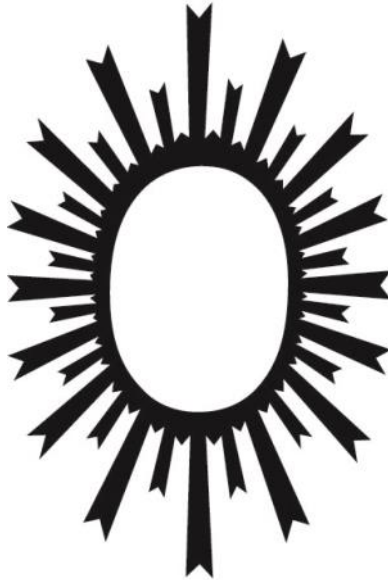


**The Service for the Lord's Day
with the Sacrament of Holy Communion**



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December 4, 2022

Second Sunday of Advent

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

For young children, the Prayground in the back of the sanctuary is open and our nursery is also available for those who prefer childcare for infants and toddlers. Sunday school classes are available for kids in Kindergarten through 5th grade during the 10:30am service, after the Time with Children.

I. GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

“Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming”

arr. Christina Harmon
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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SENTENCES¹

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

All: God of the wolf and the lamb, God of the goat and the leopard, we gather here to worship you—you who bring enemies together, you who combine earth and heaven, you who know nothing of impossibility. Expand our hopes and our imaginations so that new dreams of peace and unity might arise. May the hearing of your word, the singing of sacred songs, and the blessing of this community awaken us anew to your presence. With hope, peace, joy, and love we pray. Amen.

***HYMN #190**

“Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming”

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LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH²

9 am: Jim Sullivan and Valerie Gabler

10:30 am: The Cain/Rosemurgy Family

One: This is a time of year when patience sometimes yields to frustration, fulfillment turns to greed, and enough simply becomes not enough... And so we offer this mysterious prayer:

All: Lord Jesus, quickly come.

ADVENT RESPONSE



We light one can-dle for Peace as we long for your co-ming, O Christ. Al-le - lu - ia!

CALL TO CONFESSION

One: Now is the time to wake from sleep—to cast aside sin and put on grace. Let us trust the promise of God’s mercy, for the day of salvation is near. Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: *Christ, have mercy upon us.*

All: **Lord, have mercy upon us.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: God of the ages, through the prophets and apostles you have challenged us to lay aside hurt and destruction and to prepare for your new creation. We confess that we continue to cling to our sinful ways—greed and envy, abuse and waste, negative self-talk and denial of our belovedness. Forgive us Holy One. By your Spirit, lead us to live in a way that honors you, proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ our Savior, who is coming in glory to reign.

[silence for individual prayer]

One: In Christ’s name we pray,

All: Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Through the gift of baptism, we are cleansed in the Holy Spirit, clothed with the righteousness of Christ, and covered by the grace of God. Believe the good news:

All: In the name of Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

*GLORIA PATRI

Hymn #734

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: We already abide in Christ’s peace as we also await the fullness of Christ’s reign. As we anticipate God’s incarnation, may the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Share a sign of peace and reconciliation with your neighbors, such as a hand over your heart.

(10:30)

ANTHEM

“Light One Candle”

Natalie Sleeth

~Sunburst Singers

“Light one candle for peace, one bright candle for peace, he brings peace to every heart, He comes! He comes!”

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(10:30)

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

II. PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

All: Faithful God, through the gift of your word you offer us instruction, encouragement, and peace. By the power of your Spirit, teach us to live into hope, sharing joy and peace with the world; in the name of Jesus our Lord, Amen.

PSALM

“Psalm 72”

Sung to the Hymn-tune *Ein Feste Burg*, #507 “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”
**“Grant justice, Lord, to those who rule; let righteousness compel their hand;
Their courts shall bear prosperity, and serve the poor throughout the land.
O Lord, our cause defend; deliv’rance quickly send
To those who bound in chains of greed and selfish gains,
Submit themselves to thy command.”**

Paraphrase of Psalm 72 ©1999 Michael Morgan, *The Psalter for Christian Worship*, Witherspoon Press

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 11:1-10

Pew Bible, OT pg. 710

One: The Word of God for the People of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

“Come, Thou Redeemer of the Earth”

arr. David Willcocks

~Chancel Choir

“Come, thou Redeemer of the earth, and manifest thy virgin birth: let every age adoring fall; such birth befits the God of all. Begotten of no human will, but of the Spirit, thou art still the Word of God in flesh arrayed, the promised fruit to man displayed. The virgin womb that burden gained with virgin honor all sustained; the banners there of virtue glow; god in his temple dwells below. All laud, eternal Son, to thee whose Advent sets thy people free, whom with the Father we adore, and Holy Ghost for evermore. Amen.”

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SERMON

“The Kitten Shall Lie Down with the Pig?”

Rev. Emma Nickel

III. RESPONDING TO THE WORD

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Some Children See Him”

Alfred Burt

~Olivia Donnel

“Some children see him lily white, the baby Jesus born that night. Some children see him lily white, with tresses soft and fair. Some children see him bronzed and brown, the Lord of heaven to earth come down; some children see him bronzed and brown, with dark and heavy hair. Some children see him almond eyed, this Savior whom we kneel beside, some children see him almond eyed, with skin of yellow hue. Some children see him dark as they, sweet Mary’s son to whom we pray; some children see him dark as they, and ah! They love him too! The children in each different place will see the baby Jesus’ face like theirs, but bright with heavenly grace, and filled with holy light. O lay aside each earthly thing, and with thy heart as offering, come worship now the infant King, ’twas love was born that night!”

