

The Chapel in the Pines

December 24, 2023

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

Heaven and Earth; Advent and the Incarnation

The Advent Sunday of Peace



**The flowers on the Communion table this week are given
to the Glory of God by:**

**Amie Collins in celebration of the birth of Christ and
in loving memory of the life of Robert Racine and Brian Racine**

**Joan Anton and family in loving memory of their parents
Harold and Marjorie Blake**

Elvia Guadalupe in celebration of Roberto Guadalupe's Birthday.

The Chiming of the Trinity

The Concerns, Celebrations, and Prayers of our Chapel Family

The Prelude

The Preparation. "I Believe in Being Ready" Traditional Southern Gospel

***Hymn**

#515 Since Jesus Came Into My Heart

1 What a wonderful change in my life has been wrought
Since Jesus came into my heart!
I have light in my soul for which long I had sought,
Since Jesus came into my heart!

Refrain:

Since Jesus came into my heart,
Since Jesus came into my heart,
Floods of joy o'er my soul like the sea billows roll,
Since Jesus came into my heart.

2 I have ceased from my wand'ring and going astray,
Since Jesus came into my heart!
And my sins, which were many, are all washed away,
Since Jesus came into my heart! **[Refrain]**

3 I shall go there to dwell in that City, I know
Since Jesus came into my heart!
And I'm happy, so happy, as onward I go,
Since Jesus came into my heart! **[Refrain]**

***A Reading from the Gospels** Luke 1:46-49
My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior...

***The Call to Worship**

Welcome, dear people, God has blessed our gathering.
We come again on this journey, following the Light.

God's light shines for us today, bringing peace and comfort.
May we, like Mary,
respond to God's presence and love with confident joy.

May the hope, love, joy, and peace
of our Lord Jesus, the Christ, be with you all...
and also with you!

The Passing of the Welcome Pads

A Prayer on the Fourth Sunday of Advent; Peace



***Hymn** #488 He Keeps Me Singing

1 There's within my heart a melody -
Jesus whispers sweet and low,
"Fear not I am with thee - peace, be still,"
In all of life's ebb and flow.

Refrain:

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus -
Sweetest name I know,
Fills my ev'ry longing,
Keeps me singing as I go.

2 All my life was wrecked by sin and strife;
Discord filled my heart with pain;
Jesus swept across the broken strings,
Stirr'd the slumb'ring chords again. **[Refrain]**

3 Feasting on the riches of His grace,
Resting 'neath His shelt'ring wing,
Always looking on His smiling face -
That is why I shout and sing. **[Refrain]**

4 Tho sometimes He leads thru waters deep,
Trials fall across the way,
Tho sometimes the path seems rough and steep,
See His footprints all the way. **[Refrain]**

5 Soon He's coming back to welcome me
Far beyond the starry sky;
I shall wing my flight to worlds unknown,
I shall reign with Him on high. **[Refrain]**

Peace; An Advent Candle Lighting Liturgy Adapted from Psalm 89

Glory to God who strengthens us with Christ's presence,
who announces the secret that was kept quiet for a long time.

The news this day is all good.

We can't help singing!

Christ is coming. God with us. God is eternal, and God is faithful.

The news this day is all good.

We can't help singing!

We light the candle of peace, rejoicing in God's presence.

Glory to God, who alone is wise.

Glory to God, who is coming down to us!

The news this day is all good.

We can't help singing!



(Sung to the tune of "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen")

Congregation sings...

**The can-dles burn, all four a-light,
the day at last is come.
The Sa-viour's birth an-ti-ci-pate;
let fear and gloom be gone.
For hope and love and joy and peace
be-long to e-very-one.
Light a can-dle for J-e-sus the Son.
Coming soon!
Light a c-an-dle for J-e-sus the Son.**

The Prayer of Illumination

A Reading from the Gospels Luke 1:26-38
*Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.
And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son,
and you will name him Jesus.*

***Hymn** #228 Rejoice, The Lord Is King

- 1** Rejoice, the Lord is King!
Your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing,
And triumph evermore:
Lift up your heart,
lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!
- 2** The Lord, our Savior, reigns,
The God of truth and love;
When He had purged our stains,
He took His seat above:
Lift up your heart,
lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!
- 3** His kingdom cannot fail,
He rules o'er earth and heav'n;
The keys of death and hell
Are to our Jesus giv'n:
Lift up your heart,
lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!
- 4** Rejoice in glorious hope!
Our Lord the Judge shall come
And take His servants up
To their eternal home:
Lift up your heart,
lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Amen.



