

United Church of Christ of California ~ California, Missouri
Rev. Russell Cobb **Pastor**
Mrs. Beth Dampf **Organist**
Mrs. Becky Schneider **Bell Director**

December 4, 2022 ~ Second Sunday of Advent

**All those who are able, please stand*

The Bell

The Prelude

Lighting of the Candles Carson Kruger & Royce Everett

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: PEACE (*Please remain seated*)

Advent Reading: Peace (from the book of Genesis)

Leader: Today we relight the candle of HOPE

Lighting of The Candle of HOPE.

Leader: Now we light the candle for the second Sunday in
Advent. This is the candle of PEACE.

Lighting of the Candle of PEACE.

Leader: As we prepare for the coming of Jesus, we remember
that Jesus is our hope and our peace. From the prophet Isaiah:

**Congregation: “For a child has been born for us, a son given
to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father,
Prince of Peace.”**

Leader: From the Gospel of John:

**Congregation: “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to
you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your
hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.”**

*Hymn No. 112

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

*Prayer of the Day

Gracious God, Grant that we may find peace as we prepare for our Lord’s birth. May divisions in ourselves and in our families be peacefully resolved. May there be peace in our cities and in the countries of our world. Help us to see the paths of peace in our lives, and then give us the courage to follow them. Lord, let us remember that you only are the giver of lasting peace and that you are always with us. Amen.

*Call to Praise

O Lord, open our lips!

And our mouths shall show forth your praise!

*Act of Praise No. 493 “Gloria Patri” (*Glory be to the Father*)

Invitation to Children’s Time

Hymn for Children

“Jesus Loves Me”

Children’s Time

Kendra Hall

Anthem “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

Bell Choir

Prayer for Illumination

Susan Burger

Come to us, O Holy One. Quiet our rushing spirits and reassure our trembling hearts. Whisper your love to our aching spirits. Let us find our rest and blessed hope in the assurance that you will never leave nor forsake your people. Prepare us now to hear and do your Word. Amen.

Scripture Lessons

First Lesson: Isaiah 9:2-7 p. 593

Second Lesson: Ephesians 2:13-18 p. 1018

Sermon **Christmas Carols of Advent-**

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing - Luke 2:8-20

Hymn No. 123 “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

Christians, what do you believe?

(Apostles’ Creed) **I believe in God the Father, Almighty...**

Prayer of Intercession

The Lord’s Prayer (*debts and debtors*)

Invitation to the Offering

*Response *“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”*

Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn No. 128 “It Came Upon a Midnight Clear”

*Benediction

*Congregational Response –

“God Be With You Till We Meet Again”

*God be with you till we meet again; By His counsels guide, uphold you,
With His sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again.*

*Till we meet . . . till we meet; Till we meet at Jesus’ feet;
Till we meet . . . till we meet; God be with you till we meet again.*

*Postlude

Thank you to the **Overbey and Coale families** for leading the
Advent Call to Worship this morning.

A
Community Choir Performance
_George F. Handel’s

“Messiah” Sing Along

Today ~ 3 p.m.
California High School
Performing Arts Center

Activities Calendar: December 4, 2022 ~ December 11, 2022

Sunday, December 4, 2022, Second Sunday of Advent

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship

Monday, December 5, 2022

7:00 p.m. – Sunday School T & O

Tuesday, December 6, 2022

9:00 a.m. – Prayer Cell

Wednesday, December 7, 2022

6:00 p.m. – Fellowship Meal

6:30 p.m. – Confirmation, God's Singers/Christmas Program Practice
Bell Choir, Bible Study

7:30 p.m. – Sr. Choir

Saturday, December 10, 2022

9:00 a.m. – VeggieTales Christmas Matinee

Sunday, December 11, 2022 Third Sunday of Advent

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship

Looking ahead..... Dec. 12th – Consistory 6:00p.m.

Dec. 18th - Cantata- Worship services 10:30 a.m.

Salem Christmas Program 7:00 p.m.

Dec. 19th – Brotherhood Christmas Caroling 5:00 p.m.

Dec. 24th - Christmas Eve Program 7:00 p.m.

