

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

December 8, 2024 ~ Second Sunday of Advent

**All those who are able, please stand*

The Bell

The Prelude

Chorale Opening

Lighting of the Candles Lena & Lee Bieri

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: PEACE *(Please remain seated)*

Advent Reading: Peace (from the book of Genesis)

Leader: Today we relight the candle of HOPE

Lighting of The Candle of HOPE.

Leader: Now we light the candle for the second Sunday in
Advent. This is the candle of PEACE.

Lighting of the Candle of PEACE.

Leader: As we prepare for the coming of Jesus, we remember
that Jesus is our hope and our peace. From the prophet Isaiah:

**Congregation: “For a child has been born for us, a son given
to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father,
Prince of Peace.”**

Leader: From the Gospel of John:

Congregation: **“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.”**

*Hymn No. 123 “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

*Prayer of the Day

Gracious God, Grant that we may find peace as we prepare for our Lord’s birth. May divisions in ourselves and in our families be peacefully resolved. May there be peace in our cities and in the countries of our world. Help us to see the paths of peace in our lives, and then give us the courage to follow them. Lord, let us remember that you only are the giver of lasting peace and that you are always with us. 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 “**Away in the Manager**”

Children’s Time

Carla Clennin

Anthem “**C H R I S T M A S**”

God’s Singers

Prayer for Illumination

Allan Mortenson

Come to us, O Holy One. Quiet our rushing spirits and reassure our trembling hearts. Whisper your love to our aching spirits. Let us find our rest and blessed hope in the assurance that you will never leave nor forsake your people. Prepare us now to hear and do your Word. Amen.

Scripture Lessons

First Lesson: Micah 5:1-6 p. 805

Second Lesson: Luke 2:39-52 p. 890

Sermon **The Journey - Walking the Road to Bethlehem
Joseph - The Silent Example**

Hymn No. 107 “Joy to the World”

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 No. 100 “O Come All Ye Faithful”

*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 **Brenyn Robertson and Family** for leading the
Advent Call to Worship this morning.

Activities Calendar: December 8, 2024 ~ December 15, 2024

Sunday, December 8, 2024, Second Sunday of Advent

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship

Monday, December 9, 2024

6:30 p.m. - GriefShare

6:00 p.m. – Consistory Meeting

Tuesday, December 10, 2024

9:00 a.m. – Prayer Cell

Wednesday, December 11, 2024

6:00 p.m. – Fellowship Meal

6:30 p.m. – Confirmation, Christmas Program Practice

7:30 p.m. – Sr. Choir

Sunday, December 15, 2024, Third Sunday of Advent

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship – Cantata

7:00 p.m. – Salem Christmas Program

Looking ahead.....

Dec. 16th – Brotherhood Christmas Caroling 5:00 p.m.

Dec. 18th - Women's Guild 12:00 pm

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

Salem Christmas Worship 4:30 p.m.

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

Wednesday Evening Meal – Dec. 11th, 6:00 p.m.

Chicken Fettuccine, Vegetable, Hot Rolls and Fruit

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

**Salem UCC
Christmas Program
December 15th ~ 7:00 p.m.**

**Featuring
the Sounds of Joy
Tom and Heather Medlin-Mission Speakers**
Come celebrate the blessings of Christmas!

Please pray for these . . .

Love & Justice in God's World

Family and Friends of David Strickfaden & Della Anderson

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 Zuidervaat 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*)

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Sunday ROK (Reaching Our Kids) TODAY, Sunday, December 8

after children's time till the end of the worship service for Grades K-3rd grade.

All the kids in this age group are invited to come down to the Fellowship Hall with Betty Cobb. You can pick up your child in the Fellowship Hall at the end of the worship service.

“Messiah” Sing-Along TODAY, Sunday, December 8, 2024 ~ 4 p.m. California High School ~ Performing Arts Center Free Admission

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.

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.

