



**United Church of Christ of California – California, MO**  
**Rev. Russell Cobb** **Pastor**  
**Mrs. Beth Dampf** **Organist**  
**Mrs. Connie Bestgen** **God's Singers Director**

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**November 28, 2021 ~ First Sunday in Advent**

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The Bell

The Prelude

Lighting of the Candles     Hazel Wolford     Meredith Wolford

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship – HOPE     *(Please remain seated)*

Advent Reading: Hope (from the book of Luke)

Leader: Today we light the first candle of the Advent wreath.  
This is the candle of HOPE.

*Lighting of The Candle of HOPE.*

Leader: With Christians around the world, we use this light to help us prepare our hearts and minds for the coming of God's Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. May we receive God's light as we hear the words of the prophet Isaiah:

Congregation: **"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them light has shined."**

\*Hymn No. 92     "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

Prayer of the Day

**Lord as we look to the birth of Jesus, grant that the light of your love for us will help us to become lights in the lives of those around us. Prepare our hearts for the joy and gladness of your coming, for Jesus is our hope. Amen.**

Anthem                      “Attitude of Gratitude”                      God’s Singers

Invitation to Children’s Time

Hymn for Children              “Jesus Loves Me”

Children’s Time    Carla Clennin

Prayer for Illumination    Beth Dampf

**Speak to us, Lord. Speak to us in the waiting, the watching, the hoping, the longing, the sorrow, the sighing, and the rejoicing. Speak to us by your Word in these Advent days, and walk with us until the day of your coming. Amen.**

Scripture Lessons

*First Lesson:*              Luke 2:8-15

*Second Lesson:*              Hebrews 12:22-24

Sermon      **Greater than any Christmas List: Hebrews 13**

Hymn No. 89      “Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”

Kyrie              “Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us”

Declaration of Forgiveness

God’s mercies are fresh every morning. In Christ, God offers forgiving grace and welcome into a community of trust, abundance, and hope. Let us give thanks for the mercy of God, and pass the peace of Christ in community among us. **Amen.**

# 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

**Gracious God, we offer you thanks and praise for this Advent season, a season of anticipation. Help us to show forth your gifts of love and grace to each other and to all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Hymn No. 85                      "Lift Up Your Heads"

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 **Allan Mortenson Family** for leading the Advent Call to Worship this morning.

A **Nursery** is available in the upstairs hallway, just outside the sanctuary. The attendant on duty is Taylor Ratcliff. The volunteer helper is Julie Medlin. 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.

## **ANGEL TREE**

**Please return Angel Tree Gifts to the UCC church  
between Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>.**

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*Church office: 573-796-4885 Website: [www.calmo-ucc.org](http://www.calmo-ucc.org)*

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**Wednesday Evening Meal – Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> 6:00 p.m.**

**Fundraiser Meal for the Youth Group**

**Tacos / Nachos Bar & Dessert**

## **Project Share & the Food Pantry Need Volunteers**

The Food pantry needs volunteers on the first Wednesday of each month for pre-packing dry goods that each family receives. Please stop by the Food Pantry and ask for Bill Hess if interested.

Project Share is always seeking volunteers to sort clothes on Mondays and Tuesdays. They also need help working in the front of the store when they are open. Contact Lina Eddy at 573-480-5103 if you are interested in helping.

## **USED TONER / INK CARTRIDGES**

Please save all of your used toner and ink cartridges! The church office collects used toner and ink cartridges in order to get a \$2 In-store credit per cartridge at Staples toward purchases of office supplies. Please turn in your cartridges to the church office. Thanks!

### Sermon Notes

#### **Greater than any Christmas List: Hebrews 13**

# rightnow MEDIA

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 4977

## **CELEBRATE RECOVERY**

6:00 p.m. Sundays at New Life Christian Center  
A Christ-Centered 12 Step Support Group for Men  
"Overcoming Our Hurts, Hangups And Habits Together"

### **Activities Calendar: November 28, 2021 ~ December 5, 2021**

#### **Sunday, November 28<sup>th</sup> - First Sunday of Advent**

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship

#### **Tuesday, November 30<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 a.m. – Prayer Cell

#### **Wednesday, December 1<sup>st</sup>**

6:00 p.m. – Fellowship Meal – *Youth Fellowship Fundraiser*

6:30 p.m. – Confirmation, God's Singers

Bell Choir, Ladies Bible Study

7:30 p.m. – Sr. Choir

#### **Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup> – Second Sunday of Advent**

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School (Sock & Glove Tree)

10:30 a.m. – Worship

### **After School Food Program for Students**

Every Friday from 3:15-5:30 PM ~ 410 S. Oak St., California

For more information, call 573-418-0385

*Please pray for these . . .*

Love & Justice in God's World

Our Confirmands:

Ashton Bolinger, Addison Carr, Heston Gatlin, Adler Koestner,  
Amelia Motley, Chase Trimble, Cody Schneider

**All Those Who Need Our Prayers, including:**

Becky Zuidervaat	Charlie Gabert	Collin Mouse
Jo Suggs	Chris Schoenthal	Kim (Yelton) Haesemeier
Judy Kilmer	Bill Schacht	

**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 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, Palm Springs, CA*)  
Ryan Carel (*nephew of Leroy Schnieders, Seymour Johnson AFB, NC*)  
Derek Meyer (*grandson of Elaine & Eldred Proctor, Army, Fort Bragg, NC*)

**For those who ordered a poinsettia,** the cost is \$12 each. The order deadline has passed, so we can no longer accept new poinsettia orders. Thank you!