Dec. 25th - Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

ANGEL TREE REMINDER

Please return gifts with letter attached to package

On or before December 11th

Thanks to everyone that has taken an Angel or that made a monetary donation.

Wednesday Evening Meal – Dec. 7th, 6:00 p.m.

Breakfast Food & Cinnamon Rolls

Don't forget to sign up if you are coming!

Salem UCC
Christmas Program
December 18th ~ 7:00 p.m.
Featuring
the Sounds of Joy

Come celebrate the blessings of Christmas!

Please pray for these . . .

Love & Justice in God's World

Our Confirmands:

Cooper Brandes, Ella Burger, Emily Burger, Bella Fulks, Hunter Hall, Caleb Howard, and Hadley Milligan

All Those Who Need Our Prayers, including:

Becky Zuidervaart Bill Schacht Kim (Yelton) Haesemeier

Jo Suggs Chris Schoenthal

Judy Kilmer

All Those Serving in the U.S. Military, including:

Martin Knipker (*son of Kenny Knipker*)

Dwight Bowlin (*grandson of Jack & the late Carole Bowlin, Fort Campbell, KY*)

Dakota Meyer (*grandson of Billy Meyer, Ft. Carson, Colorado Springs, CO*)

Madelynn Perry (*granddaughter of Jan Anderson, army – Europe*)

Dylan Ash (*son of Lanny & Ellen Ash, stationed at Oak Harbor, WA*)

Hayden Grant (*grandson of Kathy Grant, Air Force, Pensacola, FL*)

Kyle Hofstetter (*son of Scott & Jill Hofstetter, stationed at San Diego, CA*)

Alexander Ives (*nephew of Pamela Hill, Army – Fort Bragg*)

Cory Friedmeyer (*grandson of Charles Goode, Marines, 29 Palms, CA*)

Derek Meyer (*grandson of Elaine & Eldred Proctor, Army, Monterey, CA*)

Brett Street (*grandson of Jenine Baker, Army, Ft. Elmendorf, AK*)

Damion Street (*grandson of Jenine Baker, Army, Munich, Germany*)

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Sunday ROK (Reaching Our Kids)

Sunday, December 11

after children's time till the end of the worship service for Grades K-3rd grade. We will have a Bible story video about The Jesus Stories, talk about our Bible story, sing songs and have a snack. All the kids in this age group are invited to come down to the Fellowship Hall with Betty Cobb. Sunday ROK will take place the second Sunday of each month. You can pick up your child in the Fellowship Hall at the end of the worship service.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY

Sundays, 5:00-7:00 pm at New Life Christian Center

A Christ-Centered Support Group for Men, Women and the children of the moms or dads attending, 6 years to 12 years old.

“Overcoming Our Hurts, Hangups And Habits Together”

Contact: Frank Hensley, Pastor at NLCC 573-338-2154

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To get access to Right Now Media for you and your family
use the link or text to the number listed below.

Custom Registration Link – <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Account/Invite/CALUCC>

Text Registration Code – UCOC to 49775

A **Nursery** is available from 9:45am-11:45am in the upstairs hallway, just outside the sanctuary. The nursery volunteer is **Maggie Morris**. There are activity bags at the back of the sanctuary for children that stay in the worship service.

Need some help with hearing? See an usher at the back of the sanctuary to check out a hearing assisted unit for your personal use in the sanctuary and in the Friendship Hall. We have new units available.

Notice the “Connection Cards” in the pews. They are for our guests or anyone that has a prayer request or needs more information about the church. Please place it in the offering plate.

Sermon Notes - Christmas Carols of Advent-

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing Luke 2:8-20

VeggieTales Christmas Matinee

Saturday, Dec. 10th 9:00 to 11:00am

UCC Friendship Hall

Bring a Blankie & Come Join Us for

VeggieTale Opening: Christmas Sing-a-Long

Featured Presentation: Merry Larry and the True Light of Christmas

Making a Nativity Christmas Ornament, Nativity Bingo and Shepherd & Staff

Relay Game, Snacks and Closing Prayer

VeggieTales Take Home Gift Bag of Goodies

Please sign up for the Matinee event below so that we are sure to have enough snacks, and goodie bags made up for each child in attendance.