A Reading from the Gospels Luke 1:39-56
*And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior..."*

The Homily Rejoice and Sing

***Hymn** #125 Joy to the World

- 1** Joy to the world! the Lord is come;
Let earth receive her King;
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.
- 2** Joy to the earth! the Savior reigns;
Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.
- 3** No more let sins and sorrows grow,
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as the curse is found.
- 4** He rules the world with truth and grace
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love
And wonders, wonders of His love.

The Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

The Call to the Offering

The Offertory

***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.

***The Prayer of Thanksgiving**

***The Charge and Benediction**

***Hymn** #242 While We Are Waiting, Come (verse 1 & 3)

While we are wait-ing, come.
While we are wait-ing, come.
Je-sus, our Lord, E-man-u-el, while we are wait-ing, come.

Come, Sav-ior, quick-ly come.
Come, Sav-ior, quick-ly come.
Je-sus, our Lord, E-man-u-el, while we are wait-ing, come.

***The Postlude**

Prayers for Chapel Friends:

Patty and Jackie Madden, Jack Sealey, Phyllis Mahin, Anthony Tuliano, Janet Hegeman, Evangeline Caliendo, Laurie Stevens, Little Daniel Auman, Koran Sanders, Olivia Macdonald, Lerici Racine, Kevin Carter, Neida Crow, Kerra Paduano, Kathy Steele, Harry Wahlquist, Walter Hundley, Esther Robinson's sister Judy, Cindy Hess, Lynn Garbarino, Bob Macdonald, Elaine Bertino, Mary Farley, Kitty Price, Kerri Klein, Jean Schmidt, Ed Barry, Bill Bohl, Cynthia Fetty, Bob Lovin, Dwight and Faye Jessup, D.J. Kirit, Steve Hall, Phil Westerman, Lucy Dunn Martin, Jerry Hyatt, Chandler Stewart, Drew Carr and family, Mary Faas, Robert Allen, Ann Rorie, Sharon Hacker, Agustina Barry, Michael Taylor, Gerry Crow, Rev. Bill and Marty Bruner, Mary Steensen, Debbie Franklin, Nancy Cecchini, Mary Herold, Mike Barry's sister Mary White, the family and friends of River Carter, and the family of Mabs Wahlquist.



Prayers for Chapel Family:

Bud Holzerland, Nancee Letter, Dave Westerman, Meta Evans, Charles Hinson, Tamara Lee, Butch and Mary Kay Allen, George Hoffman, Glenda Clendenin, Jean Lawrence, Bob Dantzer, Mary Tuft, Phillip Thingstad, Sue Van Horne, Jimmy McCaskill, Carol Caggiano, Kathy Hilton, Dick Van Horne, Sandi Keyser, Jane and Jeff Lowe, and Jenny, Kristen Thompson, Katy Swain, Bill and JoAn Moses on the death of their son-in-law, Ron.

December Announcements



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| Sunday, December 24 | Roberto Guadalupe |
| Wednesday, December 27 | Amie Collins |
| Thursday, December 28 | Bill Baker |
| Saturday, December 30 | Anna Lee |
| Sunday, December 31 | John Shaunessy |



Thursday, December 21 Roberto & Elvia Guadalupe

Altar Flowers



December

12-31 Jim & Chris Beck

January

1-7 Alicia DeLong & Steven Welch

1-14 *Volunteer Needed*

Looking Ahead!

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| Wednesday-January 3 | 4:30 pm | Chapel Choir Practice |
| Thursday-January 4 | 3:00 pm | Fran's Friends |
| Sunday-January 7 | 9:00 am | Epiphany |
| Tuesday-January 9 | 6:30 pm | Ladies Bunco-4-Missions |
| Wednesday-January 10 | 4:30 pm | Chapel Choir |
| Friday-January 12 | 10:00 am | Mission Team |
| Saturday-January 13 | 7:45 am | CITP Men's Fellowship |
| Sunday-January 14 | 9:00 am | The Second Sunday after Epiphany |

Contact Us:

Coffee Fellowship



December

12-24 *Merry Christmas*

12-31 Jim & Chris Beck

January

1-7 Dennis & Sandy Cifranic

1-14 Mary Snead

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