



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 1, 2024 ~ First Sunday of Advent

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

The Bell

The Prelude

Lighting of the Candles Logan Milligan & Max Robertson

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.**



## 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. 89 "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

\*Benediction

\*Congregational Response – “**Soon and Very Soon**” p. 218

*“Soon and very soon we are goin’ to see the King,  
Soon and very soon we are goin’ to see the King,  
Soon and very soon we are goin’ to see the King,  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, we’re goin’ to see the King!”*

\*Postlude

Thank you to <b>Rylan Robertson &amp; Family</b> for leading the Advent Call to Worship this morning.
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**Activities Calendar: December 1, 2024 ~ December 8, 2024**

**Sunday, December 1, 2024, First Sunday of Advent**

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship - Communion

**Monday, December 2, 2024**

6:30 p.m. - GriefShare

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

**Tuesday, December 3, 2024**

9:00 a.m. – Prayer Cell

**Wednesday, December 4, 2024**

6:00 p.m. – Fellowship Meal

6:30 p.m. – Confirmation, God’s Singers, Christmas Program Practice

7:30 p.m. – Sr. Choir

**Friday, December 6, 2024**

6:00 a.m. – Men’s Bible Study at the Crossroads

**Sunday, December 8, 2024, Second Sunday of Advent**

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship

*Looking ahead.....Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> – Consistory 6:00p.m.*

*Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>- Cantata- Worship services 10:30 a.m.*

*Salem Christmas Program 7:00 p.m.*

*Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> – Brotherhood Christmas Caroling 5:00 p.m.*

*Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>- Women’s Guild 12:00 pm*

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

*Salem Christmas Worship 4:30 p.m.*

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

**Wednesday Evening Meal – Dec. 4, 6:00 p.m.**

Chili and Soup

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

**“Messiah” Sing-Along**

**Sunday, December 8, 2024 ~ 4 p.m.**

**California High School ~ Performing Arts Center**

*Please pray for these . . .*

Love & Justice in God's World

*Family and Friends of Timothy Mitchell, Janie Arnett & Stephen Ashley*

**Confirmands:**

Conner Brockes, Jaelea Hall, Carson Kruger, Jess Medlin, Ava Motley, Brenyn Robertson, Rylan Robertson and Hazel Wolford

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

Becky Zuidervaart      Bill Schacht

Jo Suggs      Judy Kilmer      Jaden Perry (*Janice Anderson's grandson*)

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

Martin Knipker (*son of Kenny Knipker*)

Dwight Bowlin (*grandson of the late 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, Great Lakes Naval Base, North Chicago, IL*)

Derek Meyer (*grandson of Elaine & Eldred Proctor, Army, Monterey,*

Damion Street (*grandson of Jenine Baker, Army, Munich, Germany*)

Blake Street (*grandson of Jenine Baker, Basic Training, Ft. Still, OK*)

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 can be picked up in January.*

***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.***

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.

*Walter Wingate passed away on Tuesday, October 29, 2024. A visitation will be today, Sunday, Dec. 1 downstairs in the Fellowship Hall from 1-2pm with graveside services following at the Evangelical Cemetery. Memorials can be made to the United Church of Christ, California, or the California Nutrition Center at Walter's request.*

**2025 Offering Envelopes are here.**

They can be picked up in the back of the Sanctuary. If there is not a box with your name on it and you would like one, please let the church office know.

Chicken & Noodle/Chili Fundraiser at the First Christian Church immediately following the Christmas Parade,  
**Saturday, December 7th.**

Free will donation and carry outs available.

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**Christmas Eve program** "Just a Little Christmas" practice will start **Wednesday, December 4** following God's Singers practice. Practice will be 6:30-7:30 on ***Wednesday December 11 and 18.*** Dress rehearsal will be during Sunday School on ***December 22.*** Questions please contact Carla Clennin at 573-694-0257 or ckclennc@yahoo.com

## **Giving Tree**

The Sunday School is sponsoring this year's Giving Tree on **Sunday, December 1** during opening. This is also known as the "sock and glove tree". We will be collecting donations of children or youth sized socks, gloves, underwear, belts, coats, etc. and they can be placed under the Christmas tree on the stage in the Friendship Hall during the opening. **Items will be received through Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>.** These donations are distributed to local elementary students on an as-needed basis that go out to local kids before Christmas break. The school is always in need of items like this and your donations are greatly appreciated.

