

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
2nd Sunday of Advent

Fort Dodge, Iowa
December 6, 2020

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Isaiah 11:6

The wolf shall dwell with the lamb,
The leopard shall lie down with the kids,
The calf and the lion and the fatling together,
And a little child shall lead them.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES Greg & Joan Olson

GATHERING HYMN #2 "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

WELCOME

MORNING PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Refining God, you have sent us prophets and we have not listened. We have not always determined what is best or made way for your reign in our lives, our church, and our society. Forgive us, we pray, and renew your covenant within us, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Time of silent reflection and confession...

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, I am confident of this: if we repent, God is sure to forgive us. The One who began a good work in us will bring it to completion. Through Jesus Christ, your sins have been forgiven. **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

CONGREGATIONAL SONG

"O Come Emmanuel"

SHARING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

<https://app.securegive.com/fpcfdd>

Special Music

"Adore Him"

Doxology #592

Prayer of Dedication

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The 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.

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

The Rev. Rebecca L. Dix

SONG OF PREPARATION

"O Come to the Altar"

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 1:46-56

SERMON

"Making a Magnificat"
The Rev. Dr. Austin D. Hill

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

SENDING HYMN

#485 "To God Be the Glory"

BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

Prayers for December 6th – 12th

Members of the Congregation:

Goldie Davis, Starla Lawler, Shelly Sanford,
Gene Madson & The family of Tom Engler

Friends of the Church:

Lisa Martin & Heather Royster's Father

Prayer Families:

Sara Tofilon (Abby, Benjamin)

Roger Torgerson

Nicole Trost (Keaton, Gianna Jackowell)

Larry & Teresa Ukena (Jordan, Megan, Lauren)

Pray for:

 (a ministry in our Presbytery; a ministry in Fort Dodge)

St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Washburn

– Rev. Dr. Clemens Barollas &

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

– Bishop Daniel Jessen

Christmas Eve


Our Christmas Eve services will be: 10:00 am in the Sanctuary, 4:00 pm in the Christian Life Center and 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary. We will livestream the 7:00 pm service on our Facebook and YouTube pages. Each service has a capacity of 100 people. Please RSVP for your preferred service by calling the office or online at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4AA9A82CA1FD C16-christmas>

Christmas Joy

Christmas Joy envelopes are available in the Narthex.

2021 Flower Chart

The Chancel Flower chart for 2021 has been hung. Please sign your name on the dates you want after the service to ensure you get your desired dates.

This is the bulletin for Sunday, December 6th. Please use this to follow along while we broadcast the service. Tune in to our YouTube Channel: FPC Fort Dodge  and our Facebook page at 10:30 am. You can access both of these channels from our website by clicking on these icons:



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Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Charles Wesley, 1744

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Rowland Hugh Prichard, 1831

1. Come, Thou long - ex - spect - ed Je - sus, Born to set Thy
 2. Born Thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, Born a child and

peo - ple free; From our fears and sins re - lease us;
 yet a King, Born to reign in us for - ev - er,

Let us find our rest in Thee. Is - rael's strength and con - so -
 Now Thy gra - cious king - dom bring. By Thine own e - ter - nal

la - tion, Hope of all the earth Thou art; Dear de - sire of
 Spir - it Rule in all our hearts a - lone; By Thine all - suf -

ev - ery na - tion, Joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
 fi - cient mer - it Raise us to Thy glo - rious throne.

O Come Emmanuel**Verse 1**

O come O come Emmanuel
 And ransom captive Israel
 That mourns in lonely exile here
 Until the Son of God appear

Chorus

Rejoice rejoice Emmanuel
 Shall come to thee O Israel

Verse 2

O come O Son of God most high
 Deliver us from sinfulness and pride
 Restore in us a child-like heart
 To consecrate and set us apart

Bridge

O come O come Emmanuel
 O come O come Emmanuel
 O come O come Emmanuel
 O come O come Emmanuel O O

Verse 3

O come O Savior of this world
 The long awaited promise You foretold
 And right the wrongs that man has done
 We pray Your glorious Kingdom come

Adore Him

Verse 1

Countless days on a journey that led so far
Endless nights they travelled to follow the star
They did not find a palace
Just a humble village home
And searching for a King
But finding a Child no crown no throne
Still they bowed down

Chorus

Come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him
(Christ the Lord)

Verse 2

Expectation turned to mystery
For nothing was like anything they'd dreamed
Anticipating the royal
And those honored by this world
Instead they gazed in the awestruck eyes
Of a lowly peasant girl
Holding her Child

Bridge

The brilliant gold the fragrant myrrh
The costly frankincense
Placed before Him

O Come to the Altar

Verse 1

Are you hurting and broken within
Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin
Jesus is calling
Have you come to the end of yourself
Do you thirst for a drink from the well
Jesus is calling

Chorus

O come to the altar
The Father's arms are open wide
Forgiveness was bought with
The precious blood of Jesus Christ

Verse 2

Leave behind your regrets and mistakes
Come today there's no reason to wait
Jesus is calling
Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy
From the ashes a new life is born
Jesus is calling

Bridge

Oh what a Savior
Isn't he wonderful
Sing alleluia Christ is risen
Bow down before him
For he is Lord of all
Sing alleluia Christ is risen

Verse 3

Bear your cross as you wait for the crown
Tell the world of the treasure you've found

To God Be the Glory

TO GOD BE THE GLORY 11.11.11 with refrain

Fanny Jane Crosby, 1875

William Howard Doane, 1875

1. To God be the glo - ry, great things He hath done!
2. Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,

So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
And great our re - joic - ing through Je - sus the Son;

Who yield - ed His life an a - tone - ment for sin,
But pur - er, and high - er, and great - er will be

And o - pened the life - gate that all may go in.
Our won - der, our trans - port, when Je - sus we see.

Refrain

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the peo - ple re - joice!

O come to the Fa - ther through Je - sus the Son,

And give Him the glo - ry: great things He hath done!