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*DOXOLOGY

Hymn #34

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Pick something ‘impossible’ to work on this week, and take just one step toward it, remembering the Advent promise that God—Emmanuel—is with us.

SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

One: All glory and honor to you, O Lord...Here we lift our hearts to you, praying:
Come, Lord Jesus!

REFRAIN: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

One: All glory and honor to you, O Lord...Here we lift our hearts to you, praying:
Come, Lord Jesus!

REFRAIN: (repeat)

One: All glory and honor to you, O Lord...Here we lift our hearts to you, praying:
Come, Lord Jesus! And saying together:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

All: Good and gracious God, as you have been with us at this holy meal, be with us in our daily bread. Help us to be with others in the name of the one who says, "I am with you always," Jesus Christ, Emmanuel. Amen.

IV. FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***HYMN #532**

"Isaiah the Prophet Has Written of Old"

Text: Joy Patterson ©1982 The Hymn Society (admin. Hope Publishing Co.);
Music: Southern Harmony 1835; harm. Austin Lovelace ©1986 GIA Publications

***BENEDICTION**

(10:30)

POSTLUDE

"Sleepers, Wake! A Voice is Calling"

J.S. Bach
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**Indicates please stand as you are able.*

10:30 am Liturgist, Rick Dusenbury

- 1 Opening Sentences, Prayer of the Day, Prayer of Confession, Prayer for Illumination Invitation to the Offering, Invitation to Discipleship, and Great Prayer of Thanksgiving adapted from *Connections Worship Companion*, Ed. David Gambrell (Louisville: Westminster John Knox, 2022), 18-21.
- 2 Advent Wreath liturgy adapted from Discipleship Ministries, ©2016, The United Methodist Church, PO Box 340003, Nashville TN 37203. Telephone (877) 899-2780, ext 7073. Used by permission. <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/advent-wreath-meditations-year-a-the-book-of-isaiah>

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Christmas Eve Worship
5 pm—Family Service and Pageant
7 pm—Traditional Service with Candlelight

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S.T.A.G.E. Schedule (*Somewhere To Ask God Everything*)
Youth Ministry for Grades 6-12

- **Saturday, December 3—Berkley Christmas Parade** in partnership with Greenfield Presbyterian Church. Meet at Greenfield at 4 PM or at the parade location, 3339 Bacon, at 5pm.
- **December 11—Meeting to Plan Youth Sunday** at Greenfield Presbyterian Church. **All grades will meet together from 4:30-6:30 pm, with dinner at 6 pm.**
- **December 18—Christmas celebration** with white Elephant gift exchange and luminaria prep for Christmas at Cana Lutheran Church. **All grades meet together from 4:30-7 pm, with dinner at 6 pm.** Luminaria are an annual fundraiser to support the STAGE program throughout the year.
- **December 25 and January 1—No meetings - Christ is born! Happy New Year!**



Our church is a Stephen Ministry church. Stephen Ministers are lay caregivers who are trained to provide high-quality confidential, Christ-centered care to people who are hurting.

Today's **CHANCEL FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God in honor of Pastor Emma Nickel and Joelle Jarrait, both of whom celebrate birthdays in December.

Poinsettias to Honor Loved Ones

It's time to order poinsettias to honor and remember loved ones. The flowers will adorn the sanctuary on Christmas Eve. Each plant is \$14 and **orders are due today, December 4**. Order forms are available at the reception desk. Payment by cash or check payable to FPCRO.

Salvation Army Angel Tree Program

As the busy holiday season arrives, we are grateful for our blessings and are aware of the great need in our community for those families who are struggling. The Salvation Army has asked for our help to make Christmas brighter for children in our area who might not receive gifts. This year, the Salvation Army invites us to purchase new, unwrapped toys for different age groups which will be displayed on the tag. Tags will be available in the church lobby, or there is a QR code to scan and have your gift sent directly to the Salvation Army. **Bring UNWRAPPED gifts to the church by Thursday, December 8.**

Luminaria for Christmas Eve

S.T.A.G.E. Youth Ministry is offering luminaria to honor and remember loved ones this season, at the suggested cost of \$5 each. The luminaria will be personalized with your loved one's name, lit and displayed outside our church on Christmas Eve. **Please submit orders by December 11.** Order forms are available at the CE reception desk or you may download an order form online. Pay for orders online with PayPal to stageyouth@gmail.com or by check, made out and mailed to S.T.A.G.E. Youth Ministry, 2119 Catalpa Dr., Berkley, MI 48072

Coffee Hour Fellowship—Cookies & Cocoa at Church!

Bring a plate of your favorite Christmas cookies to church on **Sunday, December 11**. We'll share with each other after the 10:30 am worship service as we enjoy a warm cup of cocoa. Drop off your goodies in the CE Lobby when you arrive and our Deacons will have everything set up to enjoy following worship.

Christmas Caroling

On **Sunday, December 11 at 12 pm** please join in with other church members as we go caroling. We will visit members' homes to sing Christmas carols—they all sound beautiful whoever sings them!—and bring smiles to faces. We will drive between homes, but please dress for the weather as this is an outdoor activity.

The Mitten Tree

Please think about what you will hang on the Mitten Tree we use to gather warm things for those less fortunate than ourselves—gloves, mittens, hats, scarves, socks, etc. Our gifts will go to adults at the Welcome Inn, Second Mile Center, on the streets of Detroit, as well as children at Second Mile Center and local schools in Royal Oak. The need is great! Thank you in advance. Questions? Contact Julie Matthews at 248-647-3796.