

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1

10:00 AM—Worship Service
11:00 AM—Faith Formation
11:00 AM—Advent Study (E205)
11:00 AM—PW CT (E102)
2:00 PM—JV FLY
7:30 PM—B365 Bowman (Zoom)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2

8:00 AM—Men’s H3 Breakfast (Brueggers)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3

7:30 AM - Men’s Breakfast (FH)
7:30 PM—Personnel Ministry (E205)
9:00 AM—Yoga (Parlor)
10:30 AM—Staff Meeting (E102)
10:30 AM—H3 Hunter (E205)
1:00 PM—B365 Black (E205)
4:00 PM—Education Ministry (E205)
5:30 PM—Service & Benevolence (E205)
5:30 PM—Worship Ministry (S211)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4

4:00 PM—Book Discussion
5:30 PM—Children’s Choir
6:00 PM—B365 Skidmore
6:15 PM—Handbell Choir
7:00 PM—Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5

9:00 AM—Yoga (Parlor)
10:00 AM—B365 Collins
5:30 PM—Property Ministry (E205)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6

Middle School Retreat

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

10:00 AM—Worship Service
11:00 AM—Reception in parlor
4:00 PM—Children’s Choir Sing-a-long
5:00 PM—H.S. FLY Christmas party
7:30 PM—B365 Bowman (Zoom)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9

8:00 AM—Men’s H3 Breakfast (Brueggers)
10:00 AM—Circle 3
11:00 AM—Circle 2
5:30 PM—Coordinating Council
6:00 PM—Stephen Ministry

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10

7:30 AM - Men’s Breakfast (FH)
9:00 AM—Yoga (Parlor)
10:00 AM—Circle 1 (FH)
10:30 AM—H3 Hunter (E205)
1:00 PM—B365 Black (E205)
4:00 PM Circle 4
4:00 PM—Education Ministry (E205)
5:30 PM—Service & Benevolence Ministry (E205)
5:30 PM—Worship Ministry (S211)

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Worship Notes

- ***PLEASE BE AWARE** we live stream our worship and our services are video-recorded.
- ***LARGE PRINT HYMNALS AND BIBLES ARE AVAILABLE.** Please ask an usher if you would like to use one during our service.
- ***CHILDCARE** is provided for all infants and children 6 yrs and younger.
- ***HEARING SYSTEM** available for those who are hearing impaired. Please ask an usher.
- ****PLEASE REMEMBER TO SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONE****

**Office Hours are Monday– Thursday
8:30–5:00 & Friday 8:30-1:00 pm**

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2024

10:00AM

WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Ed Black

PRELUDE

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”
Michael Costello

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

The Prophet Candle

The McCoy Family

Leader: From ancient times, prophets have spoken of a messiah who was to come.
All: We know what it is like to walk in great darkness, waiting for a messiah!
Leader: This messiah would be like a light in the darkness, illuminating our path and giving us hope.
All: We wait for the birth of such a messiah; the birth of one who will shine the light of God into our world.
Leader: The words of the prophets give us hope and rekindle our faith.
Unison: According to the word of your prophets, O Lord, send your messiah into our world and into our lives!

***HYMN NO. 88**

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

verses 1, 4, & 7

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Holy God, Most High, we confess that we live our lives without much sense of expecting you to come. We confess that we have made our comfort more important than our preparedness, and our convenience more important than our purity. We prepare our presents for others without preparing our hearts for Christ. Forgive our Sin. Show us your love. Reveal to us your purpose, so that we may be motivated to prepare our hearts and purify our lives so that when you come, you will claim us as your children. Come, Lord Jesus, Come! Amen.

**Those who are able, please stand.*

The Season of Advent is the beginning of the Christian year, and the season when we begin again to anticipate God’s coming into the world through the birth of Jesus. Our task is to prepare our hearts and our lives to welcome this Messiah! This means we must evaluate our lives and hearts, admit that we often seek to worship other gods, and work to humble ourselves and worship God alone. Advent is the season that helps us prepare for a faithful celebration of God’s coming into the world and into our hearts.

A corporate prayer of confession doesn’t attempt to identify individual sins, but instead to give us words to confess the many ways in which we and all people fall short of what God intends us to be. If the particular words of this prayer do not help you name where you are separated from God and others, please make your own prayers.

An assurance of pardon is one way of claiming God's promised forgiveness and grace. We believe that when we repent of our sin and ask God to forgive us that God does in fact forgive us. We don't need a preacher or priest to ask on our behalf. God deals with us directly as believers who seek to love and to follow.

Children learn to worship God by participating in worship, and we are glad to have our youngest disciples in the sanctuary. Time for Young Disciples is designed to include our children in worship, and to teach our children more about being a disciple of Jesus.

The Lord's Prayer offers a good summary of much of Jesus' teachings.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

There is no darkness and no sin that is greater than your ability to redeem and forgive, O Lord!

**Because of your love, and through Christ's sacrifice, we are forgiven.
Thank you, O Lord!**

*HYMN NO. 581

GLORIA PATRI

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.*

TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Dr. Ellen Skidmore

(Children through 1st grade depart to Room #E107)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 11:1-9

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Prepare the Way: Prophets"

Dr. Ellen Skidmore

TO RESPOND IN FAITH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Ed Black

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

THE OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"O Come, O Come, Immanuel"
Sleeth/Marshall
Chancel Choir

*THE DOXOLOGY

*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. Amen.*

*THE DEDICATION

May these gifts, given in gratitude and love,
Change us and the world to serve your purpose!

*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.

*HYMN NO. 87

"Comfort, Comfort Now My People"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*SENDING SONG - HYMN NO. 88 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

"Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel"

*POSTLUDE

"On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry"
David Cherwien

Sanctuary Flowers

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and in loving memory of John H. Poole,
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Although not written by Jesus' disciples, The Apostles' Creed does reflect the theological formulations of the first century church. An early form of the creed was developed around 180 CE to refute the heresy that the God revealed in Jesus Christ was different from the God revealed in the Jewish Bible (Marcionism). The creed took its present form by the eighth century.

The Postlude is intended to provide worshipers a transition from praise and worship to serving God. If you wish to sit, listen to the music, and pray, please feel free to do so. Sitting for the postlude is your sign that you want space and time to conclude your worship. If you prefer or need to stand, move, and greet other worshipers, please do so. Please feel free to do either.