

WELCOME to all who enter this place. Drink deeply of the living waters of God's grace as we worship together.

Visitors: Consider yourself at home while you are here! Please pick up a Visitor's Information Packet while enjoying refreshments just for you at our Visitor's Table in Fellowship Hall after our worship service.

*The quintessential hymn of the Advent season, *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*, is a plainchant whose origins come from 13th century France. This chant has gained a favorable reputation across all Christian denominations and marks the beginning of the Advent season, a time where we wait in hope and anticipation for the Savior of the world.

Rev. Mark Medina is holding office hours on Wednesday mornings from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., at Coyote Grill at San Ignacio Golf Club. Feel free to drop in for coffee or iced tea.

The Wonder of Christmas: An Advent Study: This Advent rediscover the true wonder of Christmas. We will offer four classes per week for you to choose from to study the book "The Wonder of Christmas." Class days and times are listed in the December Valley Voice.

Christmas Poinsettias: Please sign up at the Information Table for Christmas poinsettias that beautify our Sanctuary and cheer up our shut-ins. Poinsettia plants will be \$10 each and must be paid when you sign up. If you would like to announce your plant donation as a memorial, please be sure to let us know when you sign up.

Pray Like Jesus: Rediscovering the Lord's Prayer! Come join our six-week discussion as we re-examine the content of the Lord's Prayer by studying *Pray Like Jesus*, by pastor and author Don Underwood. Classes begin on Thursday, January 4th at 10:00 a.m. in Classroom 5. Please contact Judy Cunnyngham at 625-9671 if you have any questions.

Music in the Valley: Tickets for Russell Ronnebaum (January 12, 6:00 p.m.) are on sale in Fellowship Hall after the service. Tickets for the Sanctuary Choir are also available (February 26, 7:00 p.m. and February 27, 2:00 p.m.). Because the Sanctuary Choir performances are ticketed events, no free-will offering will be collected and your ticket will go directly to support the Music Ministry. Tickets are valid at either or both performances!

Friendship Kettle Dinner: Sunday, December 17th at 5:00 p.m. Join us for a dinner featuring pork tenderloin. At 6:00 p.m., a program by Angel Perez, guitarist, singer. Tickets (\$11) are available in Fellowship Hall today after worship.

Mission Quilts will meet in Fellowship Hall tomorrow from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Please bring a snack when staying the entire time.

Christmas Cookies Tasting: Come to Fellowship Hall today after worship to enjoy different varieties of Christmas cookies.

Thank you to our volunteers!

Coffee Fellowship
Barbara Dittmer,
Mark & Sue Horton,
Steve & Jessie Setterlund

Information Center
Gay Larson, Kathie Rusk

Medical Team
Marvin Clark

Owl Express
Richard Goetz

Welcome Centers
Carol Peeler, Roy Romstad
La Posada Service of Worship
Rev. Dr. Linda Lloyd, Rudy
Sweisfuth, Sonya Larsen

Please remember those currently or recently hospitalized:

Geege Whitehead

Flowers given by: Bob & Hazel Kern
In memory of our daughter

The Joyful Spirit Ensemble and The Valley Ringers

Tuesday, December 5th at 2:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary!

Learning During Lunch Time: Your whole life! The 3D Plan means Eat Right * Live Well * Love God. This class, by Chris Erickson, Parish Nurse, and Lynne Szabo, will start Thursday, December 7th from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Classroom 5 (note this is a new date). Your Whole Life is a 12-week journey to wholeness. Please sign up at the Faith and Health table today in Fellowship Hall. Join us Thursdays and remember to bring your lunch to this class!

Cardio Drumming: There will be no Cardio Drumming during the month of December due to Christmas meetings and concerts. Cardio Drumming will resume in January, 2018.

Advent Devotionals are still available at the Welcome Centers near the two main entrances and the Faith Formation kiosk in Fellowship Hall. We have plenty, so take some for neighbors and friends.

Recipes from the Thanksgiving Dinner are available at the Welcome Centers in the Narthex.

The Source

Wednesday, December 6 - Tazié

A candlelight service with silence, scripture, meditation and simple music followed by a Advent meal of soup and bread.



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JOEL PIERCE, *Director of Music*
CHRISTINE ERICKSON, RN, *Parish Nurse*

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



To know Christ and make him known through word and deed.

✠ All those who are able, please stand.

9:30 a.m.

December 3, 2017

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

God in this season suspended between hope and fulfillment, let us never forget what you have done. May we be overwhelmed by your mercy, which flows in wave after wave. May we be honest about the darkness within us, and perceptive of the light around us. May we make straight the path for the Lord, that together we may see God's glory revealed. Amen.

WELCOME & NEWS OF THE CHURCH

Rev. Christopher

Please print your name in the Friendship Register provided in your pew.

POURING OF THE WATER

L: *Jesus is the Living Water.*

P: **Praise be to God.**

PRELUDE

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel**

arr. Roger Wilson

INTROIT

We Wait in Hope

Joel Raney

Sanctuary Choir

All creation lies in waiting, in the stillness of the night,
with hope anticipating the Advent of Eternal Light.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Mike & Kay Brouwer

Leader: Advent is a time to wait.

People: **We wait in hope for the Lord; he is our help and our shield.**

Leader: During Advent we wait for light in the darkness.

