

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 at our Visitor's Table in Fellowship Hall.

Children: Children up through 2nd grade are invited to "The Kids Room," Room #4, during the worship service. Children 3rd grade and up remain in the worship service.

Adult Sunday School: Adult Sunday School Class meets in Classroom 5 at 8:30 a.m. before worship. Each Sunday's discussion topic will be the day's sermon scriptures. Coffee and cookies will be provided.

Join the Inquisitors as we watch and discuss "*The Spiritual Brain: Science and Religious Experience*," one of the Great Courses. Join us for this fascinating course on Fridays at 1:30 p.m. in Classroom 1.

New Advent Study - Home for Christmas: Tales of Hope and Second Chances. Mondays in Advent starting December 2 at 1:00 p.m. in Classroom 5. Real life stories of struggle and triumph are matched to the Advent themes of hope, love, joy, and peace. Books are \$12 and can be purchased at the Faith Formation Kiosk today in the Fellowship Hall.

Friendship Kettle Dinner: Sunday, December 15 at 5 p.m. Join us for dinner featuring beef bourguignon, then at 6 p.m. a program by Michael Mack: Country Music. Tickets (\$13) will be available in Fellowship Hall today and December 8.

Join the Inquisitors as we watch and discuss "*Early Christianity: The Experience of the Divine*." Join us for this fascinating course which begins **Friday, December 13 at 1:30 p.m.** in Classroom 1.

Grief Recovery Workshop: A Grief Recovery Workshop will be offered for five Mondays beginning January 6, 2020. It will be in the Sweet Family Room from 9:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. We will learn about the grief process and find healthy ways to deal with pain and loss. Call the church office at 625-5023 to reserve a spot.

Join us for a "Christmas Carol Sing-A-Long" on Sunday, December 8 at 2:00 p.m. in the Church Sanctuary. Following our time of caroling & special music, we will continue celebrating the Christmas Season with Christmas Cookies and a holiday beverage in Fellowship Hall. Christmas Cookie bakers, please bring some of your favorite cookies to share and invite your friends and neighbors.

Advent Taizé: Wednesday, December 4 at 5 p.m. A simple and quiet candlelight service in the Spiritual Life Center. It is followed by a meal and an Advent devotion on Christmas spirituals in the Fellowship Hall.

Thank you to our volunteers!

Coffee Fellowship

Joan & Steve Larson

Information Center

Pat Bruner

Medical Team

Marvin Clark

Visitor's Table

Mike & Kay Brouwer

Welcome Centers

Carol Peeler, Roy Romstad

La Posada Service of Worship

Rev. Lindsey, Helen Phillips,

Freda Krauss, Parker Long

Flowers given by: Anonymous
for "Inspiring & Encouraging Teaching"

The Rose on the Baptismal Font Celebrates this Witness
to the Resurrection in Jesus Christ

Tommy West November 24

Christmas Poinsettias: Please sign up at the Information Table for Christmas poinsettias that beautify our Sanctuary and cheer up our shut-ins. Poinsettia plants are \$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.

November is "sponsor an orphan child for Christmas" month. To participate, see Reed Olson in Fellowship Hall today and select your child/adult to sponsor. Donations up to \$40 per child allows us to purchase gifts for Santa to hand out during our December 14 visit. Also sign-up for the next trip to the Home on Dec 14 to witness the children opening their Christmas gifts. Help "make a difference" – sponsor a child for Christmas.

Advent Devotionals "God With Us" They are available today at the Faith Formation Kiosk and Welcome Centers. Suggested donation - \$2.00.

Mission Quilts will meet tomorrow from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Bring a snack when staying the entire time. Please call Patti Bright at 520-305-3275 if you have any questions.



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WES MOULTON, *Organist/Accompanist*
REV. JOE HAWKINS, *Pastor Emeritus*



To make Christ known through reconciliation while communicating respect and love to all people.

† All those who are able, please stand December 1, 2019

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

You call us to prepare, gracious Savior -- to prepare to entertain angels, to be alert to wait and watch, to be awake for the coming of glory, to receive your presence in our lives. Send your Spirit upon us, we pray, that we might be made ready to open our hearts and lives with gladness. Fill us with the joy of anticipation and make our waiting a sweet time of communion with you. Amen.

