

United Church of Christ of California ~ California, Missouri
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Mrs. Beth Dampf **Organist**
Mrs. Connie Bestgen **God's Singers Director**

December 10, 2023 ~ Second Sunday of Advent

**All those who are able, please stand*

The Bell

The Prelude

Chorale Opening

Lighting of the Candles Amelia Howard & Logan Milligan

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. 123 “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

*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 **“This Little Light of Mine”**

p. 466-sing first verse twice

Children’s Time

Holly Bieri

Anthem “Christmas Is a Time to Love”

God’s Singers

Prayer for Illumination

Allan Mortenson

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: Psalm 45:3-7 p. 489

Second Lesson: Ephesians 1:18-23 p. 1017

Sermon **What's in a Name?- Mighty God**
Isaiah 9:6

Hymn No. 100 "O Come All Ye Faithful"

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. 107 "Joy to the World"

*Benediction

*Congregational Response – **"Go in Love"**

Go in love, have no fear.

God will guide you, He is always near.

Go in love, take His hand.

God will hear you, He will understand.

May His light forever shine upon you;

May His peace be always in your heart.

Go in love, face each day.

God will lead you, He will show the way.

Go in love, and live in faith. Amen.

*Postlude

Thank you to the **Carlock Family** for leading the
Advent Call to Worship this morning.

Activities Calendar: December 10, 2023 ~ December 17, 2023

Sunday, December 10, 2023, Second Sunday of Advent

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship

Monday, December 11, 2023

6:00 p.m. – Consistory

Tuesday, December 12, 2023

9:00 a.m. – Prayer Cell

Wednesday, December 13, 2023

6:00 p.m. – Fellowship Meal

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

7:30 p.m. – Sr. Choir

Sunday, December 17, 2023 Third Sunday of Advent

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship -Cantata

Looking ahead..... Dec. 18th – Brotherhood Christmas Caroling 5:00 p.m.

Dec. 20th - Women's Guild 12:00 pm at Linda Schnieder's home

Dec. 24th – Cookies and Carols-Sunday School 9:30am

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

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

Wednesday Evening Meal – Dec. 13th, 6:00 p.m.

Meatballs, Potatoes, Vegetable, Hot Rolls

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

Salem UCC
Christmas Program
December 17th ~ 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

Confirmands:

**Kalyn Carlock, Aubrey Davis, Emma Kissick, Khloe Mortenson
and Brooks Nichols**

All Those Who Need Our Prayers, including:

Becky Zuidervaart Bill Schacht Beth Rohrbach
Jo Suggs 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, Okinawa, Japan*)
Cory Friedmeyer (*grandson of Charles Goode, Reserves, VA*)
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) TODAY, Sunday, December 10

after children's time till the end of the worship service for Grades K-3rd grade. We will have a Bible story video with BibleForce Heroes, 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.

Food Drive

For the month of December, the community Churches are collecting food for the local Food Pantry. All canned food is welcome, but they are short on green beans, corn, peanut butter, and peas. There are boxes in the foyer area downstairs to place your food items. As you shop this month, consider picking up one or two extra items for those in need.

A Christmas tree has been put up in the foyer upstairs outside the elevator. We are calling it the **"Memory Tree."** It is for families to decorate with an ornament in memory of their loved one. You can stop by anytime and put your ornament on the tree. Please leave a note in the church office when you bring in your ornament so we can list your loved one's ornament in the bulletin.

We rejoice with Isaac and Madison (Ratcliff) Imhoff

in the Baptism of their daughter,

Oakleigh Louise Imhoff

Oakleigh was Baptized yesterday and her sponsors

were Kylee Rowles and Bryanna Norman

If you brought in a Veteran's picture for the Historical Cabinet, you may pick it up any time now. They will be in the church office. Thanks.

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Text Registration Code – UCOC to 49775

A **Nursery** is available just outside the sanctuary. The nursery attendant is **Reagan Cain**. 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 - What's in a Name?-Mighty God Isaiah 9:6

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.

O Come, All Ye Faithful

1. O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O
2. Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
3. Child for us sin - ners poor and in the man - ger,
4. Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this hap - py morn - ing,

The first system of the score features a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The bass line is a simple accompaniment of chords and single notes.

come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
Sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav'n a - bove!
We would em - brace Thee, with love and awe;
Je - sus, to Thee be all glo - ry giv'n;

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. It includes a repeat sign and a fermata over the final note of the first line.

Come and be - hold Him, born the King of an - gels;
Glo - ry to God, all glo - ry in the high - est;
Who would not love Thee, lov - ing us so dear - ly?
Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing;

The third system continues the melody and accompaniment. It includes a repeat sign and a fermata over the final note of the first line.

O come, let us a - dore Him, O come, let us a - dore Him,

The fourth system concludes the piece with a final melody line and a simple bass accompaniment. It includes a repeat sign and a fermata over the final note of the first line.

O come, let us a - dore Him, Christ, the Lord!

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. Both staves are in the key of D major, indicated by a sharp sign on the F line. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The music is in a common time signature, and the piece ends with a double bar line.

Joy to the World

1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come: Let earth re -
2. Joy to the world! the Sav - ior reigns: Let men their
3. No more let sin and sor - rows grow, Nor thorns in -
4. He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the

ceive her King; Let ev - 'ry heart pre -
songs em - ploy; While fields and floods, rocks,
fest the ground; He comes to make His
na - tions prove The glo - ries of His

pare Him room, And heav'n and na - ture
hills, and plains Re - peat the sound - ing
bless - ings flow Far as the curse is
right - eous - ness, And won - ders of His

The image shows a musical score for a hymn in G major (one sharp). It consists of two staves: a treble staff and a bass staff. The treble staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The bass staff has a bass clef and the same key signature. The lyrics are written below the staves, with some words split across lines. The melody in the treble staff is primarily composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some rests. The bass staff provides a simple accompaniment with chords and single notes. The lyrics are as follows:

sing, And heav'n and na - ture sing, And
joy, Re - peat the sound - ing joy, Re -
found, Far as the curse is found, Far
love, And won - ders of His love, And
heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture
peat the sound - ing joy, Re - peat the sound - ing
as the curse is found, Far as the curse is
won - ders of His love, And won - ders of His

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.
Congregation: Lord, have mercy upon us.
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