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First Sunday of Advent – November 27, 2022

THE GATHERING

Prelude		Debbie Watson
Welcome and Call to Worship		Claire Baer
Opening Hymn	<i>Come, O Long-Expected Jesus</i>	No. 125
	<i>Come, O long-expected Jesus, born to set your people free. From our fears and sins release us; Christ, in whom our rest shall be. You, our strength and consolation, come salvation to impart; dear desire of many a nation, joy of many a longing heart.</i>	
	<i>Born your people to deliver, born a child, and yet a king, born to reign in us forever, born your gracious realm to bring. By your own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone; by your all sufficient merit raise us to your glorious throne.</i>	
The Lighting of the Advent Candle		Russell & Sally Wilson
Unison Prayer:	Holy God, we long for the Light of your presence. Guide us from the night of our hopelessness and lead us with joy toward the dawning of your New Day. Amen.	
Response	<i>When God Is a Child – vs. 1</i>	No. 132
	<i>Hope is a star that shines in the night, leading us on till the morning bright. 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.</i>	

THE HANGING OF THE GREENS

- Scripture Jeremiah 23:5
Hymn *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* – vs. 1 & 2 No. 160
***Lo, how a rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung,
of Jesse's lineage coming by faithful prophets sung;
it came a flow'ret bright, amid the cold of winter when half spent was the night.***
***Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the rose I have in mind;
with Mary we behold it, the virgin mother kind.***
To show God's love aright she bore to us a Savior when half spent was the night.
- Scripture Isaiah 9:2, 6-7
Hymn *Of the Father's Love Begotten* – vs. 1 & 2 No. 104
***Of the Father's love begotten, ere the worlds began to be,
Christ is Alpha and Omega, he the source, the ending he!
Of the things that are, that have been, and that future years shall see,
evermore and evermore!***
***O ye heights of heave sing praises; angels and archangels sing!
And on earth let all the faithful now your joyous anthems ring,
ev'ry tongue Christ's name confessing, countless voices answering,
evermore and evermore!***
- Scripture Isaiah 11:1-9
Hymn *Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates* No. 129
***Lift up your heads, O mighty gates; behold the glorious Ruler waits!
The Sovereign One is drawing near; the Savior of the world is here.***
***Fling wide the portals of your heart; make it a temple,
set apart from earthly use for heaven's employ,
adorned with prayer and love and joy.***
***Redeemer, come! We open wide our hearts to you; here, Christ, abide!
Let us your inner presence feel, your grace and love in us reveal.***
***So come, our Sovereign; enter in! Let new and nobler life begin;
your Holy Spirit guide us on, until the glorious crown be won.***
- Scripture Isaiah 53:1-6
Anthem *O Come Emmanuel - Hagenberg* Chancel Choir & Barbara Kavanaugh, cello
- Scripture Luke 1:46-55 No. 131
My soul gives glory to my God. My heart pours out its praise.
My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, who has looked with favor on me, a lowly servant.
From this day all generations shall call me blessed:
**the Almighty has done great things for me and holy is the name of the Lord, whose
mercy is on those who fear God from generation to generation.**
My soul gives glory to my God. My heart pours out its praise.

The arm of the Lord is strong, and has scattered the proud in their conceit.
God has cast down the mighty from their thrones and lifted up the lowly.
God has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty.
**God has come to the aid of Israel, the chosen servant, remembering the promise of
mercy, the promise made to our forebears, to Abraham and to his children forever.**

My soul gives glory to my God. My heart pours out its praise.

Hymn

My Soul Gives Glory to My God – vs. 1, 2 & 5

No. 130

My soul gives glory to my God. My heart pours out its praise.

God lifted up my lowliness in many marvelous ways.

My God has done great things for me: yes, holy is her name.

All people will declare me blessed, and blessings they shall claim.

