

# God with Us

ADVENT 2020



# ORDER OF WORSHIP

DECEMBER 6, 2020  
THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## ❖ CALL TO WORSHIP

O Antiphons

Minister: O Wisdom, coming forth from the mouth of the  
Most High, pervading and permeating all creation,  
you order all things with strength and gentleness:  
Come now and teach us the way to salvation.

## ❖ O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL

VENI EMMANUEL, Plainsong, Latin Antiphons

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 thee, O Israel.*

O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free  
Thine own from Satan's tyranny;  
From depths of hell thy people save,  
And give them vict'ry o'er the grave. *(Refrain)*

Minister: O Root of Jesse, rising as a sign for all the peoples,  
before you earthly rulers will keep silent,  
and nations give you honor:  
Come quickly to deliver us.

O come, thou Dayspring from on high,  
And cheer us by thy drawing nigh;  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
And death's dark shadows put to flight. *(Refrain)*

Minister: O Key of David, Scepter over the house of Israel,  
you open and no one can close,  
you close and no one can open:  
Come to set free the prisoners who live in  
darkness and the shadow of death.

O come, thou Key of David, come  
And open wide our heav'nly home;  
Make safe the way that leads on high,  
And close the path to misery. *(Refrain)*

Minister: O Ruler of the nations,  
Monarch for whom the people long,  
you are the Cornerstone uniting all humanity:  
Come, save us all, whom you formed out of clay.

**People: Come Lord Jesus!**

Minister: O Emmanuel, our Sovereign and Lawgiver,  
Desire of the nations and Savior of all:  
Come and save us, O Lord our God.

**People: Come Lord Jesus!**

**All:            God of grace, ever faithful to your promises,  
                  the earth rejoices in the hope  
                  of our Savior's coming and looks forward  
                  with longing to his return at the end of time.  
                  Prepare our hearts to receive him when he comes,  
                  for he is Lord forever and ever. Amen.**

*Rejoice! Rejoice!  
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

❖ **PRAYER OF ADORATION**

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE            Week Two: Bethlehem Candle**

The Sartelle Family  
Preston, Kristin, Nate, Ella Rose, and Dash

Minister: The Advent wreath helps us remember the miracle  
of God's becoming human for our sake.  
The wreath is a circle, causing us to remember the  
eternity of God's love for us and for all humanity.  
It is decked with green boughs,  
causing us to remember the newness  
of life we have in Christ Jesus.

The first candle reminds us of the prophets' hope  
for God's salvation to come.

**People:    The second candle reminds us of Jesus' humility  
                  in coming to earth and being born in a stall,  
                  as Luke records: "This will be a sign for you:  
                  you will find a child wrapped in swaddling cloths  
                  and lying in a manger."**

❖ **O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL**

ADESTE FIDELIS, John Francis Wade

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;  
Come and behold him born the King of angels:

*Refrain:*  
*O come, let us adore him,*  
*O come, let us adore him,*  
*O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.*

God of God, Light of Light;  
Lo, he abhors not the Virgin's womb:  
Very God, begotten, not created; (*Refrain*)

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,  
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;  
Glory to God in the highest; (*Refrain*)

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning:  
Jesus, to thee be all glory giv'n;  
Word of the Father, late in flesh appearing; (*Refrain*)

**PRAYER FOR CHRIST'S CHURCH AND THE WORLD**

## COME, THOU FOUNT

Robert Robinson, Luke Brawner, and John Wyeth

Come, thou fount of every blessing,  
Tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
Call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me that melodious sonnet,  
Glory to the Lord on high!  
Thy bright star, I'm fixed upon it,  
Knowing hope for all is nigh.

Come, thou long-awaited Savior,  
Come with mortal men to dwell;  
Come in flesh, O Love Incarnate,  
God with us, Emmanuel.

Son of God, O Son of David,  
Son of Mary, Son of Man;  
Hope of everything created,  
From thy throne to Bethlehem. *(Repeat)*

Hope of everything created,  
From thy throne to Bethlehem.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord Christ,  
we confess our willingness to be loved  
but also our reluctance to love.  
We confess our readiness to accept your forgiving love  
but also our refusal to forgive.  
We confess our eagerness to grasp your offer  
of redeeming love but also our resistance  
to follow you without question.  
In this Advent time,  
forgive us our failure to respond as we should.

Come to us anew, and by your grace,  
assist us to receive you with joy, as the shepherds;  
with gratitude, as Simeon;  
with obedience, as Mary;  
with love, as you have loved us.  
Even so: come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

## ❖ ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Galatians 4:4-5

Minister: When the fullness of time had come,  
God sent his Son, born of a woman,  
born under the law,  
in order to redeem those who were under the law,  
so that we might be adopted as children.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

## ❖ JOY TO THE WORLD! THE LORD IS COME

ANTIOCH, George Frederick Handel and Isaac Watts

Joy to the world! The Lord is come:  
Let earth receive her King;  
Let every heart prepare him room, and heav'n and nature sing,  
And heav'n and nature sing,  
And heav'n and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns:  
Let men their songs employ;  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow,  
Nor thorns infest the ground;  
He comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found,  
Far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.

## ❖ THE PEACE OF GOD

Minister: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People: And also with you!**

## THE OFFERING

### SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 46

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### THE SERMON

“The Lord of Hosts Is with Us”

*God with Us*

## CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

CELEBRATION OF FIRST COMMUNION (9:00)

Apollos Saugier

Constantine Saugier

*Communion is an opportunity for all of us to seek the Lord. It is an occasion for baptized Christians to be strengthened by our Savior. All who trust alone in Christ as Savior and Lord, belong to (and are in good standing with) a church that embraces the gospel, live at peace with their neighbor, and seek strength to live more faithfully are welcome to partake. If you are not a Christian, please consider spending this time in prayer.*

Minister: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Minister: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:  
All: *Christ has died.*  
*Christ is risen.*  
*Christ will come again.*  
Minister: Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed for us.  
People: **Therefore, let us keep the feast.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND PARTAKING OF THE ELEMENTS

❖ A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD

EIN' FESTE BURG, Martin Luther

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;  
Our helper he amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.  
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;  
His craft and pow'r are great; and armed with cruel hate,  
On earth is not his equal.  
  