## 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.**

*Minister: Christ, have mercy upon us.*

**Congregation: Christ, have mercy upon us.**


*Minister: Lord, have mercy upon us.*

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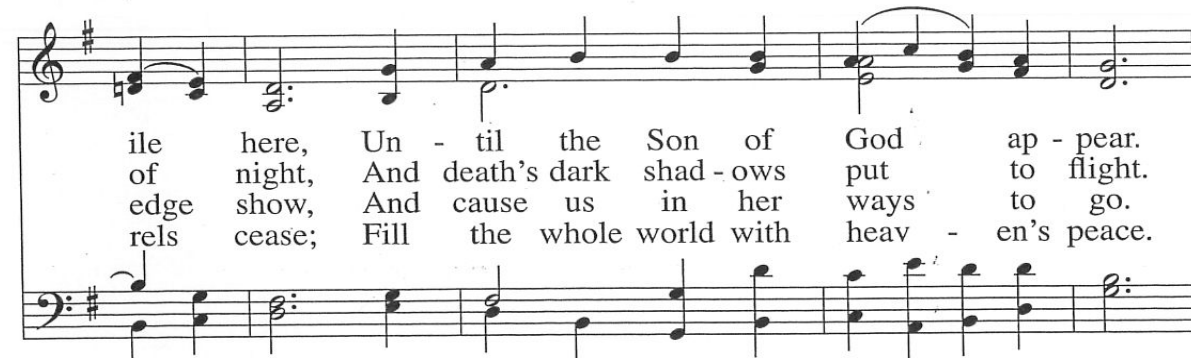
# O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



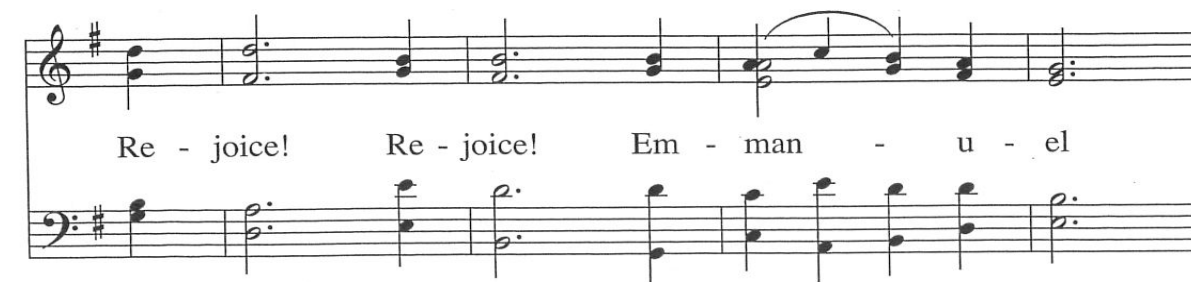
1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som  
 2. O come, Thou Day - spring, come and cheer Our spir - its  
 3. O come, Thou Wis - dom from on high, And or - der  
 4. O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind All peo - ples



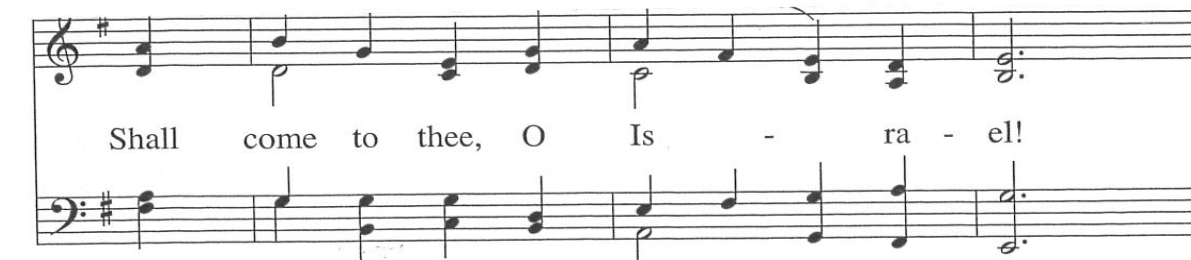
cap - tive Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly ex -  
 by Thine ad - vent here; Dis - perse the gloom - y clouds  
 all things, far and nigh; To us the path of knowl -  
 in one heart and mind; Bid en - vy, strife and quar -



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 - pect - 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.


# Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates




1. Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates;  
 2. Fling wide the por - tals of your heart;  
 3. Re - deem - er, come! I o - pen wide  
 4. So come, my Sov - 'reign; en - ter in!  
 5. O blest the land, the cit - y blest,



Be - hold the King of glo - ry waits!  
 Make it a tem - ple, set a - part  
 My heart to Thee; here, Lord, a - bide!  
 Let new and no - bler life be - gin;  
 Where Christ the rul - er is con - fest!



The King of kings is draw - ing near;  
 From earth - ly use for heav'n's em - ploy,  
 Let me Thy in - ner pres - ence feel;  
 Thy Ho - ly Spir - it guide us on,  
 O hap - py hearts and hap - py homes



The Sav - ior of the world is here.  
 A - dorned with prayer and love and joy.  
 Thy grace and love in me re - veal.  
 Un - til the glo - rious crown be won.  
 To whom this King of tri - umph comes! A - men.