

Order of Service 12.20.20

Prelude

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel -arr. Krug

Welcome/Call to Worship

I Come With Joy

I come with joy to meet my Lord,
Forgiven, loved and free, In awe and
wonder to recall His life laid down for
me, His life laid down for me

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Jim Larson

Announcements/Morning Prayer

Opening Hymn

It Came Upon A Midnight Clear (No. 218)

Verse 1

It came upon the midnight clear,
that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth
to touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, good will to men,
from heaven's all-gracious King."
The world in solemn stillness lay,
to hear the angels sing.

Verse 2

Still through the cloven skies they come
with peaceful wings unfurled,
and still their heavenly music floats
o'er all the weary world;
above its sad and lowly plains,
they bend on hovering wing,
and ever o'er its Babel sounds
the blessed angels sing.

Verse 3

And ye, beneath life's crushing load,
whose forms are bending low,
who toil along the climbing way
with painful steps and slow,
look now! for glad and golden hours
come swiftly on the wing.
O rest beside the weary road,
and hear the angels sing!

Verse 4

For lo! the days are hastening on,
by prophet seen of old,
when with the ever-circling years
shall come the time foretold
when peace shall over all the earth
its ancient splendors fling,
and the whole world send back the song
which now the angels sing.

INVITATION

Christ the Lord invites to
his table all who love him,
who earnestly repent
of their sin
and seek to live in peace
with one another.

Therefore, let us confess
our sin before God
and one another.

CONFESSION AND PARDON

**Merciful God,
we confess that we have not
loved you with our
whole heart.
We have failed to be
an obedient church.**

**We have not done your will,
we have broken your law,
we have rebelled
against your love,
we have not loved
our neighbors,
and we have not heard the
cry of the needy.**

**Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Hear the good news:
Christ died for us while
we were yet sinners;
that proves God's love
toward us.
In the name of Jesus Christ,
you are forgiven!
**In the name of Jesus Christ,
you are forgiven!
Glory to God. Amen.**

Anthem

Adore Him by Kari Jobe
Solo by Melissa Brooks

Scripture

Matthew 2:13-22

Sermon

"I Was Looking For it But I Missed It"

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks
to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our
thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good
and joyful thing,
always and everywhere
to give thanks to you,

Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

And so, with your people on earth
and all the company of heaven
we praise your name and
join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are
full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you, and blessed
is your Son Jesus Christ.
By the baptism of his suffering,
death, and resurrection
you gave birth to your church,
delivered us from slavery
to sin and death,
and made with us a
new covenant
by water and the Spirit.
On the night in which he
gave himself up for us,
he took bread,
gave thanks to you,
broke the bread,
gave it to his disciples
and said:
"Take, eat;
this is my body which is
given for you.
Do this
in remembrance of me."
When the supper was over,
he took the cup,
gave thanks to you,
gave it to his disciples,
and said:
"Drink from this, all of you;
this is my blood
of the new covenant,
poured out for you
and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often
as you drink it,
in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these
your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,

we offer ourselves in praise
and thanksgiving as a
holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ's
offering for us,
as we proclaim the
mystery of faith.

**Christ has died;
Christ is risen;
Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit
on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of
bread and wine.
Make them be for us the body
and blood of Christ,
that we may be for the world
the body of Christ,
redeemed by his blood.
By your Spirit make us
one with Christ,
one with each other,
and one in ministry
to all the world,
until Christ comes in
final victory
and we feast at his
heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the
Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor
and glory is yours, almighty Father, now
and forever. Amen.

And now, with the confidence
of children of God, let us pray:

**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 trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,
and deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever. Amen.**

Closing Hymn

Joy to the World No. 246

Joy to the world, the Lord is come;
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns;
Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding
joy, Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow,
nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessing
flow far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found, far as,
far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness,
and wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love, and wonders,
wonders of His love.

Benediction

Postlude

Jesus Shall Reign-arr. Shackley

**Response is in bold.*

**Join us for a Candlelight
Outdoor Christmas
Celebration tonight!**
12/20/20 at 6:30pm We will
be doing a Lessons &
Carols Service. There will
not be any refreshments after
service. A Rain Plan is in
place. Scan code for the
bulletin for tonight's service.



STEWARDSHIP REPORT

ATTENDANCE	(12/13).....	63
<u>Operating Fund</u>		
Contributions 12/13	\$	11,207.00
Contributions YTD	\$	413,321.07
<u>Capital Improvements Fund</u>		
Contributions 12/13	\$	0.00
Contributions YTD	\$	3,968.00

PRAYER LIST: PRAISES AND CONCERNS

Praises and concerns will stay on this list for one month unless otherwise requested.

Members in Nursing Homes, Assisted Living and Homebound: Peggy Ramey; Sara Griffin; Jane Edwards; Barbara Bridges; Doris Sweeting; Ruth Wilson, Betty Masters.

Military Personnel: SGT Tyler Dixon-Marines; SSGT Jonathan Brucker-Army; CAPT Alex Plonk-Air Force; S 1 Tyler Hellstrand-Navy; Abbey Wallace-Air Force (Afghanistan); SSG Colby Bailey—Army (Deployed); LT Boone McDaniel, Navy; CAPT Wendell Bunch, Jr.—Army; CAPT Alex Young,—Air Force; SP4 Joshua Brucker (Fort Campbell); Skyler Rhea—Army (Saudi Arabia).

Praises: Birth of Bexley Cate Bridges daughter of Ramey & Matt Bridges, granddaughter of Faye & Clyde Kerns; great granddaughter of Peggy Ramey on 11/20/20; Birth of Klayton Selleck, son of Vincent and Tehani Selleck; grandson of Melissa & Gene Bragg on 12/9/20.

Concerns (members/constituents/church-related concerns): Guidance in developing new ministries; our college students; Community Kitchen Ministry; Tom Bennett 11.4.20; Jay Hendricks, Betty Master's son (surgery) 11.30.20; MaryWade Smith 12.16.20.

Concerns (friends/relatives/other concerns): All children in need; Samuel Smith (cancer) 9.30.19; Cristi Boyd 9.30.19; Diane Larose 10.7.19; Crystal Braswell 10.16.19; Faye Pettrey; (Suffered from a fall).