



**United Church of Christ of California ~ California, Missouri**  
**Rev. Russell Cobb** **Pastor**  
**Mrs. Beth Dampf** **Organist**  
**Mrs. Becky Schneider** **Bell Choir Director**

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**December 3, 2023 ~ First Sunday of Advent**

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*\*All those who are able, please stand*

The Bell

The Prelude

Lighting of the Candles Emily King & Megan Carlock

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.**

\*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

JoAnn Cantriel

Anthem “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

Bell Choir

Sacrament of Baptisms

Rev. Steve Buchholz

**Karsyn Lee and Raelynn Dale Rowles**

**Daughters of Darren and Kylee Rowles**

Prayer for Illumination

Brad Friedrich

**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: Psalm 119:129-136 p. 535*

*Second Lesson: II Corinthians 1:3-7 p. 1004*

Sermon **What’s in a Name: Wonderful Counselor**

**Isaiah 7:14 & Isaiah 9:6**

Hymn No. 125 “Angels, from the Realms of Glory”

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. 59 "Jesus, Name above All Names"

\*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**

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| <p>Thank you to the <b>Kissick Family</b> for leading the<br/>Advent Call to Worship this morning.</p> |
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**Activities Calendar: December 3, 2023 ~ December 10, 2023**

**Sunday, December 3, 2023, First Sunday of Advent**

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship - Communion

**Monday, December 4, 2023**

7:00 p.m. – Sunday School Teacher’s and Officers Meeting

**Tuesday, December 5, 2023**

9:00 a.m. – Prayer Cell

**Wednesday, December 6, 2023**

6:00 p.m. – Fellowship Meal

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

7:30 p.m. – Sr. Choir

**Sunday, December 10, 2023, Second Sunday of Advent**

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship

*Looking ahead.....Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> – Consistory 6:00p.m.*

*Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>- Cantata- Worship services 10:30 a.m.*

*Dec, 18<sup>th</sup> – Brotherhood Christmas Caroling 5:00 p.m.*

*Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>- Women’s Guild 12:00 pm at Linda Schnieder’s home*

*Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>- Christmas Eve Program 7:00 p.m.*

*Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> - Worship Service 10:00 a.m.*

*We rejoice with Darren and Kylee (Ratcliff) Rowles*

*in the Baptisms of their daughters,*

***Karsyn Lee and Raelynn Dale Rowles***

*Karsyn and Raelynn’s sponsors are Taylor Ratcliff, Dylan Ratcliff,*

*Madison Imhoff & Rachel Strange*

The flower on the altar is in celebration of the birth of **Adalynn “Addy” Kay Applegate**, born October 20, 2023. Adalynn is the daughter of Alyssa Graczyk and granddaughter of Sherry (Rohrbach) Leonard. Congratulations!

## **“Messiah” Sing-Along**

**Today, Sunday, December 3, 2023 ~ 3 p.m.**  
**California High School ~ Performing Arts Center**

### **ANGEL TREE**

Thanks to everyone that has taken an Angel or that made a monetary donation. The Angels have all been adopted! Please return gifts with letter attached to package **On or before December 10th**

### **Wednesday Evening Meal – Dec. 6, 6:00 p.m.**

**Chicken Pot Pie, Fruit, Hot Rolls**

***Don’t forget to sign up if you are coming!***

*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*)

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.

*The **Historical Committee** will be decorating the cabinet for Christmas and is requesting that people bring in small nativity set or Christmas ornaments for display. If you have one of those items that's special to you and would like to share it for the month of December, we would love to display it. If you would like, a brief note on why the set or ornament is special to you can also be provided for people to see. We are requesting that these items be dropped off at the Church office, and they will be returned in January. Phyllis Miller is the contact on behalf of the Historical Committee, and if you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to her.*

***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.***

### **Food Drive**

For the month of December, the community Churches are collecting Food for the local Food Pantry. 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 **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.