*Praise God, whose loving covenant supports those in distress,
remembering past promises with present faithfulness.*

THE PROCLAMATION

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.**

Meditation

Emmanuel

Dr. Mark Bender

THE RESPONSE

Communion Hymn

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence – vs. 1, 2 & 3

No. 124

***Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;
ponder nothing earthly minded, for with blessing in his hand
Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.***

***Truly God, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth he stood,
word of God, in human vesture, in the body and the blood,
Christ will give to all the faithful his own self for heavenly food.***

***Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way,
as the Light of light descendeth from the realms of endless day,
that the powers of hell may vanish as the shadows clear away.***

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table and Words of Institution

Dr. Mark Bender

Prayers for the Bread & Cup

Jerry Johnson & Kim Ballard

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 OFFERING

Moment for Mission

Offertory

*Doxology

Waiting – Choplin

Brooke Reid

Chancel Choir

No. 46

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below:
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.***

*Offertory Prayer

THE SENDING

Sent from the Table & Invitation to Discipleship

Dr. Mark Bender

Closing Hymn

Blessed Be the God of Israel

No. 135

***Blessed be the God of Israel, who comes to set us free,
who visits and redeems us, and grants us liberty.
The prophets spoke of mercy, of freedom and release;
God shall fulfill the promise to bring our people peace.
Now from the house of David a child of grace has come,
a Savior who will lead us to our eternal home.
before him goes the herald, forerunner in the way,
the prophet of salvation, the harbinger of day.
On all by death imprisoned the sun begins to rise,
the dawning of forgiveness upon the sinner's eyes,
to guide the feet of pilgrims along the paths of peace;
O bless our God and Savior with songs that never cease!***

Benediction

Brooke Reid

Postlude

Debbie Watson

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Memorials and Honors

In memory of William Lancaster (father of Nancy Smith) given by Sandy Hay, Richard & Maggie Phillips, Craig & Shelia Reynolds.

Sermon Notes

1. Velcro dogs

2. The nuances of a name

3. A sign of hope in the midst of conflict

4. A reflection of God's heart

5. "Be with"

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CALENDAR

Sunday, November 27 First Sunday of Advent / Hanging of the Greens		
8:40 am	Worship Service	Chapel
9:30 am	Sunday School	
9:30 am	Journey Through Scripture	Parlor
10:45 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary/ Livestream
12:00 pm	College Bible Study	Rapid Fire Pizza
3:45 pm	Chancel Ringers (High School-Adults)	Stratten Hall
5:00 pm	Young Disciples Choir (Grades K-5)	Stratten Hall
5:00 pm	Youth Activities (Grades 6-12)	Room 403/Gym
6:00 pm	Young Disciples (Grades K-5)	Room 402/405
Monday, November 28		
	Manners Matters Registration Begins	
7:30 am-6:00 pm	Children Come First "CCF" (M-F)	
9:00 am-12:00 pm	Young Ages Preschool "YAS" (M-F)	
9:00 am	CCF Chapel	Chapel
6:00 pm	Leadership Development Committee Meeting	Room 310
7:30 pm	Boy Scouts Troop 15	Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, November 29		
9:30 am	FCC Staff Meeting / Worship Planning	Room 310
6:00 pm	Executive Council Meeting	Room 310
6:30 pm	Common Ground Recovery Ministries Support Groups Anger Management, Parenting, Rebuilding Your Life,	Rooms 304-308
Wednesday, November 30		
7:00 am	Elders' Breakfast	Room 405
9:00 am	CCF Spanish	Room 300
10:15 am	Sheri Sutton's Advent Bible Study	Room 310/Zoom
1:00 pm	Stretch Class	Parlor
5:30 pm	Sheri Sutton's Advent Bible Study	Room 310/Zoom
5:30 pm	Brown Bag Fellowship	Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm	Neighborhood Worship Service	Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm	First Kidz (PreK-5th Grade)	Room 402/405
7:00 pm	Youth Activities (Grades 6-12)	Room 403/Gym
7:00 pm	Chancel Choir (Grades 9-Adults)	Stratten Hall
Thursday, December 1		
10:00 am	YAS Chapel	Chapel
Friday, December 2		
9:00 am	CCF Music	Room 300
10:00 am	YAS Chapel	Chapel
	Leave for DC Youth High School Retreat (Dec. 2-4)	Disciples Crossing
5:30 pm	Keystone Class Decorating Portico Christmas Tree	Sanctuary Portico
6:30 pm	Keystone Class Christmas Party	1725 Eagle Ridge
Saturday, December 3		

Manners Matter

Manners Matter is an etiquette program for 5th and 6th graders taught by the fun and energetic Dee King. During this program students will learn simple etiquette like handshakes, introductions, small talk, table manners, and social media etiquette. Manners Matter will take place on Thursday evenings beginning January 12 and ending on February 16 from 6:30-8:00 pm. Cost is \$100 per student. Registration for FCC church members is open and General Registration will open November 28.