

and inspired by the Holy Spirit. We seek to glorify God, nurture one another and express the love of God in word and deed.



Advent Study on Hospitality:

Wednesdays Dec. 3, 10, 17 in Crossroads 5:15PM - 6:15PM





NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7TH 3:00 PM- 4:30 PM Yuletide Festival



Bring your families for a fun afternoon of Christmas Joy! You won't want to miss making these special memories! CRAFTS
FOOD & DRINK
GINGERBREAD CHURCH CONTEST

MUSIC
NATIVITY DISPLAYS

GAMES
& SO MUCH MORE

ADVENT SEASON

Today, 1st Sunday of Advent Nov. 30:

Advent Wreath-Making @ 11:30 Book Club @ 3PM

> Monday, Dec. 1: JOY Group @ 12:30PM

Wednesday Evenings, Dec. 3-17: Advent Bible Study @ 5:15PM

2nd Sunday of Advent, Dec. 7: Yuletide Festival @ 3-4:30PM

3rd Sunday of Advent, Dec. 14: Christmas Cantata @ 10:30AM Jubilee Luncheon @ 11:30AM

4th Sunday of Advent, Dec. 21: Longest Night Service @ 6PM

Christmas Eve, Wed. Dec. 24 Christmas Cheer @ 6PM Candlelight Service @ 7PM

Traditional Service at 10:30AM in the Sanctuary

ASSEMBLING IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE "MEDITATION ON 'O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM""

PAUL FEY

*Those who are able, please stand

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADVENT'S HOLY LIGHT (SEE INSERT)

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH: THE CANDLE OF HOPE

THE OREL FAMILY

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Nevertheless there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress.

People: In the past He humbled the land of Zebulum and the land of Naphtali, but in the future He will honor Galilee of the Gentiles, by way of the sea, along the Jordan--

Leader: The people walking in darkness have seen a great light!

People: On those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.Leader: For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and government will be on His shoulders.

ALL: And He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom.

* **HYMN 2** "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

* CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: O Lord, I believe, help my unbelief.

Leader: Lord we have lived without expectation of your presence and glory in our lives.

All: O Lord, I believe, help my unbelief.

Leader: The doubters speak loudly and often and we have dulled our eyes to your light and our

ears to your voice.

All: O Lord, I believe, help my unbelief.

Leader: We have lived as those who think you cannot see or hear or help.

All: O Lord, I believe, help my unbelief. Forgive our doubts, strengthen our hearts by meditating on your coming. Help us remember that you love us with an everlasting love and will never leave us nor forsake us.

* ASSURANCE of PARDON

Leader: We believe, O Lord. Make our belief a living, breathing, growing part of our lives.

Emmanuel comes to give us hope and restore our faith. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God!

* SUNG RESPONSE "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"

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Dear Lord and Father of Mankind, Forgive our foolish ways;

RECLOTHE US IN OUR RIGHTFUL MIND, IN PURER LIVES THY SERVICE FIND, IN DEEPER REVERENCE, PRAISE.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

REV DR J BEN SLOAN

GREET YOUR NEIGHBOR

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

CHOIR ANTHEM

"CAROL FOR ADVENT"

AMID THE WINTER'S COLD EMBRACE, CLOTHED IN A SHROUD OF WHITE, AN ANXIOUS WORLD IN SILENCE WAITS THROUGH THE DARK OF NIGHT. AS THE LONELY SONG OF A DOVE ECHOES ACROSS THE SKY ABOVE, WE CAN FEEL THE MOMENT IS NEAR; SOON THE CHILD OF PEACE WILL APPEAR. WHAT CHILD IS THIS THE WORLD AWAITS WITH QUIET EXPECTATION? WHEN WILL HE COME, THE PROMISED ONE, TO BRING US PEACE AND SALVATION? RAISE, RAISE YOUR PRAYERS ON HIGH. PREPARE HIS WAY, THE TIME IS NIGH. COME, COME EMMANUEL, O CHILD OF LOVE AND PEACE. THE AIR GROWS COLDER, THE LIGHT GROWS DIM, DARK'NING THE SKY ABOVE. BUT SOON THE CHILL OF THE WINTER WIND WILL WARM WITH GOD'S GIFT OF LOVE. AND A STAR WILL BRIGHTEN THE SKY; SONGS OF JOY WILL ECHO ON HIGH! WE WILL KNOW THE MOMENT IS HERE; THE CHILD OF LOVE AND PEACE WILL APPEAR.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Luke 1:26-38

PG. 56; PG. 53

SERMON "JUST BELIEVE"

Rev. Dr. J. Ben Sloan

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

* APOSTLES' CREED.......HYMNAL, PG 14
I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only
Son our Lord; who was conceived of the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under
Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose
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 Ghost; the holy catholic church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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, forever. Amen

WORSHIP WITH TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

"GESU BAMBINO"

SPRING VALLEY RINGERS

* DOXOLOGY

Hymnal, No. 592

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GOING IN GOD'S NAME

* **HYMN 9**......"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

REV. DR. J. BEN SLOAN

* CHORAL RESPONSE

May the road rise to meet you, may the wind blow at your back, may the sun shine warmly on your face, may the rain fall softly on your fields; and until we meet again, until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of his hand. Amen.

POSTLUDE

"CANTABILE IN D MAJOR"

Paul Fey

Revelations Service @ 8:30AM in Potts Hall

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Welcome

Lighting of the Advent Wreath: the Candle of HOPE | The McNeice Family Call to Worship | "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

Song: "We Believe"
Children's Time

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

New Testament: Luke 1:26-38 Sermon: "Just Believe" | Rev. Dr. J. Ben Sloan Greet Your Neighbor

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Song: "King of Kings"
Statement of Faith: Apostles' Creed
Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon
Lift Up Our Concerns
Share Our Gifts | "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

GOING IN GOD'S NAME

Benediction | Rev. Dr. J. Ben Sloan Song: "Angels We Have Heard on High"

PRAYER LIST

SUBMIT PRAYER REQUESTS AT WWW.SVPC.ORG.
WE REMOVE NAMES AFTER FOUR WEEKS UNLESS REQUESTED.

Members: The Clutts Family, David Knowles, The St. Onge Family, Debbie & Grady Allen, Ann Perry, Pete Griffin, AJ Kilgore, Jennifer Breazeale, Dale Frieden-Bell, Pat Alexander.

Non-Members: Terri Whirett (The Seigler's friend), Jackson Richard Jansen (born to Alexy & Ben Jansen, & grandchild of Cathy & Rick Jansen), Bob Lane (Deborah Strom's cousin-in-law), Caleb McGuire (Laura Griese's friend), Dendy Sloan (Pastor Sloan's brother), Dianne McManus (Ken McManus' mother), Leesa Aiken (visitor), Ken & Amanda Henry on the death of their son Mark (Brian Clark's friends), Lynn van Dijk, Leila Evans, Freida Dean, Children receiving treatment at Prisma Health Children's Hospital cancer ward & their families, Port Loyola & West Street Baptist Churches.

For **EMERGENCY** purposes, a defibrillator (in a red case) is available for trained CPR users on the cabinet outside of the pastor's office, as well as one mounted in a white cabinet on the wall outside of the Outreach Room.



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