

Announcements

Sun. Dec. 19 th	Sunday School Worship Service <i>Fourth Sunday in Advent</i> <i>Carols and Lessons by the Choir</i> You may pick your poinsettia up after church	9:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m.
Wed. Dec. 22 nd	Wednesday Bible Study	3:00 p.m.
Thur. Dec. 23rd	Church Office Closed	
Sun. Dec. 26 th	Sunday School Worship Service <i>What Can You Give Jesus This Christmas?</i> Matthew 2:1-12 No Choir Practice	9:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m.
Wed. Dec. 29 th	Wednesday Bible Study	3:00 p.m.

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The Worship of God – December 19, 2021
FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT –
Faith and Love

COMMUNION WITH GOD

Meditation and Silent Prayer

Prelude.....Michael Cowan
For Unto Us a Child is Born

Welcome, Announcements, and ConcernsDr. H. Powell Dew, Jr.

WORSHIP THROUGH PRAISE AND PRAYER

Call to Worship.....Hymn 82
Emmanuel by Bob McGee

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, His name is called Emmanuel
God with us, revealed in us; His name is called Emmanuel
Repeat

Prayer of Adoration and InvocationDonna Keith

Lighting of the Advent Candle.....Dr. Dew

Prayer of Intercession.....Dr. Dew

Lesson I.....Bonnie Gaddis

God announces in the Garden of Eden that the seed of
the woman shall bruise the serpent's head.
Genesis 3:8-15

Hymn of Advent.....Hymn 77
Come, Thou Long – Expected Jesus by Charles Wesley

1. Come, Thou long-expected Jesus, born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth Thou art;
Dear desire of ev'ry nation, joy of ev'ry longing heart.

Lesson II.....Frances Keel

God promises to faithful Abraham that in his seed shall
the nations of the earth be blessed.
Genesis 22:15-18

Hymn of Advent..... Hymn 76

O Come, O Come Emmanuel a Latin Hymn

1. O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here,
Until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!
4. O come, Desire of nations, bind
All peoples in one heart and mind;
Bid envy, strife, and quarrels cease;
Fill the whole world with heaven's peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!

Lesson III.....Michael Cowan

Christ's birth and kingdom are foretold by Isaiah.
Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Special Music.....Adult Choir

Prepare the Way O Zion by Frans Mikael Franzen

Lesson IV.....Beth Crisp

The prophet Micah foretells the glory of little Bethlehem.
Micah 5:2-4

Hymn of His Birth.....Hymn 86

O Little Town of Bethlehem by Phillips Brooks

1. O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by; yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting Light; the hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight.

- 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 Immanuel!

Lesson V.....Laverne Burks
The angel Gabriel praises the virgin, Mary.
Luke 1:26-38

Hymn of His Birth..... Hymn 94
Angels, from the Realms of Glory by James Montgomery

- Angels, from the realms of glory,
Wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Ye who sang creation's story,
Now proclaim Messiah's birth:
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the new-born King!
- Saints, before the altar bending,
Watching long in hope and fear,
Suddenly the Lord, descending,
In His temple shall appear:
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the new-born King!

Lesson VI.....Marjorie Taylor
Matthew tells of the birth of Jesus.
Matthew 1:18-23

Organ solo.....Michael Cowan
God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen by Michael Cowan

Lesson VII.....David Taylor
The shepherds go to the manger.
Luke 2:8-16

Hymn of His Birth.....Hymn 88
Hark! The Herald Angels Sing by Charles Wesley

- Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild; God and sinners reconciled."
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, Join the triumph of the skies,
With angelic hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King."
- Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord:
Late in time, behold Him come, Offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the God-head see, Hail th'incarnate Deity!
Pleased as man with men to dwell, Jesus our Immanuel.
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King."
- Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings, Ris'n with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by, Born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King."

Lesson VIII.....Sharon Dew
The Wise Men are led by the star to Jesus.
Matthew 2:1-11

Hymn of the Coming of the Wise Men.....Hymn 113
We Three Kings by John Henry Hopkins, Jr.

- We three kings of Orient are:
Bearing gifts we traverse afar--
field and fountain, moor and mountain--following yonder star.
Refrain:
O star of wonder, star of night, Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding, Guide us to thy perfect light.
- Born a King on Bethlehem's plain;
Gold I bring to crown Him again,
King forever, ceasing never, over us all to reign.
Refrain

3. Frankincense to offer have I,
Incense owns a Deity nigh;
Prayer and praising, all men raising, worship Him, God on high.
Refrain

4. Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume
Breathes a life of gathering gloom-
Sorr'wing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
Sealed in the stone-cold tomb.
Refrain

5. Glorious now behold Him arise: King and God and Sacrifice;
Alleluia, Alleluia! Earth to heav'n replies.
Refrain


Lesson IX.....Tom Chaney
John unfolds the great mystery of the incarnation.
John 1:1-14

Hymn of His Birth.....Hymn 89
O Come, All Ye Faithful a Latin Hymn

1. O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come and behold Him, born the King of angels!

Refrain:
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

3. Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning.
Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing!
Refrain

	<p>“The Jesse Tree”</p> <p>By</p> <p>Dr. H. Powell Dew, Jr.</p>
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Closing Hymn.....Hymn 87
Joy to the World by Isaac Watts

1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come;
Let earth receive her King;
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room,
And heav'n and nature sing, And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

2. Joy to the earth! the Savior reigns;
Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

4. He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders, wonders of His love.

BenedictionDr. Dew

PostludeMichael Cowan and Michell Eguez
Silent Night by Joseph Mohr

