

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

December 9, 2018 11:00 a.m.

Second Sunday of Advent

Welcome to Sabbath rest. As we worship, please silence electronics.

Need prayer? Drop a prayer card in the offering plate.

Need help with your children? Our professionally-staffed nursery is on the first floor of the Education Building.

Prelude

Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying P. Nicolai/Robert Hobby

Trinity Chime

Call to Worship (inspired by a Celtic meditation)

Leader: The Lord is near; be still.

All: In the rush of this season, we need silence and solitude.

Leader: Stand still, then and know that God is the Lord.

All: Father, help us to let go of our deadly restlessness.

Leader: Stand still, and look with God at the motivations of life. Not ours but His! His Holy Spirit draws us past our fears, selfishness, and narrow-heartedness into that place where tongues of flames give courage to be still.

All: Let us praise the Lord, God with us!

Hymn 9 *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* VENI EMMANUEL

Prayer of Praise Tommy Melton

Praise the LORD; God with us. Praise God who has revealed the mystery of His fellowship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We praise You, Lord, for encouraging us according to Your holy character. We praise You that we are not left alone in the darkness of our nature, or to worship You as an unknown God. Even though we cannot understand the fullness of Your perfections, we know You are good, forgiving and generous in mercy. Hear our confession:

Confession (unison; from *The Valley of Vision*)

O Lord, no day of my life has passed that has not proved me guilty in thy sight. Prayers have been uttered from a prayerless heart; Praise has been often praiseless sound; my best services are filthy rags.

Blessed Jesus, let me find a cover in thy appeasing wounds. Though my sins rise to heaven thy merits soar above them; though unrighteousness weighs me down to hell, thy righteousness exalts me to thy throne.

Give me perpetual broken-heartedness, keep me always clinging to thy cross, flood me every moment with descending grace, open to me the springs of divine knowledge, sparkling like crystal, flowing clear and unsullied through my wilderness of life.

Affirmation of Faith (unison) The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Affirmation Response (Hymn 44, verse 4)

O holy Child of Bethlehem descend to us, we pray,
Cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels, the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Emmanuel

Old Testament Lesson 1 Samuel 16:1-13
Pew Bible Page 443

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Welcome and Common Concerns

Please sign and pass the friendship booklet in your pew.
Guests: thank you for your name and contact information.

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "*Lo, How A Rose E're Blooming*" M. Praetorius
Chancel Choir

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming
From tender stem hath sprung!
Of Jesse's lineage coming
As men of old have sung
It came, a flow'ret bright,
Amid the cold of winter
When half spent was the light.

Isaiah 'twas foretold it
The Rose I have in mind,
With Mary we behold it,
The Virgin Mother kind.
To show God's love aright,
She bore to men a Saviour,
When half spent was the night.

Doxology

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.

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn 2 *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* HYFRYDOL

Old Testament Lesson 1 Samuel 17:1-18
Pew Bible Page 445

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Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (unison)

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.

Old Testament Lesson 1 Samuel 17:31-37, 40, 43-45, 48-49

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Sermon

Counting Sheep: Letting Sheep Go Rev. Rob Hinman

Hymn 15 *Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers* LLANGLOFFAN

Benediction

Postlude

Trumpet Tune on "Angels, from the Realms of Glory"
H. Smart/Janet Linker

WE ARE ALL MINISTERS OF GOD'S GRACE

MISSIONARIES

Les and Cindy Morgan, Bangladesh

Nkhoma Hospital, Malawi

Jarrett and Lu Furnish, Zambia

David and Danielle Grotton, Chile

CONGREGATION TRUSTEES

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Jim Thompson

Patty Williamson

THE SESSION (ELDERS)

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Steve Shores

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Jim Thompson

CLERK OF SESSION

Tommy Melton

MODERATOR OF SESSION: The Reverend Rob Hinman

Please contact the following people for questions about

PASTORAL NEEDS

Rob Hinman, Minister

YOUTH MINISTRIES

Brian Kane, Youth Director

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Kori Dyer and Julie Hefner, Co-Directors

11:00 MUSIC

Bethany Wolfe, Chancel Choir Director

Nora Ford, Organist Joe Delk, Chancel Ringers Director

8:45 MUSIC

Dave Williams, Praise Band Leader

CHURCH FINANCES

Melanie Blair, Treasurer

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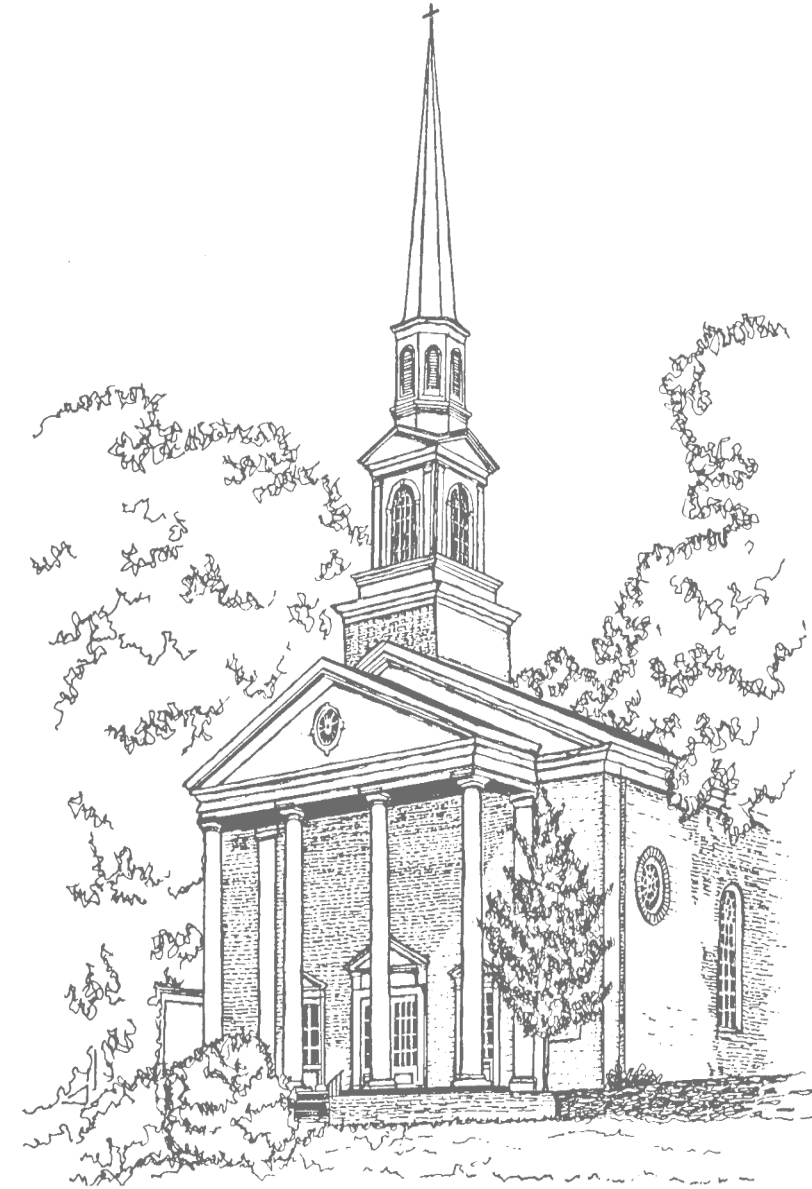
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