

United Church of Christ of California – California, MO
Rev. Russell Cobb Pastor
Mrs. Beth Dampf Organist

November 29, 2020 ~ First Sunday in Advent

The Bell

The Prelude

Lighting of the Candles

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship – Lighting the First Advent Candle (Hope)

Advent means “coming.” In this holy time we await the coming of Christ, and we mark time by lighting the first candle, the Candle of Hope. Hope is not wishful thinking but confident trust in the promises of God.

God’s hope does not disappoint us, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

We light this candle to remind us to hope in God, who comes to deliver us in Jesus Christ our Lord.

We are a people of hope, longing for the advent of our God. Nothing will quench the light of our hope.

Hymn “O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

Prayer of the Day

In this season of waiting and watching, we long for your Presence, Lord. We long to know your love and your strength, to experience your care and guidance. Help us to prepare for you, help us to prepare ourselves. Lift our hearts to praise and to song. Amen.

Invitation to Children’s Time

Hymn for Children “Jesus Loves Me”

Children’s Time Ginnie Medlin

Anthem “Prepare the Way of the Lord” Sr. Choir

Prayer for Illumination

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 53:4-12

Second Lesson: Jeremiah 31:31-34

Sermon **Countdown to Christmas ... The Plan
Genesis 3:15 & John 3:16**

Hymn “Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”

Kyrie “Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us”

Declaration of Forgiveness

The good news of Advent is Christ's love and forgiveness of sin.
Thanks be to Christ who sets us free to love and to serve.
Rejoice! In Christ we are forgiven!

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Communion Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And with you also.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

As we pray together -

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

Breaking Bread and Pouring Wine

Sharing the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

We give thanks, Almighty God, that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of your Son, Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn "Long Ago, Prophets Know"

Benediction

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

ANGEL TREE

**Please return the gifts with the Angel number on the package by
December 13th or before if possible. Thank you!**

Mary Oesterly 573-694-2075.

Sermon Notes:

**Countdown to Christmas ... The Plan
Genesis 3:15 & John 3:16**

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Text Registration Code - Text "RightNow CALUCC " to 41411

Activities Calendar: November 29, 2020 – December 6, 2020

Sunday, November 29th – First Sunday of Advent (Hope)

10:30 a.m. – Worship – Holy Communion

Tuesday, December 1st

7:00 p.m. – Sunday School Teachers & Officers Meeting

Sunday, December 6th – Second Sunday of Advent (Peace)

10:30 a.m. – Worship

**NO ROK / God's Singers
until January 2021**

Don't Miss Out on Hearing from Your Church!

The process to update our contact information for everyone is in progress thanks to a group of volunteers. Current mailing addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses are needed. If you were not contacted recently and asked about changes or updates, please contact the church office with your information. An updated contact directory will be published. Up to date information is essential to maintain communication with our Church Family. Thank you for your help!

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Please pray for these . . .

Love & Justice in God's World

Our Confirmands (2020-2021):

Kya Peck, Hayden Kilmer, Michelle Sedgwick, Brooks Volkart,
Colin Kruger, Bennett Gatlin, Kinleagh Monroe

All Those Who Need Our Prayers, including:

Becky Zuidervaart	Charlie Gabert	Carol Wolfrum
Jo Suggs	Billy Meyer	Chris Schoenthal
Judy Kilmer	Bill Schacht	Kim (Yelton) Haesemeier

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

Craig Hall (*Air Force, stationed at Dyess AFB, Abilene, TX*)

Martin Knipker (*son of Kenny Knipker*)

Dwight Bowlin (*grandson of Jack & Carole Bowlin, Fort Bragg, NC*)

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 Camp Lejeune, NC*)

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 – Africa*)

Ryan Carel (*nephew of Leroy Schnieders, Seymour Johnson AFB, NC*)

Derek Meyer (*grandson of Elaine & Eldred Proctor, Army, Fort Bragg, NC*)

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som
2. O come, Thou Day - spring, come and cheer Our spir - its
3. O come, Thou Wis - dom from on high, And or - der
4. O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind All peo - ples

cap - tive Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly ex -
by Thine ad - vent here; Dis - perse the gloom - y clouds
all things, far and nigh; To us the path of knowl -
in one heart and mind; Bid en - vy, strife and quar -

ile here, Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
of night, And death's dark shad - ows put to flight.
edge show, And cause us in her ways to go.
rels cease; Fill the whole world with heav - en's peace.

Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el

Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus



1. Come, Thou long - ex - spect - ed Je - sus, Born to set Thy
2. Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, Hope of all the
3. Born Thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, Born a child, and
4. By Thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it Rule in all our



peo - ple free; From our fears and sins re - lease us,
earth Thou art: Dear de - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion,
yet a king, Born to reign in us for - ev - er,
hearts a - lone; By Thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it



Let us find our rest in Thee.
Joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.
Now Thy gra - cious king - dom bring.
Raise us to Thy glo - rious throne. A - men.

Long Ago, Prophets Knew

1. Long a - go,
2. God in time,
3. Mar - y, hail!
4. Jour - ney ends!

proph - ets knew Christ would come, born a Jew,
God in man, This is God's time - less plan:
Though a - fraid, She be - lieved, she o - beyed.
Where a - far Beth - l'hem shines, like a star,

Come to make all things new, Bear His peo - ple's
He will come, as a man, Born Him - self of
In her womb, God is laid Till the time ex -
Sta - ble door stands a - jar: Un - born Son of

bur - den, Free - ly love and par - don.
wom - an, God di - vine - ly hu - man.
pect - ed, Nur - tured and pro - tect - ed.
Mar - y, Sav - ior, do not tar - ry!

Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring! Sing, choirs, sing,

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sing, sing! When He comes, when He comes,

(8va)

who will make Him welcome?
Last time: we will make Him welcome!