



Sunday, December 6, 2020
Second Sunday in Advent
Holy Communion Sunday



Prelude *Wachet auf (Sleepers Awake)*
Velda Graham Bell, organ

J.S. Bach

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Cynthia Coffin-Langdon

Lighting the Advent Candle of Love

Pastor Jeanine, Pastor Cynthia, the Craft family

Today is the second Sunday of Advent. We re-light the candle of Love. Today is the Sunday of HOPE. Our hope is in God and in God's son, Jesus Christ. He is the One through whom God has promised to save and help us. We light this candle today to remind us that Jesus Christ is our hope and the hope of the world. We thank God for the light Jesus brought into the world.

Hymn *The King of Glory Comes*

The Faith We Sing #2091
led by Tapestry

*Refrain: The King of glory comes, the nation rejoices.
Open the gates before him, lift up your voices.*

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*1. Who is the King of glory; how shall we call him?
He is Emmanuel, the promised of ages.*

*3. Sing then of David's son, our Savior and brother;
in all of Galilee was never another.*

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*2. In all of Galilee, in city or village,
he goes among his people curing their illness.*

Morning Prayer
Concerns and Celebrations

Rev. MaryAnne Korsch

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

Scripture Reading

Susan Smart

Matthew 1:18-25

This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother, Mary, was pledged to be married to Joseph but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. Because Joseph, her husband, was faithful to the law and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.

But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.”

All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: “The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel” (which means “God with us”).

When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

Offering Our Gifts and Tithes

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Offertory *Come, O Redeemer, Come*

Fernando Ortega

Emma Rustan, vocalist

Sermon *Yes, there is HOPE!*

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Pastor Cynthia Coffin-Langdon

Hymn *Awake! Awake and Greet the New Morn*

verses 1, 2, 4
led by Velda Graham Bell

1. *Awake! Awake and greet the new morn,
for angels herald its dawning,
sing out your joy, for Jesus is born,
behold! the Child of our longing.
Come as a baby weak and poor,
to bring all hearts together,
to open wide the heavenly door,
and lives now inside us forever.*

2. *To us, to all in sorrow and fear,
Emmanuel comes a-singing,
whose humble song is quiet and near,
yet fills the earth with its ringing.*

*Music to heal the broken soul
and hymns of loving kindness,
the thunder of the anthems roll
to shatter all hate and injustice.*

4. *Rejoice, rejoice, take heart in the night,
though cold the winter and cheerless,
the rising sun shall crown you with light,
be strong and loving and fearless;
Love be our song and love our prayer,
and love, our endless story,
may God fill every day we share,
and bring us at last into glory.*

Words for Going Forth

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Postlude *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

arr. Marshall McDonald and Steven Nelson

Derek Bromme, trombone; Velda Graham Bell, piano



The Minnesota Annual Conference and Bishop Bruce Ough have dialed back our COVID status to Red, due to the surge of the disease in Minnesota. For FUMC, it means the church office is closed (we will do phone calls and Zoom meetings) and we will not be able to host any groups in the building until the status changes. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Jeanine, Council Co-chairs Scott Hedlund or Ron Berkeland, or Lay Leaders Cindy Hedlund or Jim Wheeler.

***Christmas Eve Worship:** our traditional Candlelight Worship service will premiere on our YouTube channel at both 4pm and 10pm on December 24. We are doing two premieres so that you will have a chance to greet other worshippers using the chat function. Both services may also be watched at any time after they premiere.*

***Advent and Christmas Giving Project:** This year we will be giving to people using the CHUM Food Shelf and Shelter, and Harbor House. Please bring your donated items to the front door of the church and put them in the bins with the yellow lids. The bins are available on Sunday from 11-12 and on Monday-Thursday from 10-2. Monetary donations or gift cards may be mailed to the church. This week we are collecting cereal (especially needed by CHUM) and other food items. Last week we collected warm hats, scarves, mittens and coats, and next week will be socks and underwear. You can donate any of these items any time during Advent. Thank you for your love and generosity to our community!*

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