

Worship of the Living God
First Sunday of Advent

Prelude John Stafford; organ
Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

Welcome Rev. Josh Musser Gritter

* Lighting of the Advent Candle
Russ, Megan, and Della Adams

We hope for a world where all are fed.
We hope for a world with more bridges than walls.
We hope for a world with wide open doors.
We hope for a world with contagious laughter.
We hope for a world where trees grow tall and creeks run clean.
We hope for a world where all people feel at home—in their bodies, in the church, in their physical homes.
We hope for that world.
We long for that world.
We are homesick for the world God promises.
So today we light the candle of hope, because God keeps our hope alive as we wait.
God is here. God is still creating.
We are close to home. May we carry hope with us. Amen.

* Hymn 88 VENI EMMANUEL
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (verses 1, 2, 6, 7)

* Confession of Sin Rev. Lara Musser Gritter
Gracious God,
We find ourselves with two options every day—
to stay homesick for the world you had in mind,
or to allow cynicism to win.
Do we hope against hope, or do we throw in the towel?
Do we insist on a better world,
or do we assume it's impossible?
Forgive us for the days when cynicism wins.
Forgive us for numbing our homesick hurt
instead of using it to fuel a better world.
Kindle in us a hope that won't let go.
Gratefully we pray, Amen.

* Assurance of Forgiveness

* Musical Response 113 GLORIA
Angels We Have Heard on High (refrain only)

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Isaiah 40:1-12

Scripture: Isaiah 40:29-31

Sermon Rev. Josh Musser Gritter

* Affirmation of Faith
The Apostles' Creed
I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by 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

Announcements & Celebrations

Minute for Mission Evangelism Committee

Offering

Offertory Sanctuary Choir
Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

* Hymn 92 WAITING
While We Are Waiting, Come

Sacrament of Holy Communion
Invitation to the Lord's Table
Great Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer
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.
Communion of the People
"The body of Christ, given for you."
"The blood of Christ, shed for you."

* Prayer after Communion

* Hymn 357 LLANGLOFFAN
The Days Are Surely Coming

* Benediction

Postlude John Stafford; organ
Trumpet the Glad Tidings

*Those who are able are invited to stand.
Bold indicates words spoken in unison.

Nursery Available

We are happy to have God's children of all ages attend worship. However, if you desire, we have a fantastic nursery located in the Family Life Center building. Please see an usher, and they will be happy to guide you to the nursery since the building is locked for the safety of our children.

The flowers today are given to the glory of God
and in memory of their dear mothers,
Jennie Norman and Ruth Thabet, by Jim and Barbara Norman

Joys and Concerns this week:

Wanda Huntley, Luke Bryan, Danny Fisher

Scott Hay and family on the death of his niece, Christine Corrington

Carol and Acey Worthy on the birth of their great-granddaughter, Beatrix Elizabeth Enriquez, on November 19

Continuing Concerns:

Keith Corriher (Jan Corriher Smith’s cousin), Lois Boyd (Ellie Grover’s mother), Mike Farris, Scott Hay, Maria Hudson, Martha Lassiter, Steven Lescoe, Jan Lewis, Rocky Mead (Chris Mead’s father), Judy Rochelle, Sean Walker, Acey Worthy

Pictorial Directory!

Please stop by our FPC photo booth and have your family’s picture taken (no sales, no long wait, no appointments) on Sundays, November 21, 28, and December 5. Our booth will be set up after both worship services—Lewis Hall foyer at 9:15 and on the Parking lot sidewalk at 12:00. If the weather does not permit us to be outside, it will be set up in the Lewis Hall foyer. The staff hopes everyone will make this a priority. We want to have everyone pictured in the upcoming in-house directory!

Rowan Helping Ministries Food Sunday

Please remember to bring in your shelf-stable donations next Sunday, December 5, to help restock the RHM pantry shelves.

2021 Giving Update

As of October 31, 2021	
YTD Budgeted Giving	\$869,686.67
YTD Giving	<u>\$855,304.93</u>
Short	\$14,381.74

Commitment 2022

As of November 23, we have received 169 pledges totaling \$891,303 toward our 2022 budget. It is with deep gratitude and thankfulness that we thank all those who have turned in their commitment cards. However, we as a congregation still have a financial challenge. We still need \$233,966 in pledges to meet our budget for next year. The session cannot complete the budget process without hearing from you.

Music and Art Credits

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music from *Alte Catholische Geistliche Kirchengesäng* | arr. Diane Bish
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words Latin prose (pre-9th cent.) |
music from Plainsong; adapt. Thomas Helmore (1852); arr. John Weaver (1988) |
music arr. © John Weaver (1990)

Angels We Have Heard on High
words from French carol; trans. James Chadwick (1860) |
music from French Carol arr. Edward Barnes (1937)
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Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming
words from German carol; trans. Theodore Baker (1894) |
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words by Claire Cloninger (1986) | music by Don Cason (1986)
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The Days Are Surely Coming
words by David Gambrell (2009) |
music from Welsh melody; Llwybrau Moliant (1872; harm. The English Hymnal (1906)
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Trumpet the Glad Tidings
music by James Mansfield
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FPC Missional Priorities

Spirit-Centered Discipleship
Hands-on Local Missions
Friendship Across Difference
Embracing the Unchurched

Sunday, November 28, 2021

11:00 am

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