

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

THE CHURCH GATHERS ...

*When the prelude begins let us quietly prepare for the Worship of God.*

**PRELUDE** Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland (from the *Orgelbüchlein*) J. S. Bach  
*Come, Thou Savior of the Nations*

Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme (I) Johann Gottfried Walther  
*Sleepers, Awake, for Night Is Flying*

**INTROIT** (11:00) Infant Holy, Infant Lowly Polish carol  
arr. Peter Van Eenam

Infant holy, Infant lowly, For his bed a cattle stall; Oxen lowing, Little knowing Christ the Babe is Lord of all. Swift are winging Angels singing, Nowells ringing, Tidings bringing, Christ the Babe is Lord of all.

Flocks were sleeping, Shepherds keeping Vigil till the morning new; Saw the glory, Heard the story, Tidings of a gospel true. Thus rejoicing, Free from sorrow, Praises voicing, Greet the morrow, Christ the Babe was born for you!

trans. Edith M. Reed

Boys' and Girls' Choirs  
Helen Bryenton, Violin

**OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION**

**LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE**

(9:00) Rick, Kathryn, and Clara Oakes  
(11:00) Daniel, Amanda, and Fiona Collins

**CALL TO WORSHIP** attr. St. Ambrose, 4<sup>th</sup> century

Leader: When we open our doors to all seekers and sojourners,

**People: When we open our hearts to truth and faith,**

Leader: When we put aside all judgmental thoughts and envy,

**People: When we put aside the selfishness that wounds and destroys,**

Leader: When we dare to envision all peoples as one and at peace,

**People: When we dare to trust the power of divine love,**

**ALL: The coming Messiah finds a welcome among us and our worship comes alive with joy!**

**\*HYMN NO. 10** (blue hymnal) On Jordan's Bank the Baptist Cry

*Winchester New*

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

Gracious God, we confess the sin of our separation from you. We live as if you do not exist by failing to glimpse your presence in the world around us. We hear the word "righteousness" as an outdated expression from another era, rather than a present call to align our lives with the teachings of Christ. Forgive us for not living out the vision to which he calls us. In this season of Advent, prepare our hearts and minds for reconciliation, for forgiveness, for divine love. Amen.

**\*KYRIE ELEISON**

Healey Willan

(Congregation singing – music is found on the inside cover of the red hymnal)

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

(First part: women; second: men; third: all)

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News!

**People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

**\*RESPONSE** Refrain from "Angels We Have Heard on High"

*Gloria*

Gloria in excelsis Deo.

TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD AND RESPOND ...

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Romans 15:4-13; Matthew 3:1-12

**A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN** (11:00)

Cameron Sears

Children age 4 through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade are invited to go downstairs and participate in Children's

Worship. A nursery is available during the entire service for infants through age 3.

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Isaiah 11:1-9

**SERMON**

"Live High, Live Mighty, Live Righteously"

Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

Jason Mraz, songwriter

**\*HYMN NO. 3** (blue hymnal) Comfort, Comfort You My People

*Psalms 42*

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison) The Nicene Creed (Ecumenical)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and

is seated on the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father (and the Son), who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS** (11:00) Brent and Ramey Hardin

**THE OFFERING OF GIFTS**

*Please sign and pass the Friendship Register found on the pew nearest the center aisle. If you would like to receive our newsletter or more information about the church, include your address, phone number and email address. As many of us contribute electronically or by a check in the mail, your holding and passing the offering plate is an act of blessing and dedication to our life together in Jesus Christ.*

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

(9:00) Infant Holy, Infant Lowly Polish carol  
(11:00) O Word, That Goest Forth on High Gerald Near  
O Word, that goest forth on high From God's own depths eternally, And in these latter days wast born For succor to a world forlorn; Pour light upon us from above, And fire our hearts with ardent love, That, as we hear thy truth today, All wrong desires may burn away.

Latin hymn, c. 10<sup>th</sup> century

**\*AT THE PRESENTATION** Doxology No. 591 (blue hymnal) *Tallis' Canon*  
(Sung to the tune of Hymn No. 542 (blue hymnal))

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION**

**INVITATION TO THE TABLE**

**THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Leader: The Lord be with you.  
**People: And also with you.**  
Leader: Lift up your hearts.  
**People: We lift them to the Lord.**  
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**  
Leader: (prayer continues)...in certain hope of your advent among us, we sing,  
**People: (in sung response) Verse 1 - O Come, O Come Emmanuel  
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!**

Leader: (prayer continues)...in certain hope of your advent among us, we sing,  
**People: (in sung response) Verse 2 - O Come, O Come Emmanuel  
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.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!**  
Leader: (prayer continues)...in certain hope of your advent among us, we sing,  
**People: (in sung response) Verse 3 - O Come, O Come Emmanuel  
O come, Desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind; Bid envy,  
strife, and discord cease; fill the whole world with heaven's peace. Rejoice!  
Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**SHARING THE SACRAMENT** (Intinction)

**MUSIC FOR COMMUNION** Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 699 J. S. Bach

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul;  
**People: And all that is within me, bless God's holy name.**  
Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul;  
**People: And forget not all his benefits.**

**TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...**

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** People, Look East French folk melody

**\*POSTLUDE** Freu dich sehr, o meine Seele Johann Ludwig Krebs  
*O My Soul, Be Glad and Joyful*

\*Indicates standing.

**NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS**

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP here today.

CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR DECEMBER: Janice Rawe

### SERVING TODAY

**ACOLYTES** (11:00): Eva James and Lily Seidner

**GREETERS** (11:00): Linda Judge-McRae and Deborah Phillips

### **CHILDREN'S WORSHIP:**

(9:00) Childcare through age 5

(11:00) Kirche, Caroline, and Katie Rogers

### **MINISTRY OF MUSIC:**

(9:00) Boys' and Girls' Choirs

(11:00) Boys', Chancel, and Girls' Choirs

**SENIOR USHER:** Tom Byerley

### **USHERS:**

(9:00) Doug and Bonny Naugher

(11:00) John Chang, Beth Chang, Nancy Cundall, Bob Daverman, Mary Lou Crow

OUR THANKS to Helen Bryenton for her enrichment of our worship this morning as she accompanies the Boys' and Girls' Choirs.

TWO-CENTS-A-MEAL collection is **today**. We bring this offering each "First Sunday," as our share in maintaining the Volunteer Ministry Center of Knoxville.

NAME TAG SUNDAY is today. Please fill out a name tag in the Narthex.

SESSION DOCKETS for today's Stated session meeting are available in the narthex for all current elders. The meeting will be held in the McKinnon Room at 12:15 p.m.

THE FLOWER DEDICATION CHART FOR 2011 is posted in the Schilling Gallery. Please stop by and sign up for your flower dedications for next year. The cost is \$60, payable on the date of your dedication.

THIS MORNING'S ORGAN MUSIC comes to us from Middle Germany. The prelude resembles the unmeasured preludes of the early French lute repertoire, where the notation was solely in whole notes arranged on the page in a manner loosely suggesting the rhythmic execution by the player. In addition to the spatial representation, the notes were accompanied by flowing, even "swirling" curved lines (slurs) giving further suggestions concerning the duration of notes and

style. The chorale prelude during communion is from what is termed "the individually transmitted chorales," simply identifying these as not coming from any of the chorale collections of Bach. In German organ music of this general time period we do not often find specific indications of intended registrations (which stops to use), but with the postlude this morning the indication is *Organo pleno* (full organ)! The chorale melody upon which it is based is the same melody as that of "Comfort, Comfort You My People."

### **Adult Sunday School Classes**

Advent Series: *It's a Wonderful Life* -- Frank Capra's beloved holiday classic is considered among the greatest movies of all time. Clips from the movie will be shown that demonstrate the power of prayer, the love and strength that exist in relationships we establish and in the community that surrounds us, and the wonderful gift of life that God has bestowed on us all. Questions for reflection and discussion will be presented after the film clips are shown.

The Bible Study class is offering an Advent series entitled "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel!" Jesus came in His first advent to fulfill the old law, becoming our prophet, our priest, and our king. We'll read what the Bible says about each of these roles and discuss how our faith and life are shaped by Advent expectation. Join us in the Library at 10:00 on three Sundays - November 28, December 5, and December 12 for a joyful time with Advent scripture, meditations, symbols, music, and discussion. No advance reading is required.

*On December 19 there will be no classes. That will be the annual Advent Breakfast.*

STEPHEN MINISTERS will meet on Monday, December 6 at 7:00 p.m. in the Library.

MEN'S THURSDAY FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST On Thursday, December 9 at 7:00 a.m. we will meet in the McKinnon Room for a breakfast prepared by John Shilling and a short discussion-oriented lesson prepared by Tim Ryan. If you want to review the lesson ahead of time, you can have Renee email you the lesson or you can pick up a hard copy in the church office. Everyone is welcome. Come join us and bring a friend.

FISH delivery is Thursday, December 9. If you are able to help make deliveries, please contact Barbara Wilkinson, 300-8845. The more volunteers we have, the more food we can deliver to hungry families in our community. You are needed!

**SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGERS** are needed for the Salvation Army's Red Kettle Campaign. Please sign up in the Schilling Gallery if you are able to help out on one or more times. We are scheduled for December 10 (Friday), December 13 (Monday) and December 15 (Wednesday) from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Dillard's West Town Mall Montvue entrance. Whether you are retired, working, parent, and/or just an awesome volunteer - your help is greatly needed to fill these thirty hours of volunteer service. The Red Kettle Campaign helps raise money enough to help nearly 30,000 in the Knoxville area all year round! Sign up TODAY!



**RESERVE YOUR SPOT** for next year's LeConte hike! Please send your \$50 deposit to the church office, noting "LeConte reservation" on your check. The hike will take place July 23, 2011.

**CHRISTMAS CRAFT NIGHT AND POTLUCK DINNER** is Wednesday, December 15 at 5:45 p.m. Come and get into the Christmas spirit with a night of fun, fellowship and dinner. We have all new crafts for young and old to make as gifts, or to hang on your tree! Chicken tenders and bread will be provided, just bring a side dish or dessert to share (the recipes are always nice to have if it is a homemade dish if you are willing to share it). Everyone is invited young and old, you do not have to have a child to attend.

**HEIFER INTERNATIONAL** ([www.heifer.org](http://www.heifer.org)) uses a holistic approach in working toward the mission of ending world hunger and poverty and caring for the earth. Gift cards are available in the church office during the Advent season. Give the gift that keeps on giving!



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**ADVENT FLOWER DEDICATIONS FORM:**

I would like to contribute to the Flower Guild for Advent:

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