

SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS

Second Sunday of Advent | December 5, 2021 | 10:00 am

"...to Reach, Ignite, & Empower people for Jesus."

Malachi 3:1-4 & Luke 3: 1-6

Forerunners and messengers advance the advent of our God. While John the baptizer's voice in the wilderness may be the principal focus of the day, Malachi's prophecy could as easily herald the coming Christ as forerunner of the Lord of hosts. Finally all the baptized are called to participate in the sharing of the gospel. In so doing we prepare the way for the coming of Jesus and assist all people in capturing a vision of the "salvation of God."



Words of Welcome & Announcements

Passing of the Peace

Meditative Moment

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Gathering Song **O Come, O Come, Emmanuel** (vs. 1,2,7,8) ELW 257

1 O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.

Refrain

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.

2 O come, O Wisdom from on high,
embracing all things far and nigh;
in strength and beauty come and stay;
teach us your will and guide our way. *Refrain*

7 O come, O King of nations, come,
O Cornerstone that binds in one:
refresh the hearts that long for you;
restore the broken, make us new. *Refrain*

8 O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear. *Refrain*

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Opening Prayer

Children's Message

Pastor Brice Bloxham

Scripture Reading Malachi 3:1-4

¹See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. ²But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; ³he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. ⁴Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Word of God, word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading Luke 3:1-6

¹In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, ²during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, ⁴as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. ⁵Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; ⁶and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’ ”

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Message

Pastor Renee Patterson

Song of the Day *Christ, Be Our Light* (vs. 1 & 3)

- 1 Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.

Refrain

Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.

- 3 Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed. *Refrain*

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Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Lord in Your mercy. Hear our prayer

Gathering of Tithes and Offerings

Offering Prayer

Words of Welcome to the Table

The Lord's Prayer

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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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen

Communion Blessing

Communion Prayer

Gracious God, **we have received the elements of bread and wine. We have come to the table, and because we are loved, You in Christ Jesus receive us and offer to us healing and hope. Forgive our stubbornness. Heal our brokenness. Challenge us to truly live lives of faithfulness and discipleship. Amen.**

Benediction

Sending Song *How Can I Keep From Singing?*

There is an endless song
Echoes in my soul
I hear the music ring
And though the storms may come
I am holding on
To the rock I cling

How can I keep from singing Your praise
How can I ever say enough
How amazing is Your love
How can I keep from shouting Your name
I know I am loved by the King
And it makes my heart want to sing

I will lift my eyes
In the darkest night
For I know my Savior lives
And I will walk with You
Knowing You'll see me through
And sing the songs You give

How can I keep from singing Your praise
How can I ever say enough
How amazing is Your love
How can I keep from shouting Your name
I know I am loved by the King
And it makes my heart want to sing

I can sing in the troubled times
Sing when I win
I can sing when I lose my step
And fall down again
I can sing 'cause You pick me up
Sing 'cause You're there
I can sing 'cause You hear me, Lord
When I call to You in prayer
I can sing with my last breath
Sing for I know
That I'll sing with the angels
And the saints around the throne

How can I keep from singing Your praise
How can I ever say enough
How amazing is Your love
How can I keep from shouting Your name
I know I am loved by the King
and it makes my heart...
I am loved by the King,
and it makes my heart...
I am loved by the King
and it makes my heart want to sing

Source: [LyricFind](#) Songwriters: Eithne Ni Bhraonain / Nicky Ryan / Roma Shane Ryan How Can I Keep From Singing lyrics © Music Services, Inc, Sony/ATV Music Publishing LLC

Dismissal

Go in Peace, Serve the Lord! **Thanks be to God.**

SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS LUTHERAN CHURCH

THE SIMPLICITY OF ADVENT WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

Nov 24 - Thanksgiving Eve/Pies for Praise

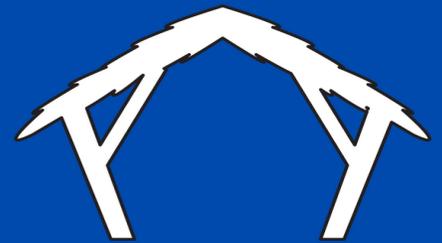
Dec 1 - HOPE

Dec 8 - PEACE

Dec 15 - JOY

Dec 22 - LOVE

PREMIERING IN THE SANCTUARY AND
ONLINE VIA FACEBOOK LIVE
WEDNESDAYS IN DECEMBER @6:15PM



Christmas

SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS LUTHERAN CHURCH

Dec 7 6:15PM Blue Christmas Service

Dec 12 8 & 10AM Homestyle Christmas Sunday

Dec 19 8 & 10AM Children's Christmas Program Sunday

Dec 24 3:30 & 5pm & 10pm In-Sanctuary Worship

Dec 25 10AM Christmas Story Lesson & Caroles service online at sohsv.org

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IN-SANCTUARY WORSHIP GUIDELINES

