

A Service of Thanksgiving and Worship of God

First Sunday of Advent

November 27, 2022

*When you see *beside a word, please stand if you are able.*

Gathering as a Living Fellowship

*ENTERING HIS GATES WITH PRAISE

This is our “gathering” song (Psalm 100:4) as you come before Him in joyful song—**please remember to silence your electronic devices.**

“Sing We the Song of Emmanuel”

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Sing we the song of Emmanuel; This the Christ who was long foretold.

Lo in the shadows of Bethlehem,

Promise of dawn now our eyes behold!

God Most High in a manger laid; Lift your voices and now proclaim.

Great and glorious, Love has come to us;

Join now with the hosts of heaven.

Come we to welcome Emmanuel;

King who came with no crown or throne.

Helpless He lay, the Invincible, Maker of Mary, now Mary’s son.

O what wisdom to save us all; Shepherds, sages, before Him fall.

Grace and majesty, what humility; Come on bended knee, adore Him.

Go spread the news of Emmanuel; Joy and peace for the weary heart.

Lift up your heads, for your King has come;

Sing for the Light overwhelms the dark.

Glory shining for all to see, Hope alive, let the gospel ring;

God has made a way, He will have the praise;

Tell the world His name is Jesus. (Repeat Chorus)

Gloria, Gloria, Gloria, Gloria; Gloria, Gloria, Gloria, Gloria

Gloria, Gloria, Gloria, Gloria.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Preparing Our Hearts for Worship

PRELUDE This is a time of preparation and anticipation; a time to “be still and know that I am God.” (Psalm 46:10)

INVOCATION As you prepare your heart for worship, ask God to be at work—forgiving your sin and helping you know Him better.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Lamentations 3:22-23

Leader: Come, let us worship! Because of the Lord’s great love, we are not consumed, for His compassions never fail.

Unison: *They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness, O God!*

*HYMN OF PRAISE #32

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

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Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father

There is no shadow of turning with Thee

Thou changest not Thy compassions they fail not

As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest

Sun moon and stars in their courses above

Join with all nature in manifold witness

To Thy great faithfulness mercy and love

Beginning to end, my life in Your hands. Great, great is Your faithfulness. You never let go. This one thing I know: Great, great is Your faithfulness. Oh, great, great is Your faithfulness.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth

Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide

Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow

Blessings all mine with ten thousand beside. **(Chorus)**

Great is Thy faithfulness. Great is Thy faithfulness

Morning by morning new mercies I see

All I have needed Thy hand has provided

Great is Thy faithfulness Lord unto me.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH AND LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Leader: As we begin a new church year, why do we light the Advent candles?

Unison: *Jesus said, “I am the Light of the world. He who follows Me will not walk in darkness but will have the Light of Life.”*

Leader: What is the meaning of the first lighted candle?

Unison: *The first lighted candle is a reminder of the Light of Hope of the Prophets.*

Leader: Who were the Prophets?

Unison: *The Prophets were men called by God to speak His Word to the people of Israel. At times the Prophets spoke promises made by God that would come true many years in the future. Often the promises related to the coming of the Messiah, God’s Son, our Savior Jesus Christ.*

PASTORAL PRAYER

Celebrating God through Worship and Thanksgiving

PSALTER READING

Psalm 138

(Pages 444 in Pew Bible)

*SINGING OF PSALMS, HYMNS, AND SPIRITUAL SONGS

“Great Is the Lord”

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Great is the Lord, He is holy and just, By His power we trust in His love.

Great is the Lord, He is faithful and true, By His mercy He proves He is love. Great are you Lord and worthy of glory,

Great are you Lord and worthy of praise,

Great are you Lord, I lift up my voice, I lift up my voice;

Great are you Lord! Great are you Lord! **(Repeat)**

“My Heart Is Filled with Thankfulness”

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My heart is filled with thankfulness to Him who bore my pain; who plumbd the depths of my disgrace and gave me life again; who crushed my curse of sinfulness, and clothed me with His light, and wrote His law of righteousness with pow’r upon my heart.

My heart is filled with thankfulness to Him who walks beside; who floods my weaknesses with strength and causes fears to fly; whose every promise is enough for every step I take, sustaining me with arms of love and crowning me with grace.