People: **We wait in hope for the Lord; he is our help and our shield.**

Leader: During Advent we wait for freedom from captivity.

People: **We wait in hope for the Lord; he is our help and our shield.**

Leader: During Advent we wait for comfort in sorrow.

People: **We wait in hope for the Lord; he is our help and our shield.**

Leader: During Advent we wait for power in weakness,

All: **We wait in hope for the Lord; he is our help and our shield.**

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE
CHOIR AND CONGREGATION SING

We Wait in Hope

Joel Raney

We wait in hope _____ for the morn - ing Light, for the love of
Christ to il - lu - mi - nate the night. We wait with joy _____
_____ for the Sav - ior's birth; we wait in hope for peace on earth.

ADVENT PRAYER

✠HYMN *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* (vs. 1) Veni Emmanuel 9

INVITATION TO PRAISE AND ADORATION Rev. Medina

O Shepherd of Israel, you open your lips; our mouths give you praise. You shepherd your flock, gathering us from our wanderings, assembling us in Christ's name to learn of your will. Your covenant names us, your law guides us. The prophets attest to your promise that we shall not be forsaken. With great expectation we watch for your unfolding plan of salvation. Be present with us and guide us toward the truth in Christ's name. We praise you, good and gracious God. Amen.

AFFIRMATION OF PRAISE

MUSICAL RESPONSE TO PRAISE

Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens Adore Him Beach Spring

Praise the Lord! Ye heav'ns adore Him, praise Him angels, in the height.
Sun and moon, rejoice before Him, praise Him all ye stars of light.
Praise the Lord! For He hath spoken, worlds His mighty voice obeyed.
Law which never shall be broken for the guidance hath He made.

ANTHEM *Come To Us, O Promised One* Lloyd Larson
Sanctuary Choir

Come to us, O Promised One. Fill our emptiness with love.
Whisper to our longing hearts Your words of hope from up above.
Come, as the prophets did foretell: God with us, Emmanuel.

Come to us, O Counselor. Bind each battered, broken heart.
Steady ev'ry stumbling step; heal each life that's torn apart.
Come, as the prophets did foretell: God with us, Emmanuel.

Come to us, O Prince of Peace. Save us from our endless strife.
Teach us how to walk in love; lead us to abundant life.

Come to us, O Mighty God. Come in love to save us all.
Wrap your strength in tenderness; lift us up each time we fall.
Come, as the prophets did foretell: God with us, Emmanuel.

Come to us, O Promised one. Come to us, O Prince of Peace.
Come to us, O Mighty God. God with us, Emmanuel.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Norm TenBrink

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 64:1-9 (Pew Bible p. 1161)

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 13:24-37 (Pew Bible p. 1578)

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

"Watching and Waiting"

Rev. Medina

✠HYMN

Jesus Comes with Clouds Descending (vs. 1,3) Helmsley 6

PRESENTATION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

**If you haven't already done so, please print your name in the Fellowship Register.*

OFFERTORY

What Child Is This?

William Dix

Peggi Briggs - soloist

✠DOXOLOGY

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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 DEDICATION

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

MEANING OF THE SACRAMENT

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.

(The prayer continues...)

SINGING THE LORD'S PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

BREAKING THE BREAD AND POURING THE CUP

Worshippers are invited to take the elements as each are passed
and then hold until all can take together.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy God, we thank you for this meal that proclaims the peace
and healing of the nations. We thank you for this meal where a
little is enough to change our lives; where a little is more than
enough to feed those whose hearts yearn for communion in
community. May this bread and fruit of the vine nourish us so
that we may grow in the faith and knowledge that in you, we
are one. Amen.

✠HYMN

People, Look East vs. 1-4

Besancon 12

✠BENEDICTION

✠CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *Let There Be Peace on Earth*

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.

With God our Creator, children all are we.

Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now.

With ev'ry breath I take, let this be my solemn vow,

To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally,

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

✠POSTLUDE

Postlude on *"Mendelssohn"*

Robert Hughes

OUR WORSHIP NOW ENTERS THE WORLD!

Worship Aids/Sermon Notes

Sermon Title: *"Watching & Waiting"*

Isaiah 64:1-9 (NIV)

Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains would tremble before you! As when fire sets twigs ablaze and causes water to boil, come down to make your name known to your enemies and cause the nations to quake before you! For when you did awesome things that we did not expect, you came down, and the mountains trembled before you.

Since ancient times no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who acts on behalf of those who wait for him. You come to the help of those who gladly do right, who remember your ways. But when we continued to sin against them, you were angry. How then can we be saved? All of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags; we all shrivel up like a leaf, and like the wind our sins sweep us away. No one calls on your name or strives to lay hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us and made us waste away because of our sins. Yet, O Lord, you are our Father. We are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be angry beyond measure, O Lord; do not remember our sins forever. Oh, look upon us, we pray, for we are all your people.

Mark 13:24-37 (NIV)

"But in those days, following that distress, " 'the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.'

"At that time men will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. And he will send his angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of the heavens.

"Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that it is near, right at the door. I tell you the truth, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

"No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Be on guard! Be alert! You do not know when that time will come. It's like a man going away: He leaves his house and puts his servants in charge, each with his assigned task, and tells the one at the door to keep watch.

"Therefore keep watch because you do not know when the owner of the house will come back—whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or at dawn. If he comes suddenly, do not let him find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to everyone: Watch!"