

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

December 13, 2020 ~ Third Sunday in Advent

The Bell

The Prelude

Lighting of the Candles

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship Lauren Friedrich and Grace Dampf

Lighting the Third Advent Candle – The Candle of Joy

As we prepare to meet our Lord in this Advent time, we anticipate the “great joy” which will come to all people.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice!

Today, we remember the Hope and Peace that Christ brings, . . . and we light the Candle of Joy. May God’s great joy shine in our hearts and lives. May God’s great joy transform the world.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice!

Come, O Lord Jesus Christ, fill us with your joy!

Hymn “It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”

Prayer of the Day

God of grace, ever faithful to your promises, the earth rejoices in hope of our Savior’s coming and looks forward with longing to his return at the end of time. Prepare our hearts to receive him when he comes, for he is Lord forever and ever. Amen.

Invitation to Children's Time

Hymn for Children "Jesus Loves Me"

Children's Time Ginnie Medlin

Bell Choir "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" Bell Choir

Prayer for Illumination Carole Barbour

By your Spirit, O Lord, open our eyes to the generosity of your hand, and nurture our souls in all spiritual gifts. Fill us with gratitude overflowing that we may share life and love in praise to you, God of all the ages, in the gracious name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Scripture Lessons

First Lesson: Isaiah 42:1-7

Second Lesson: Matthew 1:18-23

Sermon **Countdown to Christmas –
The Person & the Presents
Isaiah 7:13-15, 9:6,7 & Matthew 1:21-23**

Hymn "Away in a Manger"

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 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

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

Today is the last day to turn in Angel Tree gifts. Thank you!
Mary Oesterly 573-694-2075.

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

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Sermon Notes:

Countdown to Christmas...
The Person & the Presents
Isaiah 7:13-15, 9:6,7 & Matthew 1:21-23

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Wednesday Evening Menu: December 16th ~ 6:00 p.m.
Baked Potato Soup, Chili, Sandwiches, Dessert

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!

Activities Calendar: December 13, 2020 – December 20, 2020

Sunday, December 13th – Third Sunday of Advent (Joy)

10:30 a.m. – Worship

Tuesday, December 15th

9:00 a.m. – Prayer Cell

6:00 p.m. – Men's Brotherhood – Meet in Sanctuary for caroling followed by gathering for chili in Fellowship Hall.

Wednesday, December 16th

1:00 p.m. – Women's Guild

6:00 p.m. – Fellowship Meal

6:30 p.m. – Bell Choir / Confirmation Class

7:30 p.m. – Sr. Choir

Sunday, December 20th – Fourth Sunday of Advent (Love)

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School "Cookies & Carols"

10:30 a.m. – Worship (Cantata by the Sr. Choir)

NO ROK / God's Singers until January 2021

Job Opportunity – Financial Recording Clerk

If you are interested in applying for the position of financial recording clerk in the California UCC office, please contact a consistory member or the church office (796-4885).

Please pray for these . . .

Love & Justice in God's World

The Family & Friends of Judy Bochar

The Family & Friends of Emmett Anderson (*Cara Kirchhoff's fiancé*)

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 Zuidervaat 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*)

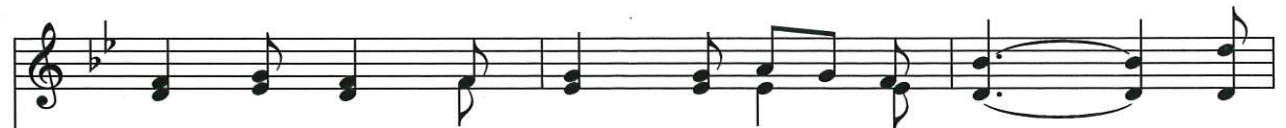
It Came Upon the Midnight Clear



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.

Away in a Manger

Unison

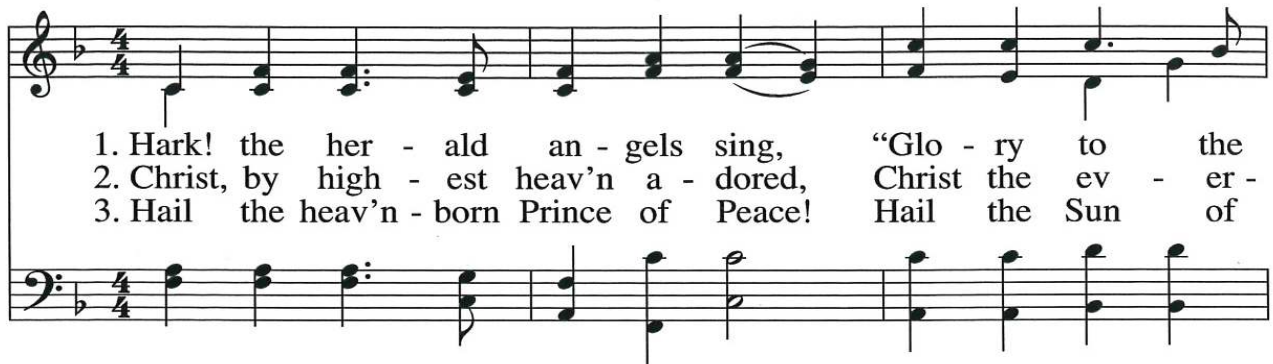
1. A - way in a man - ger, no crib for His bed,
 2. The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes,
 3. Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask You to stay

The lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down His sweet head.
 But lit - tle Lord Je - sus, no cry - ing He makes.
 Close by me for - ev - er, and love me, I pray.

