary Ellen Freeman
December 19 - Carolyn Dove
December 26 - Vicki Isgitt

*WAYS TO GIVE

Give your tithes & offerings during worship services. You may send by mail to FUMC P.O. Box 1210 Many, La. 71449. We now have the option to give through **TEXT TO GIVE** Text #22525 then put in code FUMCM You may also go to the church website fumc-many.com
Please call the church office for more information 318-256-3632

Taking donations for food pantry.