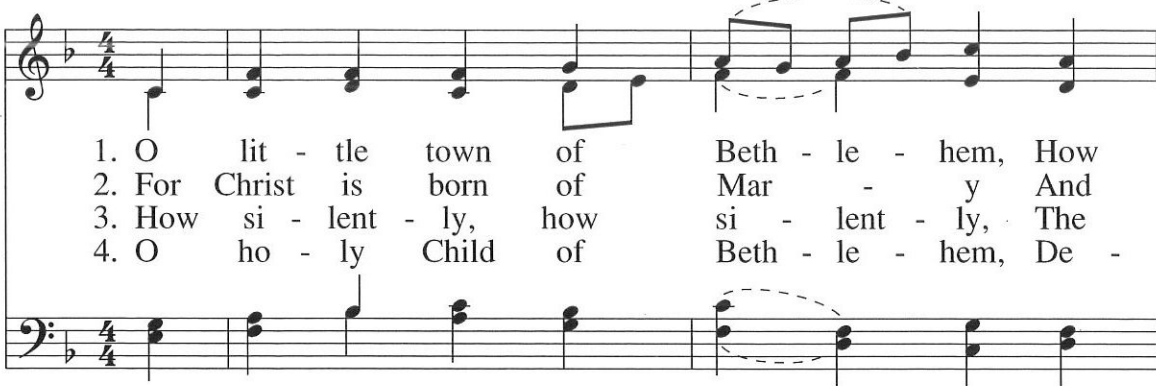
You may return the form to the Church office, or contact Ronda Mortenson by email rkmort60@gmail.com or call 573-694-3933

Childs Name Attending: _____

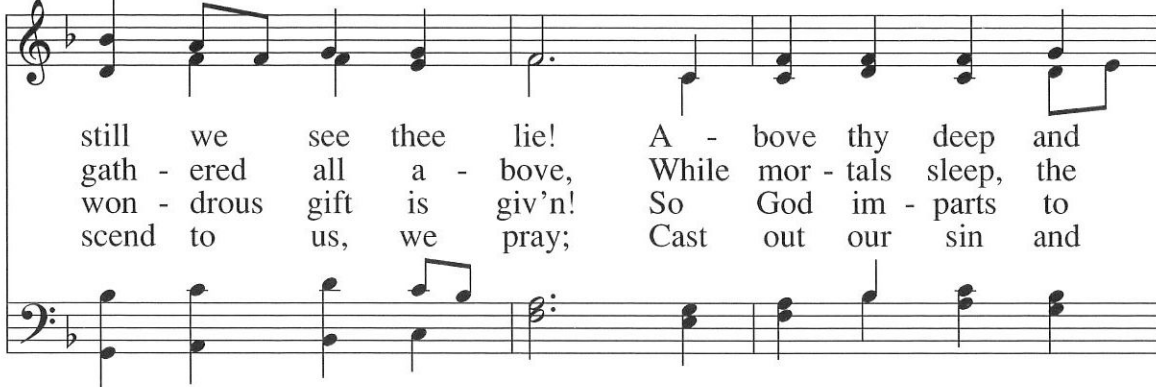
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O Little Town of Bethlehem



1. O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, How
 2. For Christ is born of Mar - y And
 3. How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, The
 4. O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, De -



still we see thee lie! A - bove thy deep and
 gath - ered all a - bove, While mor - tals sleep, the
 won - drous gift is giv'n! So God im - parts to
 scend to us, we pray; Cast out our sin and



dream - less sleep The si - lent stars go by.
 an - gels keep Their watch of won - d'ring love.
 hu - man hearts The bless - ings of His heav'n.
 en - ter in, Be born in us to - day.