Christmas Eve program "Just a Little Christmas"

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 ckclennn@yahoo.com

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**

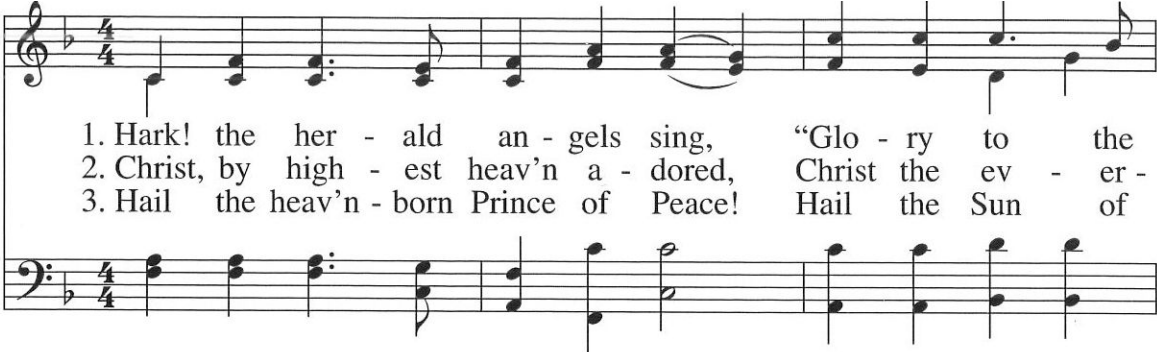
- Possible capital improvements we have narrowed down that we want your comments on.**

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.

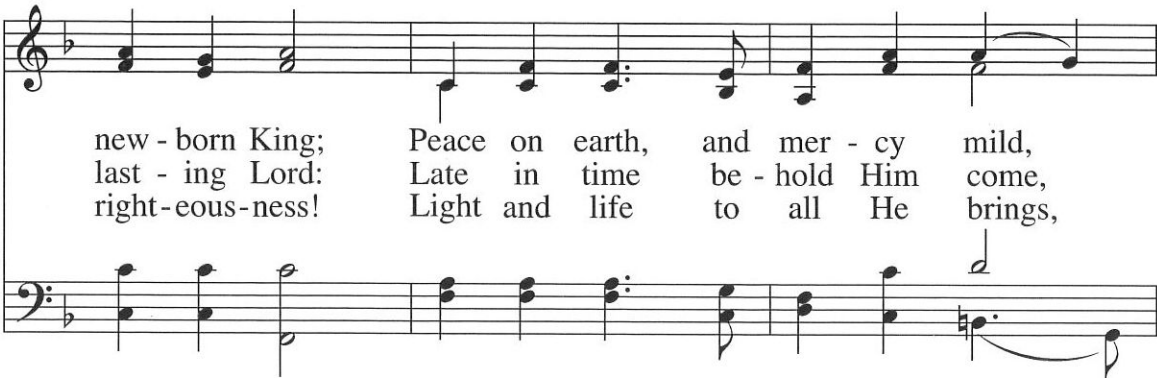
Need some help with hearing? See an usher at the back of the sanctuary to check out a hearing assisted unit for your personal use in the sanctuary and in the Friendship Hall. We have new units available.

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.

