



Hope



December 1, 2024

First Sunday of Advent



“May God Prepare You!”

Lighting the Candle of Hope

RESPONSIVE LITANY:

LEADER: During Advent, we wait for the one promised in scripture.

People: *And He will be called Wonderful Counselor.*

LEADER: We wait for the one who will bring answers to a world filled with questions.

People: *And He will be called Wonderful Counselor.*

LEADER: We wait for the one who can heal what has been wounded and mend what has been broken.

People: *And He will be called Wonderful Counselor.*

LEADER: We wait for the one who can renew our weary spirits and ignite our hearts with hope.

People: *And He will be called Wonderful Counselor.*



Greetings

Songs of Praise

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

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Doxology

The Reading of the Word Psalm 25:1-10, p. 459
1 Thessalonians 3:9-13, p. 987

Affirmation of Faith: Nicene Creed *Center page*

Sermon *"May God Prepare You!"*

Holy Communion

Final Song

Benediction

“May God Prepare You!”

Sermon Notes: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Head

Heart

Hands

CORNERSTONE — 10:30 A.M.

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME

CHOIR CALL TO WORSHIP “*Light the Candle*”

LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF HOPE

RESPONSIVE LITANY:

LEADER: In this season of Advent, we long for God’s presence.

People: Christ is our light and the source of our hope.

LEADER: In this season of Advent, we search for God’s truth.

People: Christ is our light and the source of our hope.

LEADER: In this season of Advent, we seek God’s guidance.

People: Christ is our light and the source of our hope.

LEADER: In this season of Advent, we remember God’s promise.

People: Christ is our light and the source of our hope.

* HYMN OF PRAISE “*O Come, O Come Emmanuel*”

PRAYER OF GENERAL CONFESSION

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men; we acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against Thy Divine Majesty, provoking most justly Thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. The remembrance of them is grievous unto us; the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For Thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ’s sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please Thee in newness of life, to the honour and glory of Thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON


THE LORD’S PRAYER

* GLORIA PATRI


*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. Amen.*

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Unison




1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som cap - tive
2. O come, Thou Rod of Jes - se, free Thine own from Sa - tan's
3. O come, Thou Day - spring, come and cheer Our spir - its by Thine
4. O come, Thou Key of Da - vid, come, And o - pen wide our
5. O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind All peo - ples in one




Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
tyr - an - ny; From depths of hell Thy peo - ple save
ad - vent here; And drive a - way the shades of night,
heav'n - ly home; Make safe the way that leads on high,
heart and mind; Bid en - vy, strife and quar - rels cease;



Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
And give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.
And pierce the clouds and bring us light! Re - joice! re - joice! Em -
And close the path to mis - er - y.
Fill all the world with heav - en's peace.



man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el! A - men.



*** THE NICENE CREED—CHRISTIANS, WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE?**

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God; begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made; being of one substance with the Father; by Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man: and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried: and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and seated at the right hand of the Father: and He shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, and Giver of Life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son; Who with the Father (and the Son) together is worshipped and glorified; Who spake by the Prophets; and I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church: I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the Resurrection of the dead; and the Life of the world to come.

Amen.

SCRIPTURE Psalm 25:1-10, p. 459
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CHORAL MESSAGE

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY – PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS**

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Our fathers' God to Thee, Author of liberty, to Thee we sing:

Long may our land be bright, with freedom's holy light,

Protect us by Thy might, great God, our King

SERMON “May God Prepare You!”

“May God Prepare You!”

Sermon Notes: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

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* **COMMUNION HYMN** *“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”*

HOLY COMMUNION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank Thee, for that Thou dost vouchsafe to feed us who have duly received these holy mysteries with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of Thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of Thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of Thy Son, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of Thy everlasting kingdom, by the merits of His most precious death and passion.