9:20 A.M. WELCOME & NEWS OF THE CHURCH Pastor Diane
Please print your name in the Friendship Register provided in your pew.

MINUTE FOR MINISTRY Christmas Carol Sing-Along Carmen Nyland

PASSING OF THE PEACE

POURING OF THE WATER

L: Jesus is the Living Water. P: Praise be to God.

PRELUDE *Winter Air* H. Blake

INTROIT *God With Us, Emmanuel* (choir sings)

Maker of the stars of night, of the sun by day,
Rise in us and bring your light, burn our shadows away.
In the darkness where we dwell
We await the Light of God, Emmanuel.

RESPONSIVE LITANY He Will Be Called *Wonderful Counselor*

Ron & Sherry Darrah

Leader: During Advent we wait for the coming Savior who is our Wonderful Counselor.

People: Cast your cares on the Lord and he will sustain you.

Leader: We anticipate the One who hears our prayers.

People: Cast your cares on the Lord and he will sustain you.

Leader: We anticipate the One who heals our infirmities.

People: Cast your cares on the Lord and he will sustain you.

Leader: We anticipate the One who renews our faith.

People: Cast your cares on the Lord and he will sustain you.

Leader: We anticipate the One who ignites our hope.

People: Cast your cares on the Lord and he will sustain you.

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE

CHOIR AND CONGREGATION SING

God with Us, Emmanuel

A Candle Lighting Ceremony for Advent

Words and Music by
JOEL RANEY

Congregation:

Ev - er - last - ing Fa - ther, Prince of Peace,
 Won - der - ful Coun - se - lor, Al - might - y God.
 Em - man - u - el, Em - man - u - el. God with
 us, Em - man - u - el.

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ADVENT PRAYER

☩ **HYMN** *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* 82

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We confess to you, O God, that we have fallen asleep. We often go through the motions and live our daily lives without much thought outside of ourselves. Forgive us for not being awake to the wonders and signs that you are doing something new in our world and in our lives. Call us into your ways of love and justice, so that we might be fully awake, watching and waiting for your return in our world and in our lives in a new way. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

What good news it is that God hears our prayers and responds with compassion and mercy! Enter Christ's Advent joy as precious and forgiven children of God. Hallelujah! Amen.

ANTHEM *The People Who Walked in Darkness*
& Come, Come Emmanuel. Arr. Jamie Reed

The people who walked in darkness awoken to see a great light.
 The people who dwelt in the land of the shadow rise
 to a start shining bright.

His name is Wonderful, Counselor, Almighty God,
 Father forever, Prince of Peace.

Come, come Emmanuel. Come, Emmanuel.
 For God has enlarged the nation, and prospered
 the fruits of its land.

God's people are blest with the harvest of victory,
 gift from a bountiful hand.

For us now a child is given,
 for all the despised and forlorn.

The rule of compassion shall rest on his shoulder.
 God's own Messiah is born!

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 24:36-44

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON Insomniac Christian Pastor Diane

☩ **HYMN** *While We Are Waiting, Come* 92

PRESENTATION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

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

OFFERTORY *Of the Father's Love Begotten* R. Macdonald

☩ **DOXOLOGY** 606

**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 Pastor Craig

MEANING OF THE SACRAMENT

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.

☩ **HYMN** *Watchman, Tell Us of the Night* 97

☩ **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** *Chorale: Now All the Woods Are Sleeping* P. Gerhardt

OUR WORSHIP NOW ENTERS THE WORLD!

Worship Aids/Sermon Notes

Sermon Title: The Insomniac Christian

Scripture Reading: Matthew 24:36-44

³⁶ "But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷ As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸ For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; ³⁹ and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰ Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. ⁴¹ Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left. ⁴² "Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. ⁴³ But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴ So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.

VPC FINANCIAL/ATTENDANCE UPDATE

Week #47 (through 11/24/19)			
Church Weekly Operations Finances		Church Weekly Attendance	
Weekly Giving Income	\$6,554	2019 Attendance	361
Δ Weekly Giving Budget	\$11,979	2018 Attendance	309
*YTD Giving Income	\$625,216	*YTD 2019 Attendance	15,122
Δ*YTD Giving Budget	\$576,596	*YTD 2018 Attendance	14,873
(*) YTD: Year-to-Date			
Δ Based on Aug 2019 Budget Adjustment		2019 Per Capita is \$40.22 per member	