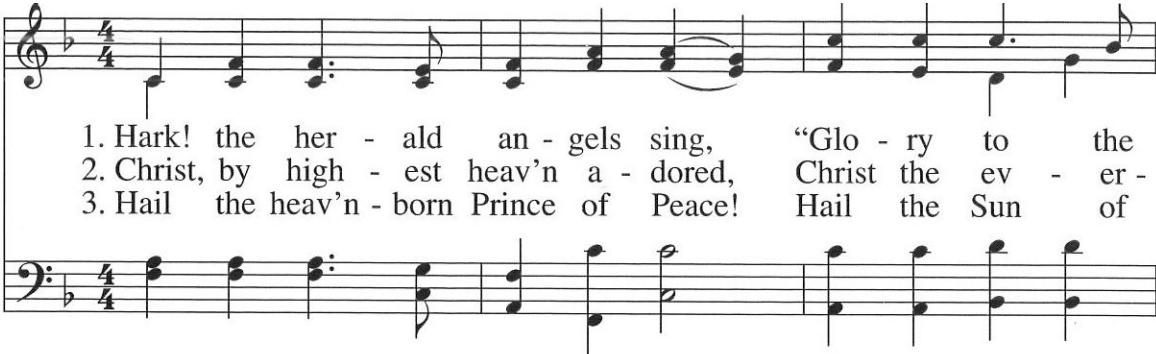


Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth The
 O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er Pro -
 No ear may hear His com - ing, But
 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels The

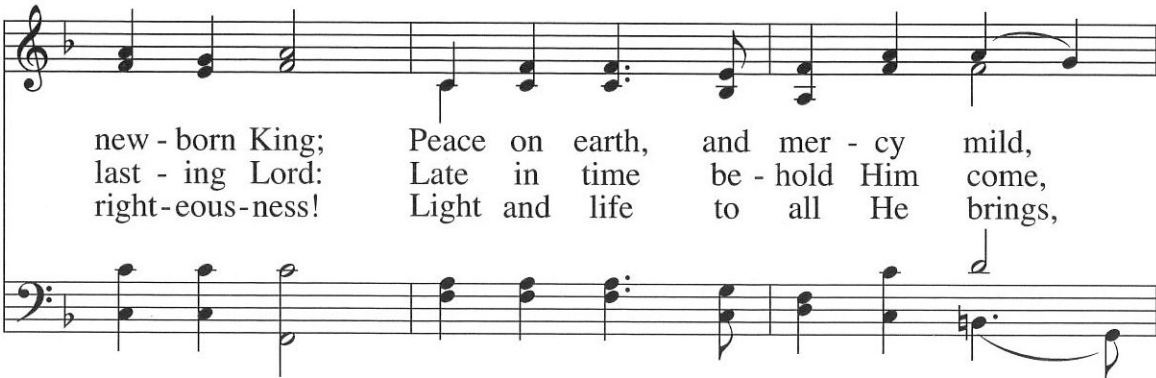
ev - er - last - ing light; The hopes and fears of
claim the ho - ly birth! And prais - es sing to
in this world of sin, Where meek souls will re -
great glad tid - ings tell; O come to us, a -

all the years Are met in thee to - night.
God the King, And peace to all on earth.
ceive Him, still The dear Christ en - ters in.
bide with us, Our Lord Em - man - u - el!

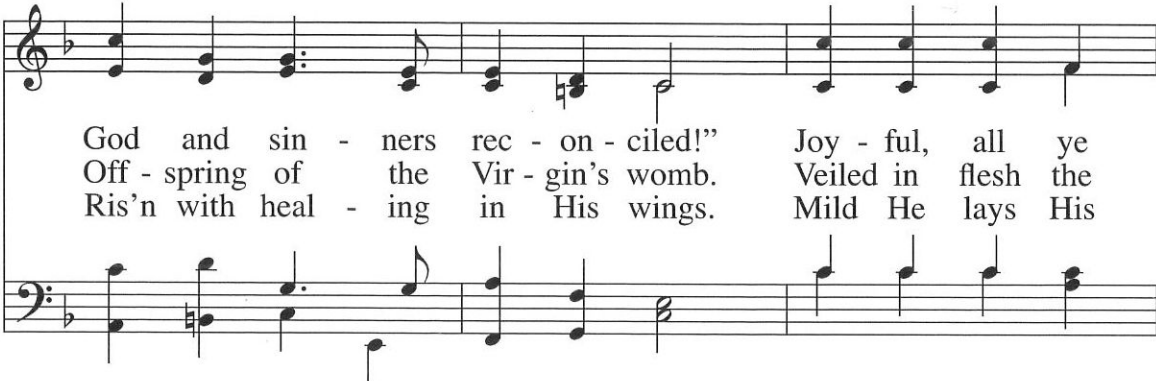
Hark! The Herald Angels Sing




1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the
 2. Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ the ev - er -
 3. Hail the heav'n - born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of



