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9 am



THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT



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A special welcome to our visitors! We're glad to have you with us this morning. We pray that your spiritual life will be nourished through Word and song.

WE LOVE FAMILIES! Your children are welcome in our service no matter how much noise they make. Thanks for bringing them to hear the message of Jesus.

NURSERY: There is a staffed nursery after the Children's Message. Have your children meet the nursery workers in back after the lesson is over. You can pick them up in the fellowship hall after worship.

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CONNECT WITH US: Please fill out the connection card located in the back of the pew in front of you with as much information as you feel comfortable. Thank you for worshipping with us.

FELLOWSHIP: Please join us for snacks and fellowship after the service. It's a great opportunity to get to know our family a little better (and for us to get to know you)!

INFO AREA. Say hi to Pastor after worship, ask questions about our church community, and grab information to look at later.

Liturgy: pg 15 **Hymns:** 2, Ps 24, 24, 19, 90



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Opening Song

Savior of the Nations, Come (CW #2)



1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come; Vir - gin's
2 Not by hu - man flesh and blood, By the
3 Won - drous birth! O won - drous Child Of the
4 From the Fa - ther's throne he came And as -
5 Praise to God the Fa - ther sing, Praise to



Son, make here your home. Mar - vel now, O
Spir - it of our God Was the Word of
vir - gin un - de - filed, Though by all the
cend - ed to the same, Cap - tive lead - ing
God the Son, our King, Praise to God the



heav'n and earth, That the Lord chose such a birth.
God made flesh, Wo - man's off - spring, pure and fresh.
world dis - owned, Yet to be in heav'n en - throned!
death and hell— High the song of tri - umph swell!
Spir - it be Ev - er and e - ter - nal - ly.

Text: Ambrose, 340–97, abr.; German version, Martin Luther, 1483–1546, abr.; tr. William M. Reynolds, 1812–76, alt.
Tune: NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND (77 77) *Geystliche gesangk Buchleyn*, Wittenberg, 1524.

We Confess Our Sins and Hear God's Promise of Forgiveness ¹

(please stand)

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

J: **Amen.**

P: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**



C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy



on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

J: **Amen.**

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

¹Not that a pastor has the ability to forgive sins on his own, but Jesus tells his disciples: If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven (Jn. 20:23) In other words, as Christians we pass on to each other the message of the Gospel with full confidence that it is truth: We have forgiveness of sins because of Jesus.

Song of Praise

Glory Be to God

Glory be to God on high,
and on earth peace, good will toward men.
We praise you, we bless you, we worship you,
we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory,
O Lord God, heav'nly King,
God the Father almighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.
You take away the sin of the world;
receive our prayer.
You sit at the right hand of God the Father;
have mercy on us.

For you only are holy;
you only are the Lord.
You only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
are most high in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

♫: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray:

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the way for your only Son. By his coming give us strength in our conflicts and shed light on our path through the darkness of this world; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

♫: **Amen.**

(be seated)

Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future he will honor Galilee of the nations, by the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan—

² The people walking in darkness
have seen a great light;
on those living in the land of deep darkness
a light has dawned.

³ You have enlarged the nation
and increased their joy;
they rejoice before you
as people rejoice at the harvest,
as warriors rejoice
when dividing the plunder.

⁶ For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given,
and the government will be on his shoulders.
And he will be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

⁷ Of the greatness of his government and peace
there will be no end.
He will reign on David's throne
and over his kingdom,
establishing and upholding it
with justice and righteousness
from that time on and forever.
The zeal of the LORD Almighty
will accomplish this.

The Gospel

Luke 11:33-36

(please stand)

P: The Gospel for today comes from Luke 11:33-36.

J: **Glory be to you, O Lord!**

³³ “No one lights a lamp and puts it in a place where it will be hidden, or under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, so that those who come in may see the light. ³⁴ Your eye is the lamp of your body. When your eyes are healthy, your whole body also is full of light. But when they are unhealthy, your body also is full of darkness. ³⁵ See to it, then, that the light within you is not darkness. ³⁶ Therefore, if your whole body is full of light, and no part of it dark, it will be just as full of light as when a lamp shines its light on you.”

