

REACH OUT IN CHRIST
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

NOVEMBER 27, 2022

10:00am

Prelude

Welcome

Hymn "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" #211:1-3

Call to Worship

Leader: Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness,

People: And put upon us the power of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which Jesus came to visit us in great humility;

Leader: That in the last day, when he shall come to judge the quick and the dead,

People: we may rise to life immortal, through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

Advent Reading and Candle Lighting Craft Group

Romans 13:8-10: 8 Don't be in debt to anyone, except for the obligation to love each other. Whoever loves another person has fulfilled the Law. 9 The commandments, Don't commit adultery, don't murder, don't steal, don't desire what others have, and any other commandments, are all summed up in one word: You must love your neighbor as yourself. 10 Love doesn't do anything wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is what fulfills the Law.

Offertory "Jesu Bambino" Yon
Ruthie Nelson, Vocalist

Doxology

A Time of Prayer (Also share your concerns through FB Live comments.)

Anthem "Lo, How a Rose E're Blooming" Harlan/Courtney
Choir

Scripture Luke 21:25-36

25 "There will be signs in the sun, moon, and stars. On the earth, there will be dismay among nations in their confusion over the roaring of the sea and surging waves. 26 The planets and other heavenly bodies will be shaken, causing people to faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world. 27 Then they will see the Human One coming on a cloud with power and great splendor. 28 Now when these things begin to happen, stand up straight and raise your heads, because your redemption is near." 29 Jesus told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees. 30 When they sprout leaves, you can see for yourselves and know that summer is near. 31 In the same way, when you see these things happening, you know that God's kingdom is near. 32 I assure you that this generation won't pass away until everything has happened. 33 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will certainly not pass away. 34 "Take care that your hearts aren't dulled by drinking parties, drunkenness, and the anxieties of day-to-day life. Don't let that day fall upon you unexpectedly, 35 like a trap. It will come upon everyone who lives on the face of the whole earth. 36 Stay alert at all times, praying that you are strong enough to escape everything that is about to happen and to stand before the Human One."

Sermon "Season of Hope" Pastor John

Hymn "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" #196

Benediction

Alleluia

Postlude

CIRCLE OF PRAYER—Sandra Buck, Douglas Pike, Charlie Monroe, Brenda and Mike Smeby, Sergei Barth, Murphy Mullens, George Kranz, Lettie Witt, Terry Polen, Rod and Michelle Bailey, Jessica Strande, Cheryl Chmura, Susan Granner, Marv Hiuser, Rita Harned, Marilyn and Ron Lovell, Pastor John Griswold, James (friend of Ruth Dean), Bill Madity (brother of Diane Walsh), Howell family, Ginny Monroe, Joe McGinley, McKinley family, Rosemary Pignataro, Charlotte Perolio, Sherri Schmitz, Evelyn Sheppard and family, Linda Johnston, Volrie Olin, Anna and Hellwig Herber (Elke's mom and brother), Louis Kaduk, Starla Knox and family, Jeanne Summerford, Rick Vaughn.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***IN MEMORIAM**—Betty Bushong was called to the Lord on 11/03/2022. May she rest in peace.

***ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL**—Presents Cookie Walk & Holiday Bazaar, 12/3, 9am-1pm, 5326 Charles St., NPR 34652

***CHRISTMAS CONCERT**—Thursday Musicales Christmas Concert 12/8 at 2pm at FUMC.

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***HOLIDAY HAM LUNCHEON**—On 12/11 after worship in Henderson Hall. Organized by United Women in Faith.

***CRAFT GROUP**—Meets Mondays 12:30-3pm. Please join us!

***BIBLE STUDY**—Please join us on Wednesdays at 10am. Materials are provided.

***NEWSLETTER**—The Good News for December will get emailed/mailed on 12/1. The printed newsletter will be available 12/4. We don't want to miss any (early) December birthdays/anniversaries, so here they are:

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

2 Ray Calvert	18 Conny Cranford
4 Bill Koah	20 Shirley Pike
7 Marv Hiuser	22 Ken Houghtaling
9 Ralph Watt	23 Rosina Gowan
16 Michelle Bailey	25 Carolyn Morong

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

4th Dan and Margie Polen
13th Pam & Thomas Dobies

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Accompanist--Faye Monroe
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