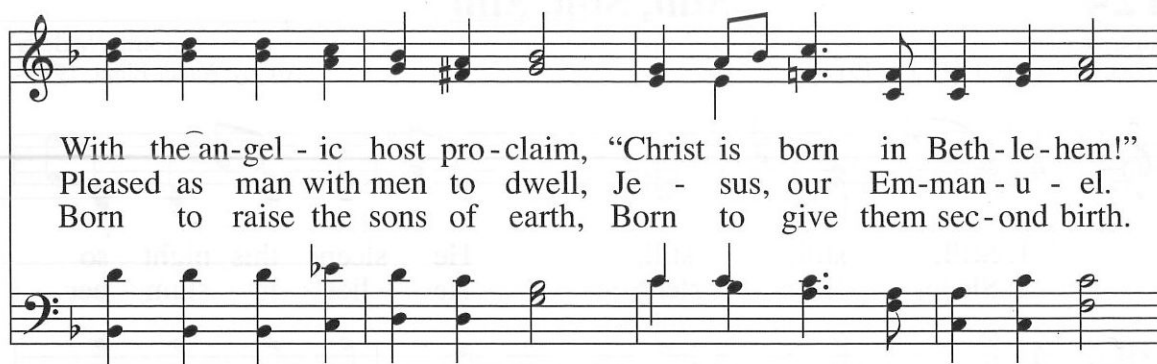
new - born King; Peace on earth, and mer - cy mild,
 last - ing Lord: Late in time be - hold Him come,
 right-eous-ness! Light and life to all He brings,



God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!" Joy - ful, all ye
 Off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb. Veiled in flesh the
 Ris'n with heal - ing in His wings. Mild He lays His



na - tions, rise, Join the tri - umph of the skies;
 God - head see: Hail the in - car - nate De - i - ty,
 glo - ry by, Born that man no more may die,




With the an-gel - ic host pro-claim, "Christ is born in Beth-le-hem!"
Pleased as man with men to dwell, Je - sus, our Em-man - u - el.
Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them sec-ond birth.



Hark! the her-ald an-gels sing, "Glo-ry to the new-born King!" A-men.

Org. Ped.


It Came upon the Midnight Clear




1. It came up - on the mid - night clear, That
 2. Still through the clo - ven skies they come, With
 3. And ye, be - neath life's crush - ing load Whose
 4. For, lo, the days are has - t'ning on, By



glo - rious song of old, From an - gels bend - ing
 peace - ful wings un - furled, And still their heav'n - ly
 forms are bend - ing low, Who toil a - long the
 proph - et bards fore - told, When with the ev - er -



near the earth To touch their harps of gold: "Peace
 mu - sic floats O'er all the wea - ry world: A -
 climb - ing way, With pain - ful steps and slow, Look
 cir - cling years Comes round the age of gold; When



on the earth, good will to all From
 bove its sad and low - ly plains They
 now, for glad and gold - en hours Come
 peace shall o - ver all the earth Its

heav'n's all gra - cious King"; The world in sol - emn
 bend on hov - 'ring wing, And ev - er o'er its
 swift - ly on the wing; O rest be - side the
 an - cient splen - dors fling, And all the world send

still - ness lay, To hear the an - gels sing.
 Ba - bel sounds The bless - ed an - gels sing.
 wea - ry road, And hear the an - gels sing!
 back the song Which now the an - gels sing. A - men.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son,
our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy
Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered
under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead,
and buried; he descended into hell; the
third day he arose again from the dead; he
ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the
right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the
quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the one
Holy universal Christian Church; the
communion of saints; the forgiveness of
sins; the resurrection of the body; and the
life everlasting. Amen.

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
And to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.

THE 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 debts,

as we forgive our debtors.

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

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

DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom all blessings
flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

KYRIE

Minister: Lord, have mercy upon us.

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