P: This is the Good News of our Lord!

J: **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

We Confess Our Faith in God

The Nicene Creed²

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and became fully human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

(be seated)

CHILDREN'S LESSON



After the children's lesson, a staffed nursery is available.
Meet the nursery workers in back, and they will take the kids
to the playroom. You can pick them up at any time.

² The Nicene Creed has been used by Christians for centuries in order to confess their belief in the All-Powerful God in the way that Scripture reveals him.

Song of the Day

The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came

(CW #24)



1 The an - gel Ga - bri - el from heav - en came, His
 2 "I come from heav'n to tell the Lord's de - cree: A
 3 Then gen - tle Mar - y meek - ly bowed her head; "To
 4 Of her Im - man - u - el, the Christ, was born In



wings as drift - ed snow, his eyes as flame; "All
 bless - ed vir - gin moth - er you shall be. Your
 me be as it pleas - es God," she said. "My
 Beth - le - hem, all on a Christ - mas morn, And



hail," said he to meek and low - ly Mar - y, "Most
 Son shall be Im - man - u - el, by seers fore - told, Most
 soul shall praise and mag - ni - fy his ho - ly name." Most
 Chris - tian folk through - out the world will ev - er say, "Most



high - ly fa - vored maid - en." Glo - ri - a!
 high - ly fa - vored maid - en." Glo - ri - a!
 high - ly fa - vored maid - en, Glo - ri - a!
 high - ly fa - vored maid - en." Glo - ri - a!

Text: Basque carol, paraphrase Sabine Baring-Gould, 1834–1924, alt.

Tune: GABRIEL'S MESSAGE (10 10 12 10) Basque carol.

The Message

The Light Shines in Our Hearts

Ephesians 5:8-14

Ephesians 5:8a

⁸ For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord.

All humans hearts are naturally _____.

The difference between Scrooge and me:

Paying attention to Verb Tenses:

Ephesians 5:8b-9

Live as children of light ⁹ (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth).

Lights that are receiving proper power tend to _____.

Christians that receive Christ's power ~~tend to~~ _____.

Ephesians 5:10-13

Find out what pleases the Lord. ¹¹ Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them. ¹² It is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret. ¹³ But everything exposed by the light becomes visible—and everything that is illuminated becomes a light.

Lessons in Shining:

1)

2)

Paying special attention to things that are _____.

3)

Ephesians 5:14

¹⁴ This is why it is said: “Wake up, sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine in you.”

A Final Encouragement:

Sermon Response

Create in Me

(please stand)

C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from your pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re-store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -
tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it. A - men.

(be seated)



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New Member Welcome

Molly Milani

(please stand)

Prayer of the Church

Spoken by the Pastor

The 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 and ever.
Amen.**

The Words of Institution ³

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and give it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks and gave it to all of his disciples, saying, "Drink from it all of you. This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you, for the forgiveness of all of your sins. Do this, whenever you drink of it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

♪: **Amen.**

³We practice "Close" communion. If you are a guest, please speak with pastor before communing.

We Sing Our Prayer to Christ

O Christ, Lamb of God

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. A - - men.

The musical score is written on five staves in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a common time signature (C). The melody is simple and homophonic, with lyrics printed below the notes. The lyrics are: "C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us your peace. A - - men." The final line of the score ends with a double bar line.

