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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Second Sunday in Advent

Conventions in this bulletin include: an asterisk () invites you to stand, as health allows, material printed in **bold** is for the congregation to sing or say.*

PRELUDE

"Veni, Emmanuel" - Schack
 "Savior of the Heathen, Come" - J. S. Bach

*HYMN 82

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

*CALL TO WORSHIP

At every beginning there is a yearning.

O Emmanuel, wake us up to your coming.

Transform our hearts to expect the unexpected and imagine the unimaginable.

O Emmanuel, wake us up to your coming.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

RESPONSE

Cantor: Prepare the way of the Lord. All flesh shall see the salvation of God.

Cantor *All*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, Light a can - dle of Peace for the com - ing of Christ, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

RESPONSE



WELCOME

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Promised Christ: We are a world at war. Our peace depends on Your coming. We are a sinful people. Our pardon depends on Your coming. We are full of good intentions but weak at keeping promises; our only hope of doing God's will is that You should come and empower us to do it. Lord Christ, Word made flesh, our world waits for Your peace, for Your pardon, and for Your grace. Even so: come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

KYRIE ELEISON

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

DECLARATION OF PARDON

*RESPONSE (GTG p.95)

Prepare the Way of the Lord

**Prepare the way of the Lord. Preparé the way of the Lord,
and all people will see the salvation of our God.**

UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of love and power, You are revealed to us in Your Word, in accounts of prophecy and fulfillment that direct our attention to Jesus Christ. Illumine us now as we hear Your Word proclaimed, that we may open our hearts to Him, yearn for His coming in glory, and serve Him with joy. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 1:1-8

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*HYMN 129

"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 40:1-11

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Will Wilson

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Stir Up Your Power" - Shute

Stir up your pow'r, O Lord, and come. Again we pray, "Your will be done." May Advent blue to us foretell the echo of Emmanuel. Is heaven's moment far or near? And when will Jesus reappear? The coming dawn in our delight in this, the darkest hour of night. We could inside the church remain, like dry ground watching for the rain. We could decide to sit and wait as Jesus we anticipate. But we must keep hands to the plow; God's time is not yet and now. Our faith informs what we do. May Christ return and find us true, may Christ return and find us true.

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus 82

DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

ANNOUNCEMENTS, CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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 87**

*Comfort, Comfort Now My People
A short interlude will follow each stanza.*

POSTLUDE

“From Heaven Above” - Held

Worship continues with our service in life.

Worship Leaders

Rev. Will Wilson, Pastor
Gala Eubank Strunk, Organist-Choirmaster
Lindsay Farrow, Preston Orr, Taylor Owens,
Blake Stephens, Choral Ensemble

Session

Class of 2020

Jerry Camp
Ryan Griffin
Debby Leppert
Jan Wylie

Class of 2021

Janie Dickerson
Trey Hattaway
Tom Sartor
Terry Thrower

Class of 2022

David Castles
Brian Johnson
Janie Terrell
Pat Watson

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1 Come, thou long - ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo-ple free;
2 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and yet a king,

from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.
born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra-cious king-dom bring.

Is-rael's strength and con-so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art;
By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone;

dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long-ing heart.
by thine all - suf-fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo-rious throne.

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming 129

1 Lo, how a rose e'er bloom-ing from ten - der stem hath sprung,
 2 I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, the rose I have in mind;
 3 This flower, whose fra-grance ten - der with sweet-ness fills the air,

of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing, by faith - ful proph - ets sung.
 with Mar - y we be - hold it, the vir - gin moth - er kind.
 dis - pels with glo - rious splen - dor the dark-ness ev - ery-where.

It came, a flower - et bright, a - mid the cold of
 To show God's love a - right she bore for us a
 En - fleshed, yet ver - y God, from sin and death he

win - ter, when half spent was the night.
 Sav - ior, when half spent was the night.
 saves us and light - ens ev - ery load.

Comfort, Comfort Now My People 87

1 "Com - fort, com - fort now my peo - ple; tell of peace!" So says our God.
 2 For the her - ald's voice is cry - ing in the des - ert far and near,
 3 Straight shall be what long was crook - ed, and the rough - er plac - es plain.

"Com - fort those who sit in dark-ness mourn - ing un - der sor - row's load.
 call - ing us to true re - pen - tance, since the reign of God is here.
 Let your hearts be true and hum - ble, as be - fits God's ho - ly reign.

To my peo - ple now pro - claim that my par - don waits for them!
 O, that warn - ing cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way.
 For the glo - ry of the Lord now on earth is shed a - broad,

Tell them that their sins I cov - er, and their war - fare now is o - ver."
 Let the val - leys rise in meet - ing and the hills bow down in greet - ing.
 and all flesh shall see the to - ken that God's word is nev - er bro - ken.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

December 6 - 13

TODAY 10:00 a.m. Live Stream Worship
SATURDAY Saturday Bread – KHS Class of '66
SUNDAY NEXT 10:00 a.m. Live Stream Worship

Joys and Concerns

(*members of FPC; *friends and family of congregation)

* Helen George Bolt	* Rexine Burden
* Joel Camp	* Kristina Galvan
* Gail Grisham	* Cheyenne Kirkpatrick
* Verner Laird	* Nicholas Little
* David Nixon	* Jan Mankins Warren
* Tine Zapata	
* Raymond Bazinet	* Sylvia Bolding
* Joe Brown	* Tara Castles
* Max Brant Crim	* Linda Curkan
* Legene Gay	* Ashley Haden
* Kenzie Hyatt	* Don Kiser
* Tillman Latham	* Jimmy Love
* Donna Marshall	* Pat McCrory
* Rex McCubbin	* David McElroy
* Dayne Neal	* Larry Perkins
* Bill Pybas	* Charlotte Reed
* Gordon Reed	* Glenda Reid
* Alan Rhodes	* Cecelia & Roland Sanders
* Sharon Schoenemann	* Jamie Stephens
* Danny Strickland	* Billie Clower Watson
* Carly Wimberley	

In Service to our Country

Jacob Conner	Brent Duvall
Robert Gray	Gavin Jackson

The Poinsettias in the sanctuary for Advent are in Memory of:

Frank Brown
Nelwyn Collum
Lynn Currin
Winston & June Gardner
Elsie & George Gause
Helen Goodwin
Nancy Grisham
Bill & Jean Hughes
Gore & Betty Kemp
Lance Harlan Laird
Marion Lightfoot
James E. & Virginia Mankins
John Mobley
Mr & Mr J A Monroe
Jeff Moore & Family
Thomas & Waurine Nixon
Jerry & Shalia Pybas
Bill & Imogene Rivers
Martha Rorschach
Caroline Ross
Mr & Mrs Sam Ross
Ebbye & Joe John Short
Katherine Smylie
William R Smylie
Betty Spradlin
Edwin G. & Justine Stanley
Billy Bob & Jane Terrell
J B & Dorothy Watson
Linda Watson
Bobbie Wylie

And in Honor of:

Lila Currin
Kathryn Dean
Joe & Ella Gorman
Burke Green
Grayson & Emma LaCroix
Sophie Leppert
Jimmy Thrower
Graham & Jack Tyra