Keeping Safe During the Service

- Masks required while in the building.
- There will be no nursery but there is an in-sanctuary "Kid's PRAYground."
Families are encouraged to bring quiet toys (no busy-bags will be available) and remain together as a family during the service
- Water fountains have been disabled

When You Depart

- Offertory may be left in the basket at the doors or done online on our website
- Take all of your items with you including communion supplies
- Go spread the news of Jesus Christ

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday Bible Study: The afternoon Bible Study at 1 pm will be in-person in the Narthex. The evening Bible Study will meet at 6:45pm on Zoom, click [HERE](#) to join on Zoom. Note change of time of evening Bible Study during Advent to make room for our [Wednesday Advent Services](#) at 6:15pm in the Sanctuary or livestreamed.

Donut Table Hosts needed: Donut table hosts/servers are needed to set up and serve donuts during our gathering time on Sunday mornings. Time commitment is 8:40 to 10:00 am Sundays on a schedule that fits your availability. Please sign up at the donut table or contact Maria in the office to volunteer.

Advent-To-Go: Pick up your bag in the Narthex. We invite you to join us this Advent as we prepare for the coming of the Christ Child on Christmas. This year we will be spending our Wednesday evening worship services focusing on The Simplicity of Advent. In place of our Children's Message we will have an activity you can do together as a family. Bring your supplies with you to worship or do at home as you watch online LIVE or anytime after Wednesday evening.

December Drive:

For the month of December we are collecting items from the "always Needed" list for Ralph Reeder: Canned meats, Tuna & Hamburger Helpers, Peanut Butter, Baking Supplies, Crackers, Granola Bars, Cereal, Toilet Paper, Laundry Detergent, mayonnaise, Ketchup, mac and cheese cups, Juice Boxes, Pudding Cups

Family Event:

In December we'll be gathering to decorate cookies, have a gingerbread house building competition, other Christmas themed activities, and a dice game. We're asking each participant bring a wrapped gift costing less than \$10 (the Five Below store is a great place to look for an item) that kids will have a chance to roll for. We'll be gathering on **Friday, December 17th, from 6:00 – 7:30 pm**. Please plan to eat dinner beforehand. You'll be able to take your cookie and gingerbread house home with you. Like always, our event will be masked, we're also asking that you sign up beforehand so we know how many to anticipate. To sign up or ask questions reach out to **Pastor Brice**.

2022 Winter Book Study:

Our Winter Book Study will be focused on *I Can Do No Other* by Anna Madsen. We will be meeting via every other week on Wednesdays at 2:30pm and Thursdays at 6:30pm via zoom, join us for the time that works best for you. Starts January 5th/6th, see the newsletter for further information.

Do you ever feel antsy while you sit at church or maybe have a difficult time focusing? Try out this Finger Prayer Labyrinth. It is meant for you to trace your finger around the path as you breath or pray.

Prayer Labyrinths are an ancient spiritual practice and their intent is to be a source of centering and reconnecting with the moment or through prayer reconnecting with God.

If you find yourself in need of centering during the worship service, feel free to use this Finger Prayer Labyrinth! Even if you don't need centering but just want to give it a try you can do so now or take it home and use it throughout the week!



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Donut Time 9:00 to 10:00 am - All are welcome to enjoy donuts in Shepherd's Hall. We will provide the donuts, please bring your own beverage of choice. Please join us!

Serving in worship today

8am

Reader: Ginny Altman

Ushers: Steve Kietz

Lynn Sheff

Cantor:

Tech Booth:

Gathering Time Host:

10am

Reader: Dave Nord

Ushers: Chriss Latterell

Dave Nord

Ronni Winn

Julie Streit

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