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# *Poinsettia Order Form*

The plants will be red with gold foil  
(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 \$14.00 each. Please provide the following information.*

By (Name) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

or

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

*Please have this information to the church office, along with a check for \$14.00 made payable to the U.C.C. of California, by Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup>.*

# O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

*Unison*

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 -

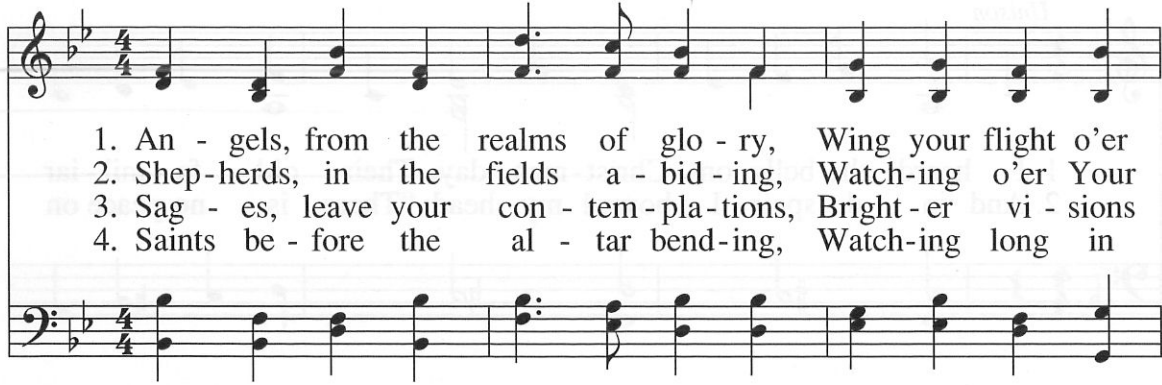
ile here, Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
of night, And death's dark shad - ows put to flight.  
edge show, And cause us in her ways to go.  
rels cease; Fill the whole world with heav - en's peace.

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

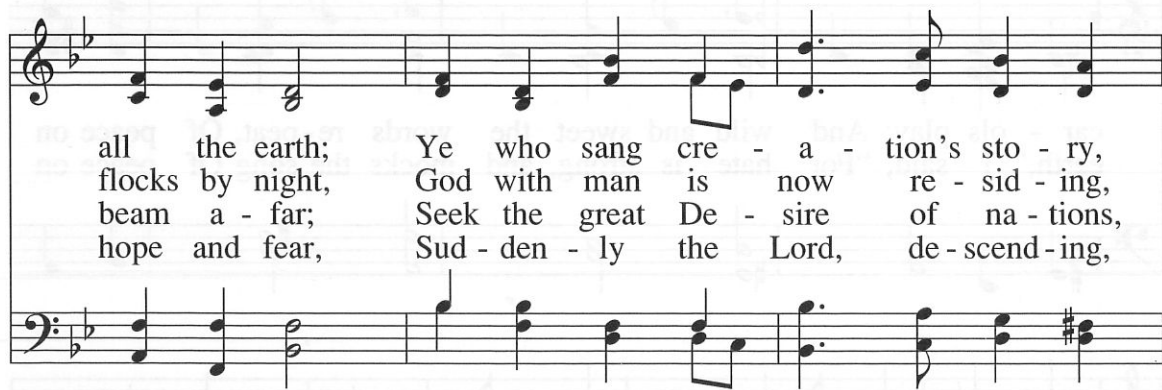
Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

The image shows a musical score for a vocal line. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is written in the bass staff. The lyrics are: "Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!". The word "Is" is followed by a long dash, and "ra" is followed by a long dash, indicating a long note or a breath mark. The music ends with a double bar line.

# Angels, from the Realms of Glory



1. An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, Wing your flight o'er  
2. Shep-herds, in the fields a - bid - ing, Watch - ing o'er Your  
3. Sag - es, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, Bright - er vi - sions  
4. Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, Watch - ing long in



all the earth; Ye who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,  
flocks by night, God with man is now re - sid - ing,  
beam a - far; Seek the great De - sire of na - tions,  
hope and fear, Sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing,



Now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:  
Yon - der shines the in - fant light: Come and wor - ship,  
Ye have seen His na - tal star:  
In His tem - ple shall ap - pear:



come and wor - ship, Wor - ship Christ, the new - born King. A - men.

# Jesus, Name above All Names

1. Je - sus, name a - bove all names, beau - ti - ful  
2. Je - sus, lov - ing Shep - herd, Vine of the  
3. Je - sus, Way of sal - va - tion, King of

Sav - ior, glo - ri - ous Lord, Em -  
branch - es, Son of God, 7 the  
kings, Lord of lords, the

man - u - el, God is with us, bless - ed Re -  
Prince of Peace, Won - der - ful coun - s'lor, Lord of the  
way, the truth, and the Life, might - y cre -

deem - er, liv - ing Word.  
u - ni - verse, Light of the world.  
a - tor, my Sav - ior and friend.

## 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.*  
**Congregation: Lord, have mercy upon us.**