And though this world, with devils filled,  
Should threaten to undo us,  
We will not fear, for God hath willed  
His truth to triumph through us.  
The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him;  
His rage we can endure, for lo! his doom is sure;  
One little word shall fell him.  
  
That Word above all earthly pow'rs,  
No thanks to them, abideth;  
The Spirit and the gifts are ours  
Through him who with us sideth.  
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;  
The body they may kill: God's truth abideth still;  
His kingdom is forever.

❖ BENEDICTION

Romans 15:12-13

Minister: Isaiah says, “The root of Jesse shall come,  
the one who rises to rule the Gentiles;  
in him the Gentiles shall hope.”  
May the God of hope fill you  
with all joy and peace in believing,  
so that you may abound in hope  
by the power of the Holy Spirit.  
  
People: **Come quickly, Lord Jesus. Amen.**

❖ JOY TO THE WORLD! THE LORD IS COME

He rules the world with truth and grace,  
And makes the nations prove the glories of his righteousness  
And wonders of his love, and wonders of his love,  
And wonders, wonders of his love.

Worship Leaders		Audio/Visual Team	
Joe Beam	drums	Patrick Coffey	projections
Daniel Campbell	keyboard & vocals	Abigail Cunningham	camera
Joe Deegan	guitar & vocals	Colby Hodges	switcher
Conrad Guthrie	bass	Namath Naif	audio
Clay Holland	sermon		
Carey Lewis	electric guitar & mandolin		
Yvonne Smith	violin		
Jessica Wrabel	vocals		
Andrés Zelaya	liturgy		

*Welcome! We are so glad you are with us today.  
Here are a few things going on within the life of the church  
that we don't want you to miss. For a full list of upcoming  
events, please visit [christtheking.com](http://christtheking.com).*

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Everyone is invited to join us for a casual conversation with John and Chrissy Trapp on December 13 via Zoom. This is a great opportunity to interact with the proposed candidate for Senior Pastor at Christ the King.

As the Pulpit Committee continues to examine John Trapp as candidate for Senior Pastor of Christ the King, they would like to hear from you regarding questions you believe are important for them to cover. You can communicate with them by contacting the committee Chairperson, George Shannon, at [gshannon@smfadlaw.com](mailto:gshannon@smfadlaw.com).



## MINISTRY BUDGET UPDATE

Please contact John Allison for more information at (713) 892-5464.

2020 Ministry Budget Goal	\$ 4,615,000
Expected Giving through 11/29/20	\$ 4,260,000
Received as of 11/29/20	\$ 2,917,195
Variance	\$ (1,342,805)



**9:00 am**  
**Worship Service**

**Nursery Care**  
(Infant - 4 years)

**Children's Worship**  
**Kingdom Kids** (K-2nd grade)  
Children will be dismissed  
from the worship service.

**10:30 am**  
**Worship Service**

**Nursery Care**  
(Infant - 1 years)

**Sunday School**  
**2 - 4 years old** (1st floor)  
**K - 3rd grade** (2nd floor)  
**Code 45 - 4th & 5th graders**  
(past the playground,  
and up the stairs)  
**Student Ministry** (3rd floor)

**Adult Sunday**  
**Morning Class**  
(The Great Hall)

## ADULT SUNDAY MORNING CLASS

### 10:30 am, The Great Hall & Zoom

Join us as we look into how God's plan of redemption culminated in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, the promised Rescuer - God himself - to realize that God's plan of redemption culminates not in an ending, but a new beginning - a new creation where God will live forever with his people.

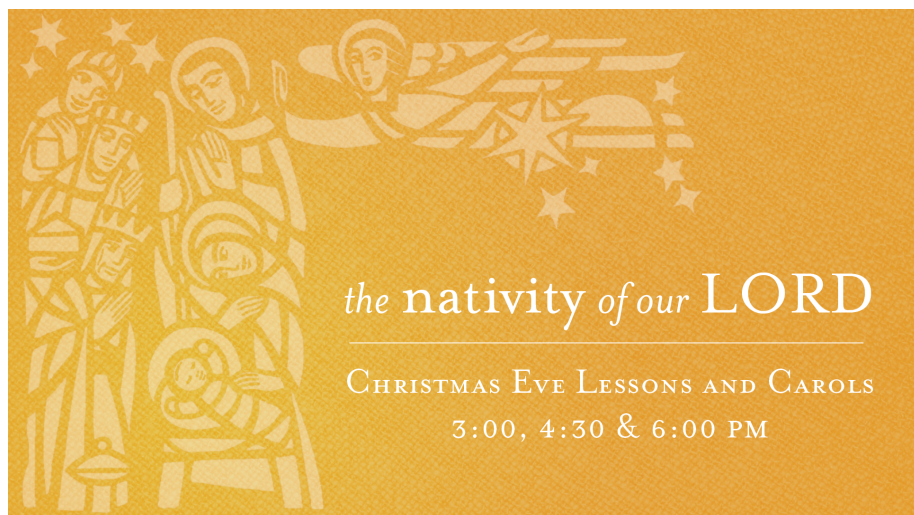
BEHOLD *the* LAMB of GOD



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CHRISTMAS EVE LESSONS AND CAROLS

3:00, 4:30 & 6:00 PM