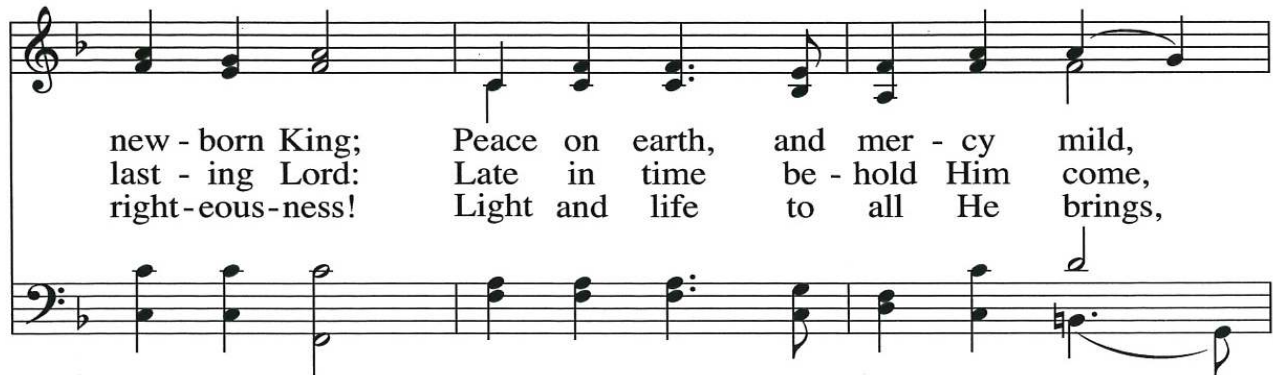
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay,
 I love You, Lord Je - sus, look down from the sky,
 Bless all the dear chil - dren in Your ten - der care,

The lit - tle Lord Je - sus, a - sleep on the hay.
 And stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is nigh.
 And fit us for heav - en to live with You there.

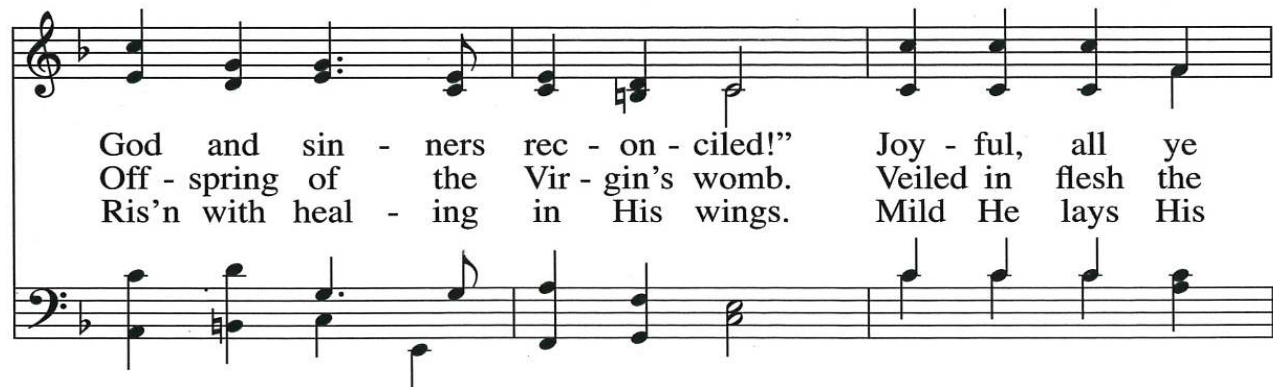
Hark! The Herald Angels Sing



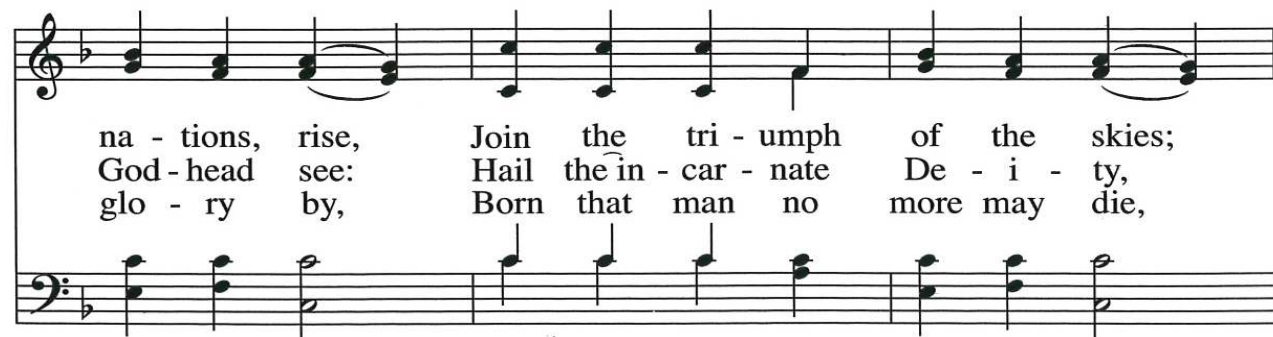
1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the
 2. Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ the ev - er -
 3. Hail the heav'n - born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of



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.