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Second Sunday of Advent – December 5, 2021

THE GATHERING

Prelude David Diebold

Welcome and Call to Worship Claire Baer

Opening Hymn *Angels from the Realms of Glory* – vs. 1 & 4 No. 149

***Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
you who sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth:
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.***

***Saints before the altar bending, watching long in hope and fear,
suddenly the Lord, descending, here among us shall appear:
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.***

The Lighting of the Advent Candle Brianna Boone, Ethan Boone & Jordan Gibbs

Unison Prayer:

Eternal God, we thank you that through all the years you have given peace to your people. Help us to have your peace in our lives. We pray that, in this Advent season, we may, by what we do, show your presence to the sick, to the hungry, and to the lonely, so that they too may have peace. Amen.

Response *When God Is a Child* – vs. 2 No. 132

***Peace is a ribbon that circles the earth,
giving a promise of safety and worth.
When God is a child there's joy in our song.
The last shall be first and the weak shall be strong,
and none shall be afraid.***

THE PROCLAMATION

Scripture Reading Colossians 1:15-23 Jeanette Showalter

Children's Message Claire Baer

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Dr. Mark Bender

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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Anthem

"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing" – arr. Forrest

Chancel Choir & Brass Quintet
David Diebold & Laura Pease, Piano

Sermon

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Dr. Mark Bender

THE RESPONSE

Communion Hymn

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

No. 163

***Infant holy, infant lowly, for his bed a cattle stall;
oxen lowing, little knowing, Christ the babe is Lord of all.
Swiftly winging angels singing, bells are ringing, tidings bringing:
Christ the babe is Lord of all, Christ the babe is Lord of all!
Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping vigil till the morning new,
saw the glory, heard the story – tidings of a gospel true.
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow, praises voicing, great the morrow:
Christ the babe was born for you, Christ the babe was born for you!***

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table and Words of Institution

Ann Hunter

Prayers for the Bread & Cup

Kathleen Lauck & Jerry Johnson

Music during Communion *Bleak Midwinter's Gift* – Martin

Chancel Choir & Brass Quartet

Partaking of the Bread and Cup

All believers are invited to share in the Lord's Supper.

I believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God.

THE SENDING

Sent from the Table & Invitation to Discipleship

Dr. Mark Bender

Closing Hymn

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing – vs. 1 & 3

No. 150

***Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King:
peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nation, rise, join the triumph of the skies;
with the angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"
Hail the heaven born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings,
mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"***

Benediction

Dr. Mark Bender

Brass Ensemble:

Brian Francis and Mark Pease, trumpets;
Dr. Matthew Luttrell and Rodney Bennett, trombones;
Erin Stone, French horn

MEMORIALS AND HONORS

In memory of Betty Crick given by Searchers Class, Larry & Linda Carr, CWF Group 3.

In memory of Andrea Woods given by Larry & Linda Carr.

The flowers this morning are given by Sally & Robert Hastings in memory of Robert's parents, Rose Mary & Willie Fred Hastings.

The rose on the Communion Table is in honor of Kaia Elliana Archambo born on November 17th in Austin TX. Kaia Elliana is the daughter of Brady & Natalie Archambo and granddaughter of Larry & Teresa Archambo.

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Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

- HARK how all the Welkin rings
"Glory to the King of Kings,
"Peace on Earth, and Mercy mild,
"GOD and Sinners reconcil'd!

Joyful all ye Nations rise,
Join the Triumph of the Skies,
Universal Nature say
"CHRIST the LORD is born to Day!
 - CHRIST, by highest Heav'n ador'd,
CHRIST, the Everlasting Lord,
Late in Time behold him come,
Offspring of a Virgin's Womb.

Veil'd in Flesh, the Godhead see,
Hail th' Incarnate Deity!
Pleas'd as Man with Men t' appear
JESUS, our Immanuel here!
 - Hail the Heav'nly Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and Life to All he brings,
Ris'n with Healing in his Wings.

Mild he lays his Glory by,
Born—that Man no more may die,
Born—to raise the Sons of Earth,
Born—to give them Second Birth.
 - Come, Desire of Nations, come,
Fix in Us thy humble Home,
Rise, the Woman's Conqu'ring Seed,
Bruise in Us the Serpent's Head.

Now display thy saving Pow'r,
Ruin'd Nature now restore,
Now in Mystic Union join
Thine to Ours, and Ours to Thine.
 - Adam's Likeness, LORD, efface,
Stamp thy Image in its Place,
Second Adam from above,
Reinstate us in thy Love.