(be seated)

Communion Song

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You (CW #19)



1 O Lord, how shall I meet you, How wel - come
 2 Love caused your in - car - na - tion; Love brought you
 3 Re - joice, then, you sad - heart - ed, Who sit in
 4 Sin's debt, that fear - ful bur - den, Let not your
 5 He comes to judge the na - tions, A ter - ror



you a - right? Your peo - ple long to greet you,
 down to me. Your thirst for my sal - va - tion
 deep - est gloom, Who mourn o'er joys de - part - ed
 souls dis - tress; Your guilt the Lord will par - don
 to his foes, A light of con - so - la - tions,



My Hope, my heart's De - light. O Je - sus, let your
 Pro - cured my lib - er - ty. Oh, love be - yond all
 And trem - ble at your doom. De - spair not; he is
 And cov - er by his grace. He comes, for you pro -
 And bless - ed hope to those Who love the Lord's ap -



Word be A lamp to light my way, To show me
 tell - ing That led you to em - brace In love, all
 near you, He's stand - ing at the door Who best can
 cur - ing The peace of sin for - giv'n, His chil - dren
 pear - ing. O glo - rious Sun, now come, Send forth your



how to please you, To guide me ev - 'ry day.
 love ex - cel - ling, Our lost and fall - en race!
 help and cheer you And bids you weep no more.
 thus se - cur - ing A her - i - tage in heav'n.
 beams most cheer - ing, And guide us safe - ly home.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607-76, abr.; tr. composite.

Tune: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN (76 76 D) Melchior Teschner, 1584-1635, alt.



We Give Thanks to God

Song of Simeon

(please stand)

C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing
to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-
pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the
Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

The musical score consists of four staves of music in treble clef, 2/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el." The music ends with a double bar line.

The Blessing

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

♪: **Amen! Amen! Amen!**

(be seated)

Closing Song

The People that in Darkness Sat (CW #90)



1 The peo - ple that in dark - ness sat A glo - rious
2 To us a child of hope is born, To us a
3 His name shall be the Prince of Peace, The Ev - er -
4 His right-eous gov - ern - ment and pow'r Shall o - ver
5 Lord Je - sus, reign in us, we pray, And make us



light have seen; The light has shone on them who long In
son is giv'n, And on his shoul-ders ev - er rests All
last - ing Lord, The Won - der - ful, the Coun - sel - or, The
all ex - tend; On judg-ment and on jus - tice based, His
yours a - lone, For you are with the Fa - ther and The



shades of death have been, In shades of death have been.
pow'r in earth and heav'n, All pow'r in earth and heav'n.
God by all a - dored, The God by all a - dored.
reign shall have no end, His reign shall have no end.
Spir - it ev - er one, The Spir - it ev - er one.

Text: John Morison, 1750–98, abr., alt.

Tune: LOBT GOTT, IHR CHRISTEN (86 866) Nikolaus Herman, c. 1480–1561.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God in celebration of
Hank & Linh Bibb's Anniversary.*

- **Bible Basics** is the perfect class for newcomers and if you want to refresh your faith. Sessions are Mondays from 7-9p & Saturdays from 10a-Noon. Contact gardenpastor@gmail.com if interested.
- **Small Groups** will be meeting throughout the preparations for Christmas. Sign up now at GatherToTheGarden.com/growth-groups to find a group near you.
- **Christmas at the Garden.** Check out the various Christmas events that are on the way over the next couple of weeks. Go to GatherToTheGarden.com/christmas-at-the-garden.
- **Poinsettias!** Continuing this week, poinsettias will be available for purchase. A sign-up sheet is in the hallway for anyone wanting to beautify our altar for Christmas. Ten red poinsettias have been ordered and they will be \$8.95 each. Checks can be made out to GELC flower fund.

Thanks to those who served this week . . . December 9, 2018

Music 9am	Ryan Diggs
Music 11am	Jon Fricke
Ushers 9am	Tanir Mathson, Conrad Simon
Ushers 11am	Chris Davis, Tim Fisher
Nursery 9am	Carly DeGrange
Nursery 11am	Dana Wimsatt, Anna Pina
Fellowship 9am	Terry Witz, Diane Latorre
Fellowship 11 am	Carly DeGrange, Janell Pool
Counters	Charlie Schultz, Linh Bibb

Please check the weekly *eGazette* for the upcoming serving schedule.
www.gathertothegarden.com/keep-in-touch.html

Don't forget to Check into Gethsemane on Facebook!
It's a great way to let friends know about our Savior & the work he's doing here.