

The Chapel in the Pines

December 18, 2022

*Serving our Community by Preaching, Teaching,
and Living the Gospel of Jesus Christ.*

Fourth Sunday of Advent



**The flowers on the Communion table this week are given
to the Glory of God by Alice McPheeters in loving memory of Terry.**

The Chiming of the Trinity

The Prelude — O Come, O Come Emmanuel - Arr. Carraway

The Concerns, Celebrations, and Prayers of our Chapel Family

The Preparation

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 Old Testament Isaiah 7:14
...the young woman is with child and shall bear a son,
and shall name him Immanuel.

***The Call to Worship**

We have been looking for a sign.
Emmanuel—God with us.

We have been waiting for a savior.
Emmanuel—God with us.

The time is near...can it be?
Emmanuel—God with us.

Come let us worship the God of
hope, peace, joy and love.
Emmanuel—God with us.

***Hymn** #134 Emmanuel (repeat)

Em-man-u-el, Em-man-u-el,
His name is called Em-man-u-el;
God with us, revealed in us;
His name is called Em-man-u-el.

***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

An Advent Prayer

The Lighting of the Advent Candle of Love

The Prayer of Illumination

A Reading from the Epistles Romans 1:1-7
...the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh
and was declared to be Son of God...

Special Music

A Reading from the Gospels Matthew 1:18-25
*"Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived
in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he
will save his people from their sins."*



The Response to the Word

The prophet Isaiah tells us that a young woman shall bear a son and shall call Him Emmanuel...God with us.

God is no longer a distant God, but is in the here and now.

As Joseph trusted in the message of God's angel,
so we can trust in God's message of grace, redemption, and love.

Rejoice people of God!

**Through Christ, God is lavishing us
with unlimited, unimaginable, unexpected, and unconditional love.**

Homily Prepared for the Unexpected?

***Hymn** #65 The Wonder of it All

1 There's the won-der of sun-se at eve-ning,
The won-der as sun-rise I see;
But the won-der of won-ders that thrills my soul
Is the won-der that God loves me.

Refrain

O, the won-der of it all!
The on-der of it all!
Just to think that God loves me.
O, the won-der of it all!
The won-der of it all!
Just to think that God loves me.

2 There's the won-der of spring-time and har-vest,
The sky, the stars, the sun;
But the won-der of won-ders that thrills my soul
Is a won-der that's only be-gun. [**Refrain**]

Prayers of the People

Invitation to the Offering

The Offertory —O Little Town of Bethlehem - Arr. Wyrzten

***The 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 #92 Love Divine, All Love Excelling

***The Charge and Benediction**

*Hymn #498 Peace Like a River (verse 2)

**I've got love like an o-cean, I've got love like an o-cean,
I've got love like an o-cean in my soul.
I've got love like an o-cean, I've got love like an o-cean,
I've got love like an o-cean in my soul.**

***Postlude** — Watchman, Tell Us of the Night - Mason



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, Val Scantlin, Kevin Alley, Nick Benschoter, Angie Pinyan, Eddie McInnis, Israel Duncan, Olivia McDonald, 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 and Edward Lee.



December Announcements

Friday-December 23 Kathy Golzio
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Saturday-December 24 Roberto Guadalupe

Sunday-December 18
 Dave & Mimi Gianni
Wednesday-December 21
 Roberto & Elvia Guadalupe



Altar Flowers

December
12-25 Tim & RJ Peppe
January
1-1 Volunteer Needed
1-8 Volunteer Needed
1-15 Volunteer Needed



Looking Ahead!

Saturday-December 24	4:00 pm	Christmas Eve Service <i>Candles Carols and Communion</i>
Sunday-December 25	9:00 am	Christmas Day <i>Lessons [✠] Carols</i>
Sunday-January 1	9:00 am	Epiphany of the Lord Sunday
Thursday-January 5	2:30 pm	Fran's Friends
Sunday-January 8	9:00 am	Baptism of the Lord Sunday
Sunday-January 15	9:00 am	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday-January 22	9:00 am	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday-January 29	9:00 am	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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