

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2023

# Advent

SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

## PRELUDE

8:15 Bob Cannon

***Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*** Arr. Brenda Portman

10:45 Andrei Zimbalist ***Impromptu in F-Minor*** Schubert

## CALL TO WORSHIP

v 1 solo, vv 1-3 all ***O Come, O Come Emmanuel***

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Assisting Minister: Let us enter into a time of confession. Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God, who opens the heavens and draws near to us with salvation.

**All: Amen.**

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Assisting Minister: God is patient and merciful, desiring all to come to repentance. Trusting this promise of grace, let us confess our sin.

**(Silence for reflection)**

Assisting Minister: Everlasting God,

**All:**        **You love justice and you hate wrongdoing. We confess the fear, greed, and self-centeredness that make us reluctant to work against oppression. We choose comfort over courage. We are careless with creation's bounty.**

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**Look upon us with mercy. Turn our hearts again to you. Make us glad to do your will and to walk in your ways for the sake of our waiting world. Amen.**

Pastor:     Hear these words of assurance: God clothes you with garments of salvation and covers you with robes of righteousness. In the tender compassion of +Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. God's covenant is eternal, and God's blessing rests upon us all.

**All:**        **Amen.**

## **SONG OF RESPONSE #253 vv1 & 2    *He Came Down***

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

## **WELCOME/LIFE IN COMMUNITY** [shephills.org/Events](https://shephills.org/Events)

Announcements: Wednesday Advent, Advent Experience/Devotionals, Christmas Invites, ShepHills Trips

## **ADVENT WREATH LITURGY** 8:15 Stein family, 10:45 Cullinane family

"Praise to you, O God, our salvation who is near. You hold us in our waiting and keep us awake to the world. You show up in our lives at unexpected times.

Bless us as we light this candle to keep vigil for your arrival. We trust that even though we do not know the day or the hour, you hurry to gather all people to your peace."

## **SONG OF RESPONSE**

**#240 v 1**

***Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah***

## **SCRIPTURE READING...ISAIAH 64:1-9** NRSV

Assisting Minister: O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence - as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil - to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence!

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When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him.

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You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

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There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand.

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Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION #262** 2X    ***Wait for the Lord***

## **GOSPEL READING...MARK 13:24-37** NRSV

Leader:     The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

**All:            Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said,] "But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. "From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near.

So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

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"But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch.

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Therefore, keep awake - for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**MESSAGE** Joel Timmons

**MESSAGE SONG**

**#242** vv 1-3      ***Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn***

**APOSTLES' CREED**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**SHARING OF THE PEACE**

## THANK OFFERING

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- By mail, send to 3525 Bee Caves Rd, Austin, TX 78746



## GENEROSITY IMPACT Mariposa Family Learning Center/Pancake Brk

Passing of the plates

## OFFERING SONG

8:15 Choir ***Comfort, Comfort Now My People*** Arr John Ferguson

10:45 **#264** vv 1-3 ***Prepare the Royal Highway***

## PRAYER OF THANKS

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## LORD'S PRAYER

## 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— “The blood of Christ shed for you.”*

## COMMUNION MUSIC

8:15 Bob Cannon

***O Come, O Come Emmanuel*** Arr. Laurie Jeanne Crockett

10:45 Bob Cannon

***Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*** Arr. Brenda Portman

## POST COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

## **BENEDICTION**

**SENDING SONG #254**    *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

## **COMMISSIONING**

Assisting Minister: May we hold onto the hope of Christ as we go out  
to love and serve the Lord.

**All:**            **Thanks be to God. And, we will!**

## **POSTLUDE**

8:15                    *Prelude in G minor*    Buxtehude

10:45 Andrei Zimbalist *"May nights" from "Seasons"*    Tchaikovsky

## **PRAYERS**

**We pray** for Rodney Varner and Tamara Allen.

**We give thanks** for the saints who have gone before us in faith and now rest in eternal life, especially Mike Schrader, son of Inez Schrader. As we commend Mike to your love, we pray for comfort for Inez and her family as we trust together in the promise of resurrection life.

**We give you thanks** for the 11 families who attended the Advent Family Retreat at Camp Chrysalis this weekend: Davies family, Dertien family, Eckermann family, Grotrian family, Hansen family, Hartmann family, Murray family, Robertson family, Smith family, Wegner family, and Megan Getman, our children's minister. Grant them safe travel as they return home today. We pray that their time together was full of rest, rejuvenation, and growth in faith.

**God of Peace**, as wars continue on the battlefield, in the halls of our government, in the on-line bullying and lying, equip us with the power of your Spirit to stand for those without power or position, and give us the courage to stand for what You stand for.

**Holy God**, as war has once again broken out in the Holy Land, we lift to you prayers for peace and resolution to this age-old conflict among your people. Draw near to the victims, and inspire leaders to seek your will and your guidance.

**Almighty God**, you inspire and equip us to serve your people, both here in our community and around the world. Continue to keep us connected in mission and ministry with Austin City Lutherans and the ministries of Mariposa and Bread for All; with our fellow congregation in Guatemala alongside the ministry of ILAG; with the ministry of Charis in Haiti; and with all the places and people you call us to serve. May we be your hands and feet!

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

## **WORSHIP TEAM**

<b>Pastor</b>	Pr. Lauren Dow Wegner
<b>Program Ministry Coordinator</b>	Joel Timmons
<b>Presiding Pastor</b>	Herb Palmer
<b>Director of Worship/Arts</b>	Kevin McClure
<b>Accompanist</b>	Andrei Zimbalist
<b>Oboe (10:45)</b>	Lila Bishop
<b>Tambourine (8:15)</b>	Judy Haugen
<b>Trumpet</b>	Bob Cannon
<b>Vocalist (10:45)</b>	Kristina Bishop
<b>Choir (8:15)</b>	
<b>Acolyte (8:15); (10:45)</b>	
<b>Altar Steward (8:15)</b>	Kitt Richter, Tiffany Stein; (10:45)
<b>Assisting Minister (8:15)</b>	Tim Stein; (10:45) Pam Petterson
<b>AV</b>	Bill Dawson, Dave Wegner, Pete Forsberg, Jamie Nichols, Peter Walsh, Jonathan Wolff, Erin Courtney, Devon Schueppert and Vince Yokubaitis
<b>Bread</b>	Kitt Richter
<b>Communion Assistant (8:15)</b>	Kitt Richter, Tim and Tiffany Stein; (10:45) Pam Petterson, Sandy Smith
<b>Food For Fellowship</b>	DeVaney family
<b>Hosts/Tellers (8:15); (10:45)</b>	Connie Astrachan, Virginia Bosman
<b>Admin &amp; Community Life Coordinator</b>	Amanda Forsberg
<b>Campus Superintendent</b>	Philip Perry
<b>Digital Ministry &amp; IT</b>	Dave Wegner
<b>Communications Director</b>	Dabney Gomes
<b>Executive Director</b>	Bill Dawson
<b>Finance Controller</b>	Kevin Marlow
<b>Children's Ministry Coordinator</b>	Megan Getman
<b>Spiritual Wellness and Spiritual Director</b>	Rebecca Guengerich

***HAVE A BLESSED WEEK!***

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