Let us Thee, tho' lost, regain,
Thee, the Life, the Inner Man:
O! to All Thyself impart,
Form'd in each Believing Heart.
- Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn king;
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations rise,
Join the triumph of the skies;
With the angelic host proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the new-born king!"
- Christ, by highest heaven adored;
Christ, the everlasting Lord!
Late in time behold Him come,
Offspring of a Virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
Hail the incarnate Deity,
Pleased in flesh with us to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! The herald-angels sing,
"Glory to the new-born King!"
- Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings,
Risen with healing in His wings,
Mild He lays His glory by,
Born that we no more may die,
Born to raise us from the earth,
Born to give us second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing
"Glory to the new-born king!"

Sermon Notes

- 1. Fill out your bracket

- 2. Rich theology

- 3. The Supremes

- 4. "One world" vs. "two world" people

- 5. Heads and hearts

Men's Breakfast & Bible Study!

Bring a friend and attend the FCC Men's Breakfast & Bible Study this Friday morning, December 10th, from 7:00-8:00 am, at the Hwy Café, 2808 Jacksboro Hwy.

**Save the Date:
Rise Against Hunger**

January 8, 2022
Fellowship Hall

Through the New Testament in a Year

Join in an opportunity to grow your faith by joining Dr. Bender for a year-long Bible Study called *Through the New Testament in a Year*. Participants in this study will receive a book which divides the New Testament into 365 daily readings. Additionally, participants will have the opportunity to regularly gather with Dr. Bender to go deeper into what you are reading. If you are interested in participating in this study and ordering the book, call the church office or text **NT** to 940-310-5673 to register.

CALENDAR

Sunday, December 5 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT		
8:40 am	Worship Service	Chapel
9:30 am	Sunday School / Journey Through Scripture	
10:45 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary/ Livestream
3:00 pm	Pickleball	Gym
NO	Chancel Ringers (High School-Adults)	Stratten Hall
5:00 pm	Young Disciples Choir (Grades K-5)	Stratten Hall
5:00 pm	Youth Fellowship (Grades 6-12)	Room 403/Grm
6:00 pm	Young Disciples (Grades K+5)	Rooms 402/405
Monday, December 6		
7:30 am–6:00 pm	Children Come First "CCF" (M-F)	
9:00–10:00 am	CCF Chapel	Chapel
9:00 am–12:00pm	Young Ages Preschool "YAS" (M-F)	
10:15 am	CCF Pre-K to Santa Housee	Kell House
6:00 pm	"A Night in Bethlehem" Volunteers Meeting	Fellowship Hall
7:30 pm	Boy Scouts Troop 15	Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, December 7		
9:00 am	CCF Pictures with Santa	Parlor
9:30 am	FCC Staff Meeting / Worship Planning	Room 310
3:30 pm	CCF Walk to Fantasy of Lights	MSU
6:30 pm	Common Ground Recovery Ministries Support Groups Anger Management, Parenting, Rebuilding Your Life, Domestic Violence Prevention	Rooms 304 to 308
Wednesday, December 8		
7:00 am	Elders' Breakfast	Room 405
9:00 am	CCF Spanish	Room 300
1:00 pm	Stretch Class	Parlor
5:30 pm	Brown Bag Fellowship	Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm	Neighborhood Worship Service	Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm	First Kidz (PreK-5th)	Room 402
7:00 pm	Youth (Grades 6-12)	Room 403/Gym
7:00 pm	Chancel Choir (High School-Adults)	Stratten Hall
Thursday, December 9		
10:00 am	YAS Music	Room 300
Friday, December 10		
7:00 am	Men's Breakfast & Bible Study	Hwy Café 2802 Jacksboro Hwy
9:00 am	CCF Music	Room 300
10:00 am	YAS Music	Room 300
Saturday, December 11		

Fain Sock Tree

The Fain Sock Tree is up in the church office and we need to remember to "decorate" the tree. So, as you begin to do your Christmas shopping, remember to pick up some hats, scarves, gloves, socks and pjs for the children at Fain. The counselor said that the pajamas sizes 6-12 are especially needed. We will deliver these items to Fain right before they begin their Christmas holidays.

Pantry Sunday

The December collected items will be: jelly (small & large) and spaghetti sauce.

You can continue to help keep the pantry shelves filled by: Donating the monthly items or any type of food items directly anytime into the large box on the porch by the Chapel entrance.