

December 18, 2022

10:45 A.M.

# Fourth Advent - God, Emmanuel - Everywhere!



**GATHERING MUSIC**      *People Look East*

**CALL TO WORSHIP...4th Candle Advent Candle  
Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

Family:      Christ our Light,  
                 We light the Candle of Surprise today  
                 to remember the gift of angels announcing your  
                 presence. Open us to your joyful surprise's this season.

**All:**            **O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.**

**CANDLE SONG** Children's Choir      *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**OPENING SONG #248** vv 1, 3 & 4      *People Look East*

**WELCOME/LIFE IN COMMUNITY**

Longest Night, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day

**MISSION MOMENT** BeReal video

**SCRIPTURE SONG** v 1      *Messiah*

## **SCRIPTURE READING...Isaiah 7:10-16** NRSV

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test.

Then Isaiah said: “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also?”

Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good.

For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## **HOLY GOSPEL...Matthew 1:18-25** NRSV

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit.

Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly.

But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.”

All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: “Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,” which means, “God is with us.”

When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**SPECIAL MUSIC** Kristina Bishop, Lauren Dow-Wegner, Flute  
***Love Has Come*** Arr. Al Roberts

**MESSAGE** Pr. Lauren Dow Wegner ***Look Around!***

Where is God calling you to look with new eyes this season?

**MESSAGE SONG #723** vv 1-3 ***Canticle of the Turning***

### **ADVENT AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

written by Nathan Nettleton, and posted on his [Laughingbird](#) website

We believe in God, creator and lover of the earth, origin and destiny of us all.

We believe in Jesus the Christ: God coming to us in the fragile promise of a baby yet unborn; who emerges as the herald of hope, God's laughter in the face of despair;

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he broke free the captives, and is leading the way to the land of promise where justice and peace will flourish.

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We believe in the Holy Spirit; who implants the seed of truth, brings us to birth as the body of Christ, and empowers us to confront and transform hate into love.

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We believe in the coming reign of God: announced by John the Baptist, it has drawn near to us in Jesus, and shouting from the desert that God is doing a new thing! Come, Lord Jesus, Come!

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

## **THANK OFFERING**

- To make a gift online to the mission and ministry of Shepherd of the Hills, use this link: [shephills.org/give](https://shephills.org/give).
- By mail, send to 3525 Bee Caves Rd, Austin, TX 78746
- Scan the QR Code with your camera phone to give now.
- Drop in secure offering boxes located by main Sanctuary doors.



## **GENEROSITY IMPACT** End of Year Giving

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

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;  
lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power,  
and the glory, forever and ever.  
Amen.

## COMMUNION INVITATION

*As we celebrate this sacrament, all are invited to receive the Risen presence of Jesus.  
God is really present—in bread and wine—forgiving sins and promising new life.*

*Bread/wafer— “The body of Christ given for you”;  
Wine/Grape Juice— “The blood of Christ shed for you.”*

## COMMUNION MUSIC

Lila Bishop, Oboe, Kristina Bishop, Lauren Dow-Wegner, Flute

***Go Tell It on the Mountain*** Arr. McClure

## POST - COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

## BENEDICTION

Pr. Tom Grevlos **CHRISTMAS INVITATION**

***The Night before Jesus*** Storybook by Herbert Brokering

## COMMISSIONING SONG

**#290** vv 2 & 3 ***Go Tell it on the Mountain***

## COMMISSIONING

Leader: We wait and anticipate our Lord Jesus, who comes at unexpected times, in unexpected ways, and always in God's perfect time! We go out in faith, to share the gifts of hope, peace, joy, and love with the world.

All: **Thanks be to God...and We Will!**

**POSTLUDE** ***Noel*** Balbastre

## **PRAYERS**

**We pray** for Rodney Varner and Callie Ray Bell.

**We pray** for family and friends of Shepherd members:

DeeAnna Frounfelter, mother of Amanda Forsberg.

Adryana Aldeen, Director of Advancement at Mariposa.

Sheila Pharis, Director of Mariposa Family Learning Center.

The family of Jim Ernst on his death.

**We pray** in celebration for the baptism of William Paul O'Brien. He is the son of Jenna and Robert O'Brien, brother of Eloise, and grandson of Mark and Kathy Gerhardt.

**We pray** for the people of Ukraine caught in the middle of war and violence. Our hearts break when women and children are displaced and families torn apart by the evil actions of others. May you break open hearts so that swords may be beat into plowshares, spears into pruning hooks.

**We pray** for our global ministry partners: Rev. Karen Castillo in Guatemala; Iglesia Luterana Augustina Virgen del Rosario, Aurora 8 de Octubre, Guatemala. We pray for Malcolm and Joy Henderson and the ministry of CHARIS in Haiti.

**We pray** for our local ministries: Mariposa Family Learning Center, Bread For All and Upbring Ministries.

**We pray** for our faith community, that we may be a church without walls and live out loud...faithfully!

*\*Prayers for family and friends are listed for 2 weeks,  
unless we are notified otherwise.*

## **WORSHIP TEAM**

**Pastors** Pr. Tom Grevlos, Pr. Lauren Dow Wegner

**Director of Worship/Arts** Kevin McClure

**Flute** (10:45) Lauren Dow-Wegner and Kristina Bishop

**Oboe** (10:45) Lila Bishop

**Piano** (8:15) Bobby McQuiston

**Acolyte** (10:45) Alicia Calvo

**Advent Candles** (8:15) Burnight family; (10:45)Wissman family

**Altar Steward** (8:15) Nancy and Denny Etzler; (10:45) Carole Morgan

**Assisting Minister** (8:15) Mark Tate; (10:45) Lynn Spillar

**AV** Bill Dawson, Dave Wegner, Jonathan Wolff, Jamie Nichols,  
Vince and Jake Yokubaitis and Pete Forsberg

**Bread** Kitt Richter

**(10:45) Christmas Program Director** Kristen Murray

**Communion Assistants**

(8:15) Nancy & Denny Etzler and Mark Tate;

(10:45) Lynn Spillar, Alicia & Christine Stern-Calvo

**Flowers** Given by Jan Wilson, "In memory of all the holidays I spent  
with my parents- J.O. and Lillian Stewart."

**Food For Fellowship** Ann and Michael Watt

**Hosts** (8:15) Terrie Thomas;

(10:45) Calvo family and Connie Astrachan

**Tellers** Christine Stern-Calvo and Connie Astrachan

**Admin Ministry Coordinator** Amanda Forsberg

**Campus Operations** Dave Wegner

**Communications Director** Dabney Gomes

**Student Ministry Coordinator** Joel Timmons

**Executive Director** Bill Dawson

**Finance Controller** Kevin Marlow

## ***ADVENT BLESSINGS!***

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