And we most humbly beseech Thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with Thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as Thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to Whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

* **BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE:**

*May the grace of Christ our Savior, and the love of God our Father,
And the fellowship of the Spirit be with us.*

*May the grace of Christ our Savior, and the love of God our Father,
And the fellowship of the Spirit be with us,
Forever and ever, forevermore. Amen.*

* Congregation Stands



Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Liturgy of St. James, 4th cent.
trans. Gerard Moultrie, 1864

PICARDY
87 87 87

French melody, 17th cent
arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

Unison

1. Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence, and with fear and
2. King of kings, yet born of Mar - y, as of old on
3. Rank on rank the host of heav - en spreads its van-guard
4. At His feet the six - winged ser - aph, cher - u - bim with

trem - bling stand; pon - der noth - ing earth - ly mind - ed,
earth He stood, Lord of lords, in hu - man ves - ture,
on the way, as the Light of light de - scend - eth
sleep - less eye, veil their fac - es to the Pres - ence,

for, with bless - ing in His hand, Christ our God to
in the bod - y and the blood. He will give to
from the realms of end - less day, that the pow'rs of
as with cease - less voice they cry, "Al - le - lu - ia,

earth de - scend - - eth, our full hom - age to de - mand.
all the faith - - ful His own self for heav'n - ly food.
hell may van - - ish as the dark - ness clears a - way.
al - le - lu - - ia, al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

Grace, Love and Fellowship

May grace, love and fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. 2 Corinthians 13:14

Unison

May the grace of Christ, our Sav-ior, and the love of God, our

The first system of musical notation for the song. It consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment.

Fa-ther, and the fel-low-ship of the Spir-it be with us.

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The second system of musical notation. It continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. A first ending bracket is shown above the treble staff, ending with a fermata. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

May the us for-ev-er and

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The third system of musical notation. It continues the melody and accompaniment. A second ending bracket is shown above the treble staff, ending with a fermata. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

ev-er, for-ev-er-more. A-men.

rit.

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The fourth and final system of musical notation. It concludes the piece with a fermata. The tempo marking 'rit.' (ritardando) is placed above the treble staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

Poinsettia Order Forms
are available in the foyer.

*Order and payment due by 12:00 p.m.,
Monday, December 16.*

TCF CALENDAR

Sunday

4:00 pm: Advent Soup Supper **Dec 1, Dec 8, Dec 15, Dec 22** *RSVP today!*
8, 9, 10:30 am: Healing Services *Dec 15*

Monday

12:00 pm: Women's Christmas Luncheon—Pine Crest Inn *Dec 16*
12:00 pm: Poinsettia Orders & Payment due *Dec 16*
7:00 pm: Men's Theology Study *Your God Is Too Small*

Tuesday

2:00 pm: Conversations with the Scripture & *Unseen Realm resumes Dec 3*

Wednesday 1:00 pm: Women's Bible Study *Dec 11*

2:30 pm: Women's Book Club *Unafraid Dec 9* **NOTE THE TIME**

5:30 pm: Fellowship Family Game Night **Dec 4** *RSVP Today!*

Thursday

10:00 am: Co-Ed Bible Study *Renovation of the Heart*

10—3 pm: Prayer Vigil in the Sanctuary *Dec 12*

4:00 pm: Praise Team rehearsal

5:00 pm: Choir rehearsal

Friday

9:30 am: Men's Breakfast **Dec 6**

9:30 am: Men's Golf Midland CC *Dec 13*

5:00 pm: Children's Christmas Party! *Dec 13*

Saturday

2:00 pm: Hanging of the Greens—Volunteers Needed to Decorate! **Dec 7**



December 24 – Lessons and Carols with Your Children – 4:00 p.m.
December 25 – Christmas Day Service – 10:00 a.m.



*Prayer requests may be made by contacting
Barbara Pipo: barbarapipo42@gmail.com*



*A sincere thank you to all the volunteers who have helped
with our Worship Services and other ministries this week.*

Pastoral Need

Please let us know if you desire a pastoral visit or phone call by contacting the church office at 910-215-5775, or you may contact our pastors directly.



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*We are a fellowship of believers who pray fervently,
worship faithfully, love each other genuinely, serve willingly,
and seek earnestly to understand God's Word.*

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