

∞ ORDER OF WORSHIP ∞

December 5, 2021 • 10:30 a.m.
Second Sunday of Advent

*“The Christ Child who comes is the Master of all,
No palace too great and no cottage too small.
The angels who welcome Him sing from the height,
In the city of David, a King in His might,
To people on earth bringing goodness and light.”*
-- Phillips Brooks

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONG OF PRAISE HYMN No. 141 “O Little Town of Bethlehem”

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Leader: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.

**People: Come to us, Lord, and during this time of
waiting, refresh us with Your Spirit.**

Leader: Make today a time of deepened understanding.

People: Between our past and the advancing future,

Leader: Between being and becoming,

**People: Help us to sense the approach of Your
presence in the here and now.**

All: Come, Lord Jesus, Come!

SONG OF PRAISE HYMN No.160

“Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming”

CONFESSION OF SIN (unison)

**Lord of promise, You have placed in us a yearning to
seek worthier goals, to pursue a greater
hope, to live by a larger vision. But we have failed to
follow our aspirations and have wandered
in dark shadows of our own design. God of mercy,
forgive us for abandoning the bright dreams
that You have given us. Draw us into the workings of
Your eternal purpose and plan. Free us
from ourselves, and let a new and glorious day dawn in
our living. Through Christ we pray. Amen**
(moment of silent prayer)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (responsive)

Leader: Friends, know that God has drawn us out of the
sins of our lives and has strengthened us with
Christ's steadfast love.

**People: We proclaim God's faithfulness in this
assurance. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are
forgiven. Amen.**

*GLORIA PATRI (Hymn No. 622)

LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE

Chuck and MJ Uttech

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE/ and to the young at heart

DEDICATION OF SHAWLS

ANTHEM “Westminster Carol” arr. Carl J. Nygard

SCRIPTURE 1 Corinthians 1:20-31

SERMON “Full of Surprises!”

“The foolishness of God is wiser than men” (1 Cor. 1:25).

HYMN No. 123 “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

THE LORD'S SUPPER (see insert)

OFFERING

The Session has decided to return to a more usual offering format. The
ushers will come forward to receive your morning offering at each pew.
All offerings will then be dedicated in prayer at the chancel.

*Doxology (Hymn No. 625)

Dedication of Offering

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND SUPPLICATION

THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

*HYMN No. 269 “O Word of God Incarnate”

CHORAL BENEDICTION “Mid-Winter” v .2-3 G .Holst, C. Rossetti

POSTLUDE

* Those who are able, please stand

Advent Bible Study

Join us for “O Night Divine” Bible study! Each day you will spend just three minutes to experience a more prayerful heart as you prepare for our Savior’s birth; each Wednesday evening in December (8,15,22) at 7 p.m., you are invited to gather with others to talk about the devotions. The devotional booklet will be mailed to you. The gathering will be entirely on Zoom; join via your computer, tablet, or smartphone by clicking this link:
<https://zoom.us/j/258715232pwd=ZDVYbzFvRIYzMW15OWRkRHpqQnk5UT09>

Poinsettias

If you missed the November 14th deadline from Dryden Agway to order poinsettias, you can purchase them on your own and place them in the fellowship kitchen by December 15th. Let Arlene know so she can place your name on the list to be included in the bulletin.

Clothing Shed

Jackets and warm shirts for men are needed at this time. Please drop them off in the administrative wing cupboard or closet. Thank you for your donations.

Coffee Hour

The Church Life Committee will officially begin to offer Coffee Hour the second Sunday of each month. The sign-up board for the Committees, Coffee hour is located on the blue board next to the kitchen. Casual Coffees, not the Committee Coffee Hours, can be provided other Sundays by anyone willing to do just a beverage and stay long enough to clean up and lock doors. The Casual sign-up sheet is next to the Deacon’s card. “Casual” Chairperson, please invite someone to help you with the coffee-hour tasks.

