United Church of Christ of California ~ California, Missouri

Rev. Russell Cobb

Pastor

Mrs. Beth Dampf

Organist

Mrs. Connie Bestgen

God's Singers Director

November 27, 2022 ~ First Sunday of Advent

*All those who are able, please stand

The Bell

The Prelude

Lighting of the Candles

Hazel and 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. 89

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

*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.

*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 Puppets

Anthem "Attitude of Gratitude" God's Singers

Prayer for Illumination

Susan Burger

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: Isaiah 11:1-5 p. 595

Second Lesson: Matthew 1:18-25 p.835

Sermon Christmas Carols of Advent-

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Isaiah 7:13-16

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

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.

"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.

^{*}Hymn No. 134 "There's a Song in the Air"

^{*}Benediction

^{*}Congregational Response –

^{*}Postlude

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

Activities Calendar: November 27, 2022 ~ December 4, 2022

Sunday, November 27, 2022, First Sunday of Advent

9:30 a.m. - Sunday School

10:30 a.m. - Worship - Communion

Tuesday, November 29, 2022

9:00 a.m. - Prayer Cell

Wednesday, November 30, 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

Sunday, December 4, 2022 Second Sunday of Advent

9:30 a.m. - Sunday School

10:30 a.m. - Worship

Looking ahead.....Dec. 5th- Sunday School T&O meeting 7:00p.m.

Dec. 12th - Consistory 6:00p.m.

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

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

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

ANGEL TREE

Thanks to everyone that has taken an Angel or that made a monitory donation. The Angels have all been adopted! Please return gifts with letter attached to package **On or before December 11th**

Wednesday Evening Meal - Nov. 30, 6:00 p.m.

Chili, Soup and Sandwiches

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

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)

Online giving is available. Follow the E-Giving link on our website: calmo-ucc.org to give today or set recurring gifts.

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

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 49775

A **Nursery** is available from 9:45am-11:45am in the upstairs hallway, just outside the sanctuary. The nursery volunteer is **Sue Tuttle**. 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.

If you have interest in joining the church, please contact Pastor Russ or fill out a connection card and drop it in the offering plate.

Sermon Notes - Christmas Carols of Advent-O Come, O Come, Emmanuel Isaiah 7:13-16

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Poinsettia Order Form

The plants will be red with gold foil & a white bow. (6" pot)

If you would like to have a poinsettia placed in the sanctuary in memory or honor of a loved one, we have those available for \$12.00 each. Please provide the following information.

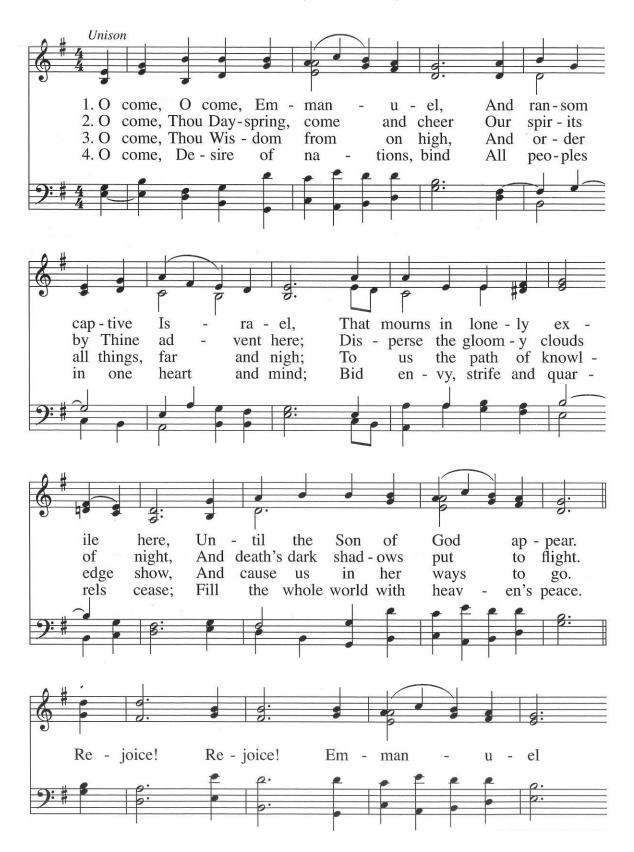
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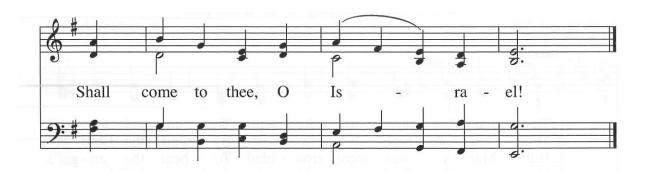
Please have this information to the church office, along with a check for \$12.00 made payable to the U.C.C. of California, by <u>Monday, November 28th.</u>

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus



O Come, O Come, Emmanuel





There's a Song in the Air



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.

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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.

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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.

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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. Congregation: Lord, have mercy upon us.