

December 4, 2022

Second Advent - God, Emmanuel - Everywhere!



GATHERING MUSIC Bob Cannon

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist Cries Arr. Aaron David Miller

**CALL TO WORSHIP...2nd Candle Advent Candle
Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

Family: Emmanuel, God with us,
We light the Candle of Preparation today
to remember the words of John the Baptist
that stir our hearts and call us to get ready
for the birth of the Christ-child.

All: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.

CANDLE SONG

"Prepare, Ye, the Way of the Lord"

(Pastor the first time, Congregation two times)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

ADVENT SONG

#257 vv 1 & 4 *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

WELCOME/LIFE IN COMMUNITY

Advent Mid-Week, Poinsettias

MISSION MOMENT

Michael Loo and Holly Raymond

Upbring: BeReal and New Life Center

SCRIPTURE SONG v 1 *Messiah*

SCRIPTURE READING...Isaiah 11:1-10 NRSV

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.

His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear;

but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

8:15 Bob Cannon

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence Arr. Brenda Portman

10:45 Choir ***Comfort, Comfort Now My People*** Arr. Ferguson

HOLY GOSPEL...Matthew 3:1-12 NRSV

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, “The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.’ ”

Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance.

Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

“I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE SONG v 3 *Messiah*

MESSAGE Pr. Tom Grevlos *Turn Around*

Where have you seen God in unexpected and surprising ways?

MESSAGE SONG

#249 vv 1-2, 4 *On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH FOR ADVENT

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.

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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.
- 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 Dear God, Thank You

Dear God, Thank you.

For the abundance of your gifts.
For the pledges we have received, and those
yet to come.

Amen.

There is still time to make your 2023 pledge!
Find Pledge Cards by the entrances, or pledge online at ShepHills.org

OFFERING MUSIC Bob Cannon

PRAYER OF THANKS

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.”*

8:15 **COMMUNION MUSIC** Denise and Andrew Seidel

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10:45 **COMMUNION MUSIC**

Bells ***Advent Medley*** Arr. Douglas Wagner

Bob Cannon

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Arr. Brenda Portman

POST - COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

BENEDICTION

COMMISSIONING SONG #593 ***Drawn to the Light***

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 Bob Cannon

PRAYERS

We pray for Rodney Varner.

We pray for family and friends of Shepherd members:

Adryana Aldeen, Director of Advancement at Mariposa

We pray for the families attending the Advent Family Retreat at Camp Chrysalis this weekend: Chedsey family, Dertien family, Eckermann family, Hansen family, Robertson family, Smith family, Hartmann Family, and the Wegner family. We give thanks for opportunities for families to connect and grow in faith together!

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 that our faith community make a saintly difference that we may behold and courageous in our generosity. May the pledges we make be a sign of our gratitude and love. May we say Thank You with humble hearts and renewed commitment to being a beacon of hope in the world!

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.*

Advent Mid-Week

**Begins this Wednesday!
Wednesdays, December 7 + 14
7:00 p.m. | Butterfly Center Chapel**

**Lift up your voices!
Come sing and study our favorite Advent hymns**



WORSHIP TEAM

Pastors Pr. Tom Grevlos, Pr. Lauren Dow Wegner
Director of Worship/Arts Kevin McClure
Flute (8:15) Denise Seidel
Trumpet Bob Cannon
Violin (8:15) Andrew Seidel
Choir and Bells (10:45)
Guitar (10:45) Laura Hills
Altar Steward (8:15) Elnora and Ken McDonald
Assisting Minister (8:15) Carole Morgan; (10:45) Herb Palmer
AV Bill and Sara Dawson, Jamie Nichols, Jonathan Wolff and
Pete Forsberg
Bread Kitt Richter
Flowers Given by Anita Knight, In memory of Donald Knight and in
celebration of our daughter's birthday and upcoming wedding.
Hosts (8:15) Larry and Sandy Smith;
(10:45) Jeri Porter and Virginia Bosman
Tellers Jeri Porter and Virginia Bosman
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

HAVE A BLESSED WEEK!

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