Office Hours

The office hours of Pastor Jim Hicks, temporary pastor, are Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 9 a.m.-12 noon.
Pastor Jim Hicks – 607-898-5201- hicksjam@verizon.net

Mitten Tree

The decorations on our mitten tree are donated to needy Dryden school children. When you are shopping, please remember to purchase a warm hat or mittens to hang on the tree.

For Prayer:

Dave Gross, Bob Sincerbeaux,
Jim Krebs, Doug Barton

Worship for Next Sunday

December 12, 2021
Third Sunday of Advent
Scripture: Luke 2:1-7
Sermon: “God in the Straw”

December Celebrations:

Sunday, December 12 – Mary Hicks and the teens will be ringing the Salvation Army Bell at Clarks Food Mart.
December 12 – Join Steve Kotula for a special reading of the “Candy Cane Story” during the Children’s Message.
Sunday, December 19 – “Journey to Bethlehem, Follow the Star” will be performed by the youth and special guests; this presentation will be on Zoom.

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Verse 1:

O little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep a 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.

Verse 2:

For Christ is born of Mary,
And gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep
Their watch of wond'ring love,
O morning stars, together
Proclaim the holy birth!
And praises sing to God the King,
And peace to men on earth.

Verse 3:

How silently, how silently
The wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of His heav'n.
No ear may hear His coming,
But in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive Him still
The dear Christ enters in.

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.
Amen.

Text: Philip Brooks
Music: *St. Louis*, Lewis H. Redner

Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming

Verse 1:

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 Flower bright,
Amid the cold of winter,
When half-gone was the night.

Verse 2:

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 Savior,
When half-gone was the night.

Verse 3:

This Flower, whose fragrance tender
With sweetness fills the air,
Dispels with glorious splendor
The darkness everywhere.
True man, yet very God,
From sin and death He saves us
And lightens every load.

Text: German carol, 16th century; translated by Theodore
Baker, stanzas 1, 2 and Harriet Krauth Spaeth, stanza 3
Music: *Es ist ein' Ros'*, *Geistliche Kirchengesäng*, Cologne, 1599;
Harmonized by Michael Praetorius

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.

Text: *Gloria Patri*; Traditional, 2nd century
Music: *Meineke*, Christoph Meineke

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessing flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

Text: Thomas Ken
Music: Old Hundredth, Genevan Psalter, 1551; attributed to Louis Bourgeois

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Verse 1:

O Come, O Come Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here,
Until the Son of God appear.

Refrain:

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!

Verse 2:

O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight.

Refrain

Verse 3:

O come, Thou Wisdom from on high,
And order all things, far and nigh;
To us the path of knowledge show,
And cause us in her ways to go.

Refrain

Verse 4:

O come, desire of nations, bind
All peoples in one heart and mind;
Bid envy, strife and quarrels cease,
Fill all the world with heaven's peace.

Refrain

Text: Latin Hymn, *Psalterium Cantionum Catholicarum*, 1710;
Translated by John M. Neale, stanzas 1, 2, altered;
Henry S. Coffin, stanzas 3, 4, altered
Music: Adapted from Plainsong by Thomas Helmore; arranged by Tom Fettke
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O Word of God Incarnate

Verse 1:

O Word of God incarnate,
O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth unchanged, unchanging,
O Light of our dark sky;
We praise Thee for the radiance
That from the hallowed page,
A lantern to our footsteps,
Shines on from age to age.

Verse 2:

The Church from her dear Master
Received the gift divine,
And still that light she lifteth
O'er all the earth to shine.
It is the golden casket
Where gems of truth are stored;
It is the heav'n-drawn picture
Of Christ, the living Word.

Verse 3:

It floateth like a banner
Before God's host unfurled;
It shineth like a beacon
Above the darkling world.
It is the chart and compass
That o'er life's surging sea,
'Mid mists and rocks and quicksands,
Still guides, O Christ, to Thee.

Verse 4:

O make Thy Church, dear Savior,
A lamp of purest gold,
To bear before the nations
Thy true light as of old.
O teach Thy wand'ring pilgrims
By this their path to trace,
Till, clouds and darkness ended,
They see Thee face to face.
Amen.