

The Chapel in the Pines

December 4, 2022

*Serving our Community by Preaching, Teaching,
and Living the Gospel of Jesus Christ,
Second Sunday of Advent*



The flowers on the Communion table this week are given to the Glory of God by Bob Dantzer in loving thanks for Pat and in loving memory of Issy.

The Chiming of the Trinity

The Prelude — Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus - Arr. Thygerson

The Concerns, Celebrations, and Prayers of our Chapel Family

The Preparation — Prepare the Way of the Lord - Berthier

The Invocation and 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, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever...Amen.**

A Reading from the Psalms Adapted from Psalm 72

*May all good men flourish in his reign
with an abundance of peace to the end of time.*

***Call to Worship**

The call of God has come to us. How shall we respond?

We have many choices.

One is to sit and do nothing and see what God has in store.

Another is to prepare ourselves

for the coming of God's mighty kingdom

by repenting and changing our lives to be in tune with God.

Selah

We are called to active faith--to turn our lives around and work for God.

God will be with us, forgiving, encouraging,

and strengthening us for God's work.

Selah

Our Advent journey of preparation continues.

We need to get ourselves ready to receive God's most precious gift.

Lord, help us to be strong and ready to follow you.

Open our hearts and spirits this day.

Congregation Singing

With such preach-ing stark and bold

John pro-claimed sal-va-tion near,

and his time-less warn-ings hold

words of hope to all who hear.

So we dare to jour-ney on,

led by faith through ways un-trod,

till we come at last like John

to be-hold the Lamb of God

***Hymn** #8 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!

All ye who hear,

Now to His temple draw near;

Join me in glad adoration!

2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,

Shelters thee under His wings, yes, so gently sustaineth!

Hast thou not seen

How all thy longings have been

Granted in what He ordaineth?

3 Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;

Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.

Ponder anew

What the Almighty can do,

If with His love He befriend thee.

4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!

All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before

Him.

Let the Amen

Sound from His people again:

Gladly for aye we adore Him.

Amen.



***The Passing of the Peace**

The grace and peace
of our Lord and Savior Jesus the Christ be with you all...
and also with you.

The Passing of the Welcome Pads

The Call to Confession

The Prayer of Confession

**O God, the stories of our faith have lost their power.
We have heard the prophecies spoken so many times,
the promises retold again and again,
the call to prepare ourselves for your coming repeated so often,
we don't really hear or heed them anymore.
We have replaced these messages of life:
with guessing what presents we are getting,
with preparing for parties,
and the social obligations of Christmas.
Bring us back to a sense of mystery:
a sense of awe, a sense of wonder,
a sense of excitement, a sense of anticipation,
a sense that something special
is about to break into our everyday world.
Help us prepare our hearts, souls, and minds
for the coming of the Prince of Peace. Amen.**

The Declaration of Forgiveness

The Lighting of the Advent Candle of Peace

The Prayer of Illumination

A Reading from the Gospels Matthew 3:1-12

“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.

Special Music — Remember, O Thou Man - Ravenscroft



Homily Repent...Then What?

***Hymn** #259 Breathe on me, Breath of God

1 Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Fill me with life anew,
That I may love what Thou dost love,
And do what Thou wouldst do.

2 Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Until my heart is pure,
Until my will is one with Thine,
To do and to endure.

3 Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Till I am wholly Thine,
Until this earthly part of me
Glows with Thy fire divine.

4 Breathe on me, Breath of God,
So shall I never die,
But live with Thee the perfect life
Of Thine eternity.

Amen.

The Prayers of the People

The Call to the Offering

The Offertory — O Come, Emmanuel - Butler

***Doxology**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.**

***The Prayer of Dedication**



***Hymn** #493 It Is Well with My Soul

1 When peace like a river attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou has taught me to say,
"It is well, it is well with my soul."

Refrain:

It is well with my soul,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

2 Though Satan should buffet, tho' trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
And hath shed His own blood for my soul. **[Refrain]**

3 My sin - O the bliss of this glorious thought,
My sin - not in part but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! **[Refrain]**

4 And Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend,
"Even so" - it is well with my soul. **[Refrain]**

***The Charge and Benediction**

***Hymn** #498 Peace Like a River (verse 1)

**I've got peace like a ri-ver, I've got peace like a riv-er,
I've got peace like a riv-er in my soul.
I've got peace like a riv-er, I've got peace like a riv-er,
I've got peace like a riv-er in my soul.**

***Postlude** — Whiter Than Snow - Smith



Prayers for Chapel Friends:



Patty and Jackie Madden, Phyllis Mahin, Jack Sealey, Mary Faas, Anthony Tuliano, Cynthia Peppe, Janet Hegeman, Ellie Lyons, Maggie Simmons, Dot Cantwell, Kathy Steele, Sabrina Levine, Chandler Steward, Mike Karnish, Laurie Stevens, Evangeline Caliandro, Little Daniel Auman, Koran Sanders, Val Scantlin, Joseph Rickards, Katie Halus, Lou Mathews, Cami Thistles, Charlie Murray, Father Gary Sawtelle, Nick Benschoter, Angie Pinyan, Eddie McInnis, and the people of Ukraine.

Prayers for Chapel Family:

George Hoffman, Bud Holzerland, Mary Kay Allen, Nancee Letter, Charles Hinson, Jane and Jeff Lowe, Dave Westerman, Meta Evans, Joan Tourt, Peggy Olson, Shirley Percival, Alicia Delong, Bill and JoAn Moses.



December Announcements

Thursday-December 1 Phyllis Young
Monday-December 5 Bob Donaldson
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Tuesday-December 7 Worth Singletary

Saturday-December 10
 Joyce & Worth Singletary



Altar Flowers

December

12-4 Bob Dantzer
12-11 John Caggiano
12-18 Alice McPheeters
12-25 Tim & RJ Peppe



Looking Ahead!

Sunday-December 4	9:00 am 2:00 pm 4:00 pm	Second Sunday of Advent Advent Afternoons Advent Afternoons—Online
Wednesday-December 7	5:30 pm 6:00 pm	Chapel Choir Practice Christmas Cantata Rehearsal
Friday-December 9	10:00 am	Mission Team
<i>Christmas Gift Wrapping</i>		
Friday-December 9	6:00 pm	Movie "The Bishop's Wife"
Sunday-December 11	9:00 am 2:00 pm 4:00 pm 3:00 pm	Third Sunday of Advent Chapel Board Meeting Advent Afternoons Advent Afternoons—Online Movie—"It's A Wonderful Life"
Friday-December 16	3:00 pm	10:00 am—2:00 pm
Monday-December 12 through Friday-December 16		
<i>Christmas Gift Distribution</i>		
Sunday-December 18	9:00 am 2:00 pm 4:00 pm	Fourth Sunday of Advent Advent Afternoons Advent Afternoons—Online
Saturday-December 24	4:00 pm	Christmas Eve Service
<i>Candles Carols and Communion</i>		
Sunday-December 25	9:00 am	Christmas Day
<i>The Nativity of the Lord</i>		
Sunday-January 1	9:00 am	Epiphany of the Lord



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