My heart is filled with thankfulness to Him who reigns above; whose wisdom is my perfect peace, whose every thought is love.

For every day I have on earth is given by the King.

So I will give my life, my all, to love and follow Him.

REFLECTION AND PUBLIC PRAYER

(As you pray, you are invited to offer prayers of Thanksgiving out loud, as well as in your hearts.)

GOSPEL READING

Mark 5:14-20

(Page 710 in Pew Bible)

*SINGING OF PSALMS, HYMNS, AND SPIRITUAL SONGS

“Give Thanks”

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Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One,

Give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ, His Son.

Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One,

Give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ, His Son.

And now let the weak say I am strong, Let the poor say, I am rich,

Because of what the Lord has done for us.

And now let the weak say I am strong, Let the poor say, I am rich,

Because of what the Lord has done for us.

Give thanks, give thanks, give thanks.

“My Jesus I Love Thee”

#648, vs 1-4

REFLECTION AND PRIVATE PRAYER

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Ephesians 5:15-21
(Page 829 in Pew Bible)

SINGING OF PSALMS, HYMNS, AND SPIRITUAL SONGS

“Thank You, Lord!”

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For all that You've done I will thank You, For all that You're going to do. For all that You've promised, and all that You are, is all that has carried me through, Jesus, I thank You!

Men: And I thank You, thank You, Lord!

Women echo: And I thank You, thank You.

Thank You for loving and setting me free, Thank You for giving your life just for me. How I thank You—Jesus, I thank You—Gratefully thank You—Thank You. (Repeat Song)

REFLECTION AND CORPORATE PRAYER Matthew 6:9-13
Unison: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Responding in Faith

*HYMN OF RESPONSE: “From Everlasting”

*PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*OFFERTORY PRAYER (Offering plates are in the back of the sanctuary. Tithes and offerings may be placed in them either before or after the service.)

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*DISMISSAL: “Sing We the Song of Emanuel”

Go spread the news of Emmanuel; Joy and peace for the weary heart.
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POSTLUDE



We are glad that you are worshiping with us today! Here is some information that may be helpful for you: Please note that this is what we typically offer. During our time of social distancing, some of the activities are on hold.

- **Parents:** We welcome and desire infants and children to be in our worship service. Since we recognize there will be times you will want to step out of worship to care for your child's needs, we also provide a video feed of the service in the hallway, nursery, and cry room (across the hall outside the sanctuary) and the fellowship hall.
- Our **nursery** is down the hallway on the right (turn right when you leave the sanctuary).
- Our **restrooms** are down the hall on the left (turn right when you leave the sanctuary).
- **Sunday School** begins at 11:10 am for all ages. Any of our members will be glad to help you find a class room. Our younger children's classrooms are along our hallway outside the sanctuary.
- We have “**Children's Church**” for 4 years olds - 1st grade during the sermon (except on the last Sunday of the month). Children return to their families before the end of the service.
- We do not pass the offering plates during our service. Prayer request cards and offerings can be placed in them before or after the service.
- We have a greeter outside the sanctuary during worship and outside our Sunday School classes during the Sunday School hour. He greets those who join us during those times and is also available to assist you if you have questions.

Week of Nov. 27, 2022	Week of Dec 4, 2022
Greeters: Dalton / Fleming	Greeters: Thomas / Phillips
Sun., 11/27 9:30 am Worship Service @ Westwood and online 10:45 am Fellowship	Sun., 12/04 9:30 am Worship Service @ Westwood and online 10:45 am Fellowship 11:10 am Sunday School 12:00 pm Choir Practice
Mon., 11/28 7:00 am Elder/Deacon Prayer	Mon., 12/05 7:00 am Elder/Deacon Prayer
Wed., 11/30 10:00 am Game Day @church 6:30 pm Bible study (details in Memo) 6:30 pm College/Career @ Steever's	Wed., 12/07 10:00 am Game Day @church 6:30 pm College/Career @ Steever's
Fri., 12/02 10:00 am Women's Study at Westwood 11:30 am Women's Lunch (details in Memo)	Fri., 12/09 11:30 am Women's Lunch (details in Memo)

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Our secretary's office hours: 8:30 - 3:30 Wednesday

Welcome

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