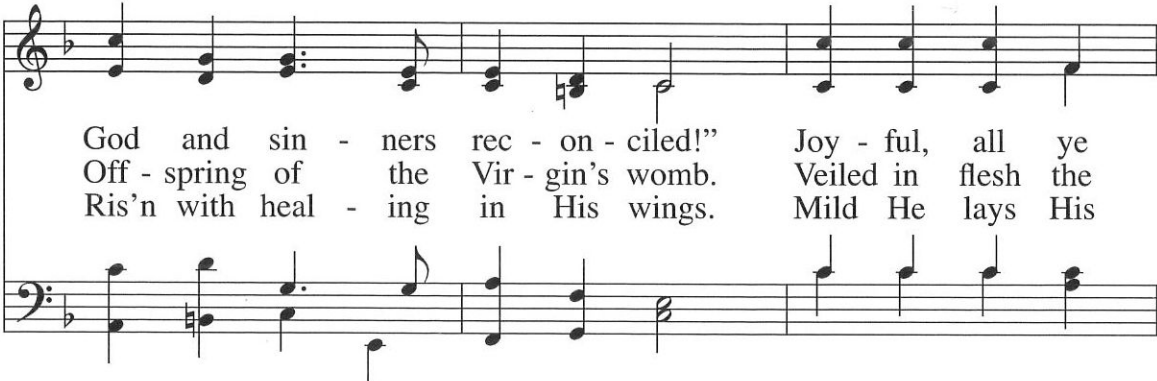
Hark! The Herald Angels Sing



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



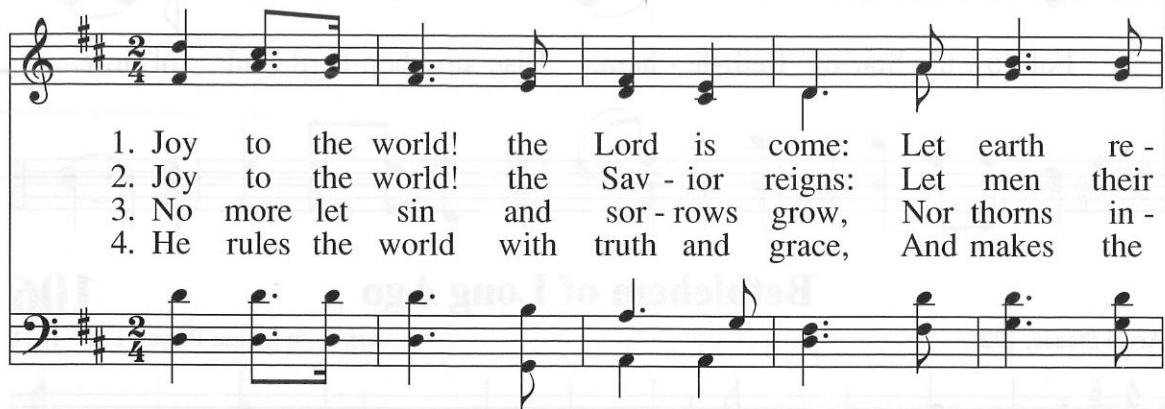
na - tions, rise, Join the tri - umph of the skies;
God - head see: Hail the in - car - nate De - i - ty,
glo - ry by, Born that man no more may die,

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.

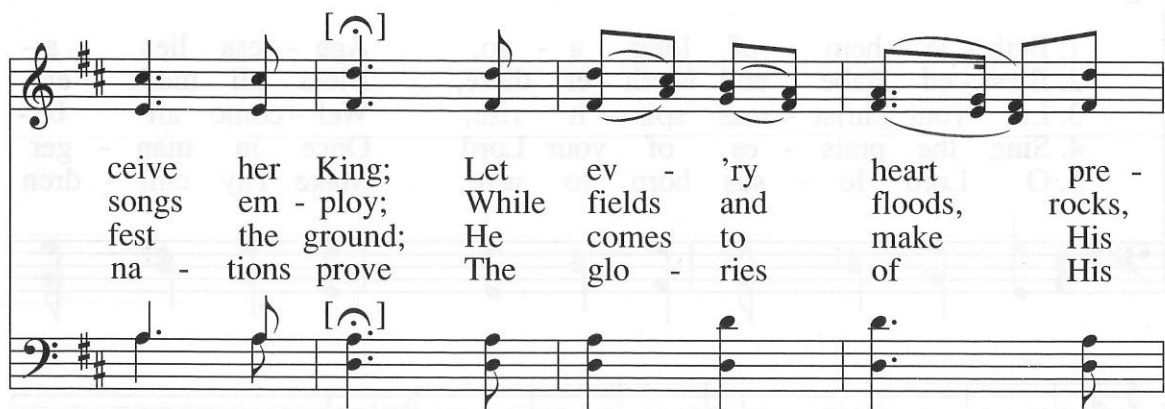
Hark! the her-ald an-gels sing, "Glo-ry to the new-born King!" A-men.

Org. Ped.

