

December 5, 2021

Second Sunday of Advent

10:00 am

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Jim and Linda Haling

*Call to Worship

Leader: Jesus said to them, "The light is with you for a little longer. Walk while you have the light, so that the darkness may not overtake you."

People: Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

Leader: "If you walk in the darkness, you do not know where you are going."

People: For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon us and His glory will appear over us.

Leader: "While you have the light, believe in the light, so that you may become children of light."

People: Nations shall come to our light, and kings to the brightness of our dawn.

*Hymn of Praise

Shine, Jesus, Shine

Celebration Hymnal No. 431

*Prayer of Invocation

Oh Immanuel, God with us, truly in this Advent season we celebrate that you are not hidden in some faraway cloud, but you chose to be with us in the blur and mystery of our lives. We turn to you this season and pray that you would birth joy and healing, blessing and hope in us. Let something wonderful begin in us — something surprising and holy. May your hand be upon us. Let your light shine around us and within us. Let your love fill us. Let your joy overwhelm us. Let our longing for you be met at your table of remembrance this very morning.

This we pray in the name of Jesus, light of the world. AMEN.

SCRIPTURE.

John 1:9-13

9 The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

10 He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. 11 He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him.

12 But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, 13 who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

*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.*

Special Music

Ann Traver Saadah

Sermon

Jesus, Light of the World

Brian Sampson

Hymn of Communion Preparation

No. 291

O Sing a Song of Bethlehem

Service of Communion

Pastoral Prayer

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 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.*

*Hymn of Going Forth

Celebration Hymnal No. 293

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

Emmanuel

Emmanuel, Emmanuel,
His name is called Emmanuel,
God with us, revealed in us,
His name is called, Emmanuel.

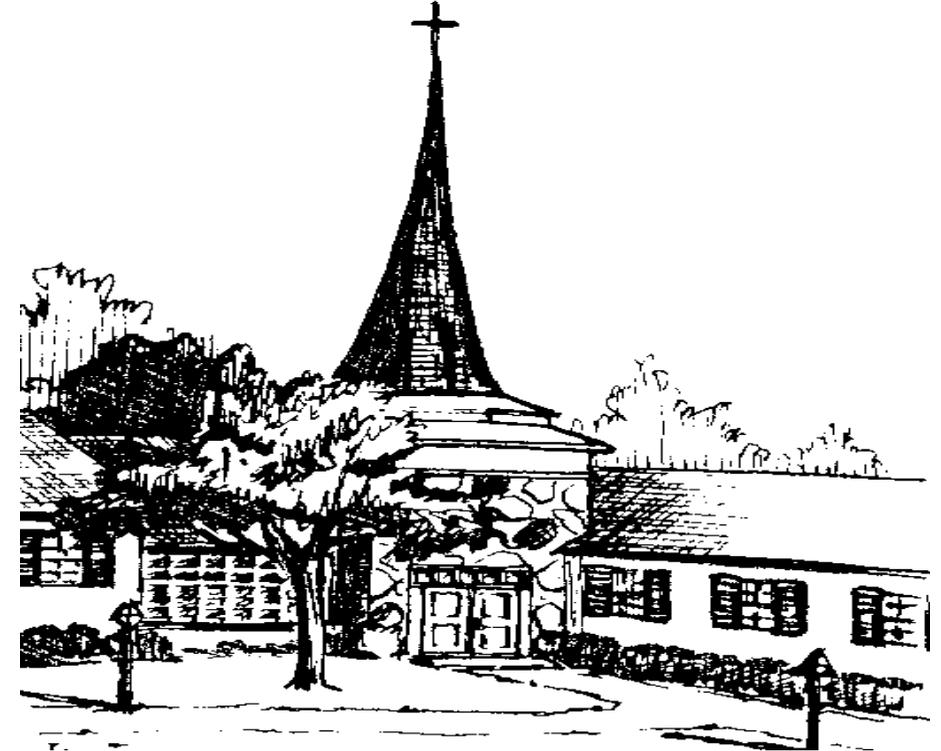
Postlude

*We invite you to stand if you are able.

Church Covenant

We are banded together as a Christian Church to maintain the worship of God the Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer; to proclaim the gospel of Christ, to develop in ourselves and others a consciousness of our relationship and duties to God and each other; to create a spirit of love for truth, a passion for righteousness and enthusiasm for service; to respect and protect all of God's creation. To this end we pledge our loyalty to Christ and covenant with God and with each other to strive to express God's spirit in our individual and corporate life; to live together as Christians and to submit ourselves to the government of this church, working, giving, praying for its increase, purity and peace, seeking in every way to make it a power for the building up of the Kingdom of God.

WELCOME!



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