

**December 19, 2021**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**10:00 am**

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Ray Carter

\*Call to Worship

Leader: Now is the time, let us pause.

As we wait, may we hear the voice of God. Immanuel, God with us.

**People: Now is the time, let us watch.**

**In our homes, at our work, even while waiting in line—  
may we see the face of Christ. Immanuel, God with us.**

**All: Now is the moment, let us prepare our hearts.**

**In our words, in our hearts, in all we say and do—**

**may God's extravagant love shine through. Immanuel, God with us.**

\*Hymn of Praise

Celebration Hymnal No. 278

*Angels We Have Heard on High*

\*Prayer of Invocation

**O God of wondrous grace and holy love, we give you thanks and praise that you entered into our world to share our messy humanity. In this holy season we are quick to speak and sing of your majesty, mystery, glory and might. Yet this season reminds us that you are not a distant God, but come close to us in Jesus Christ, your Word made flesh. He is Emmanuel, God with us, and in and through him you are with us in all the comings and goings, the beings and doings, of our days. Come to us this morning as we Worship, fellowship, and study your Word. This we pray in Jesus' Name. Amen.**

Scriptures

Isaiah 7:10

Matthew 1:20-23

Isaiah 7:10

10 Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, 11 "Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven." 12 But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test." 13 And he said, "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? 14 Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. 15 He shall eat curds and honey when he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good.

Matthew 1:20-23

20 But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. 21 She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." 22 All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: 23 "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel" (which means, God with us).

\*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

*Immanuel*

Brian Sampson

Hymn of Reflection

*O, Harken Ye*

Celebration Hymnal No. 274

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

*O Little Town of Bethlehem*

Celebration Hymnal No. 250

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response

*Emmanuel*

Emmanuel, Emmanuel,

His name is called Emmanuel,

God with us, revealed in us,

His name is called, Emmanuel.

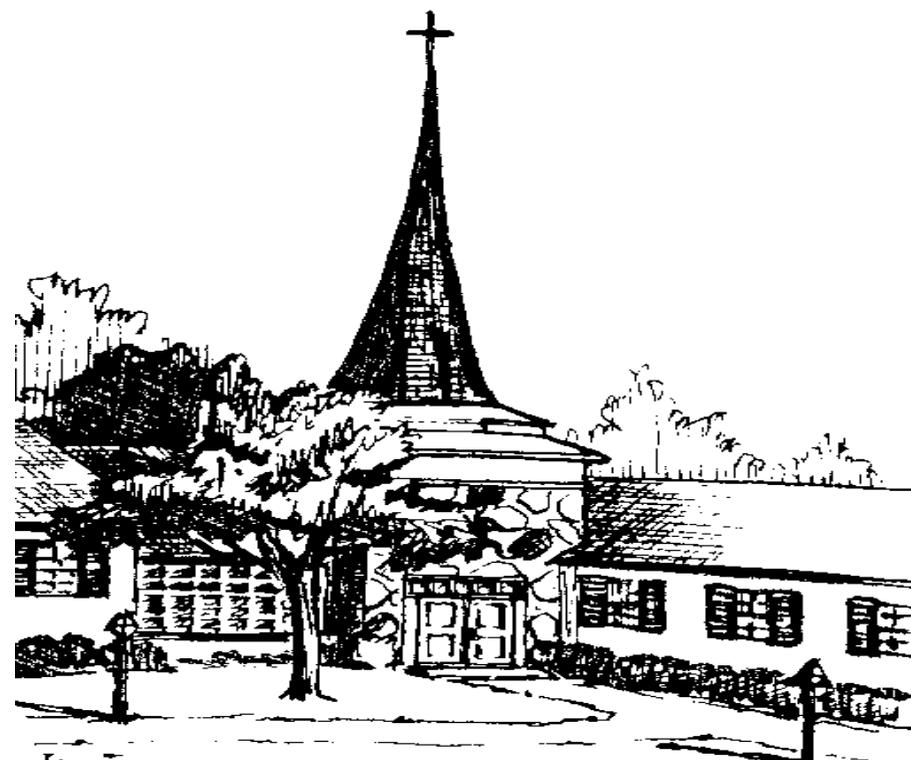
Postlude

\*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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