Joy to the World



1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come: Let earth re -
 2. Joy to the world! the Sav - ior reigns: Let men their
 3. No more let sin and sor - rows grow, Nor thorns in -
 4. He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the



ceive her King; Let ev - 'ry heart pre -
 songs em - ploy; While fields and floods, rocks,
 fest the ground; He comes to make His
 na - tions prove The glo - ries of His



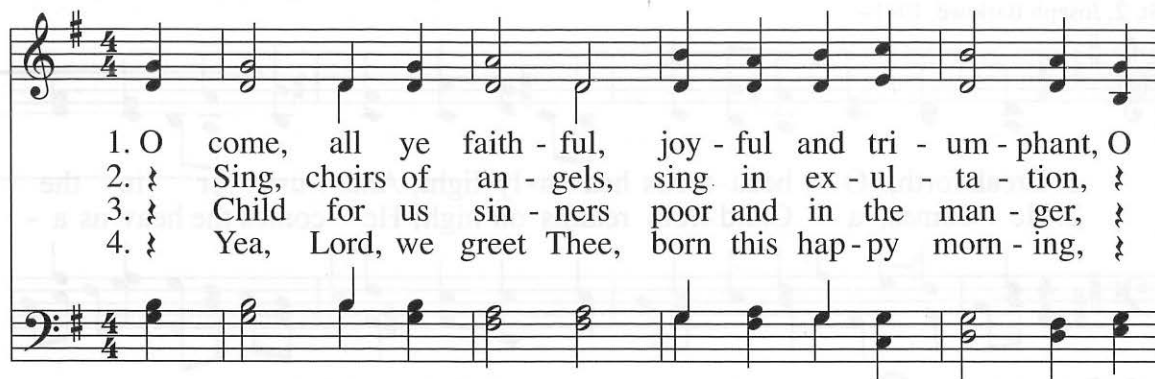
pare Him room, And heav'n and na - ture
 hills, and plains Re - peat the sound - ing
 bless - ings flow Far as the curse is
 right - eous - ness, And won - ders of His

The image shows a musical score for a hymn in G major (one sharp). It consists of two staves: a treble staff and a bass staff. The treble staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The bass staff begins with a bass clef and the same key signature. The lyrics are written below the staves, with some words split across lines. The melody is primarily in the treble staff, with the bass staff providing a harmonic accompaniment. A long horizontal line connects the end of the first phrase in the bass staff to the beginning of the second phrase, indicating a continuation of the melody.

sing, And heav'n and na - ture sing, And
joy, Re - peat the sound - ing joy, Re -
found, Far as the curse is found, Far
love, And won - ders of His love, And

heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture
peat the sound - ing joy, Re - peat the sound - ing
as the curse is found, Far as the curse is
won - ders of His love, And won - ders of His

O Come, All Ye Faithful



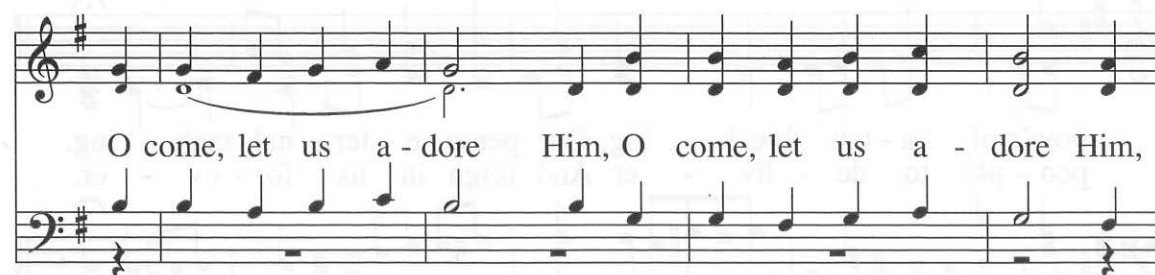
1. O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O
 2. Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
 3. Child for us sin - ners poor and in the man - ger,
 4. Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this hap - py morn - ing,



come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
 Sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav'n a - bove!
 We would em - brace Thee, with love and awe;
 Je - sus, to Thee be all glo - ry giv'n;



Come and be - hold Him, born the King of an - gels;
 Glo - ry to God, all glo - ry in the high - est;
 Who would not love Thee, lov - ing us so dear - ly?
 Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing;



O come, let us a - dore Him, O come, let us a - dore Him,

O come, let us a - dore Him, Christ, the Lord!

This musical score is written for a two-part setting, likely for voice and piano. The top staff uses a treble clef and the bottom staff uses a bass clef. Both staves are in the key of D major, indicated by two sharps (F# and C#). The melody in the treble staff begins with a half note D4, followed by quarter notes E4, F#4, G4, and A4. The lyrics 'O come, let us a - dore Him, Christ, the Lord!' are aligned with the notes. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and moving lines. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

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.

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