## ***Seeking a Nursery Attendant-***

*Reagan Cain has decided to resign her position as our Church Nursery Attendant as of the end of the year. The Consistory will be taking applications for a Nursery Attendant that will begin employment on January 5, 2025. Hours are from 9:15 am to 11:30/Noon @ \$40 every Sunday. Applications and job description can be picked up in the church office.*

## **Mark your Calendars!**

### **Annual Meeting ~ January 26, 2025**

The Consistory is making plans for the next annual meeting. The meeting will be held downstairs in the Friendship Hall in conjunction with the lunch. **Please come to support the youth and help us make decisions about our Church. In addition to the Annual Report, we plan to discuss:**

- Insurance Changes**

- Where we spent your money in 2024**

- Possible capital improvements we have narrowed down that we want your comments on.**

# 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.

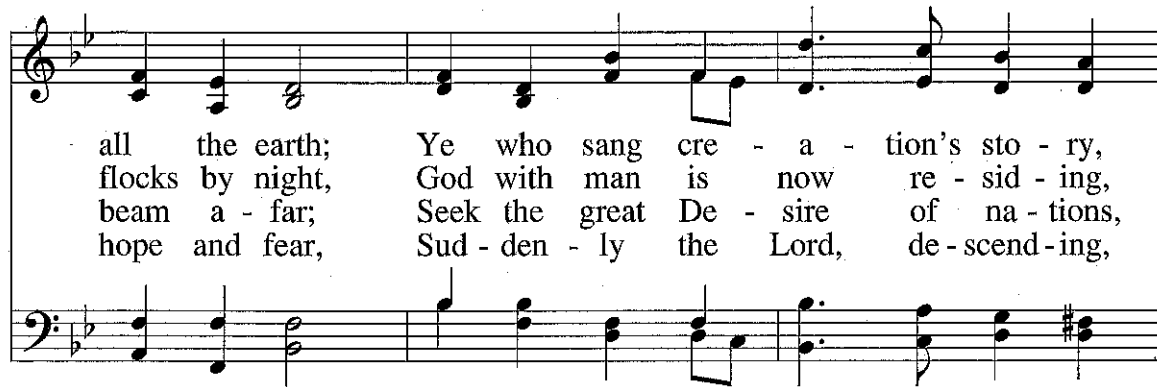
Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el

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

# 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:  
Ye have seen His na - tal star: Come and wor - ship,  
In His tem - ple shall ap - pear:



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

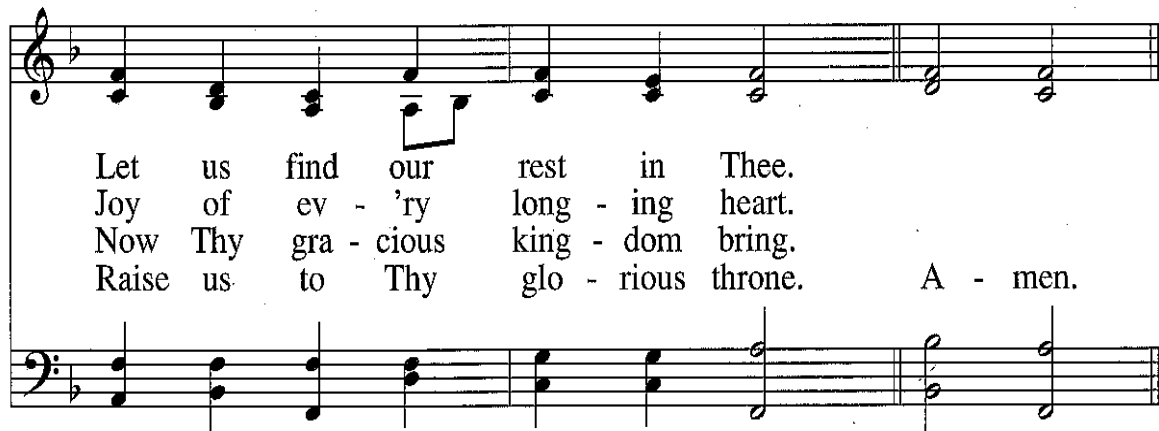
# Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus



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.

## 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.**