



“Old Life → New Kingdom”



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Sunday, December 4, 2022
Second Sunday of Advent

Order of Worship

PRELUDE *Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus* Ruth Schram

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Darin

Please sign and pass the friendship pad.

INTROIT *Christ, Be Our Light* Chancel Choir

RESPONSIVE LITANY

The Light shines in the darkness.

But the darkness has not overcome it.

During Advent our weary souls seek God's daily strength.

The Lord gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.

We grow weary when fear overshadows faith.

The Lord gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.

We grow weary when destructive actions erupt in the world around us.

The Lord gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.

For all of us feeling weary this Advent season:

Grant that we might have the peace of Christ as we wait, the love of Christ as we act, and the grace of Christ as we speak.

CANDLE LIGHTING

Christ, Be Our Light!

A Candle Lighting Ceremony for Advent

Words and Music by
BERNADETTE FARRELL

Congregation:



PRAYER

*HYMN

O, Come O, Come Emmanuel

No. 88

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rickie Espelien

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rickie Espelien

Mighty God, have mercy on us. We confess that we do not believe in your incarnation at all times. We do not heed your word each day in all that we say and do. We do not see our neighbors, families and friends as beloved children whom you have made. In your mercy, forgive us, for we repent of our ways and look to your power to heal us and raise us up. Amen.

(Silence for individual confession)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Rickie Espelien

*RESPONSE

Glory Be to the Father

No. 581

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Pastor Darin

The grace and peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Prepare the Way

Chancel Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rickie Espelien

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 11:1-10

Rickie Espelien

¹A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

²The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

³His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see
or decide by what his ears hear,

⁴but with righteousness he shall judge for the poor
and decide with equity for the oppressed of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

⁵Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

⁶The wolf shall live with the lamb;
the leopard shall lie down with the kid;
the calf and the lion will feed together,
and a little child shall lead them.

⁷ The cow and the bear shall graze;
 their young shall lie down together;
 and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
⁸ The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
 and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.
⁹ They will not hurt or destroy
 on all my holy mountain,
 for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD
 as the waters cover the sea.
¹⁰ On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of
 him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Pastor Darin

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 3:1-12

Pastor Darin

¹In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, ²“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” ³This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord;

make his paths straight.’ ”

⁴Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region around the Jordan were going out to him, ⁶and they were baptized by him in the River Jordan, confessing their sins.

⁷But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for his baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? ⁸Therefore, bear fruit worthy of repentance, ⁹and do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor,’ for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ¹⁰Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.

¹¹“I baptize you with water for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is more powerful than I, and I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹²His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

SERMON

“ Old Life → New Kingdom”

Rev. Darin Seaman

*HYMN

Down By the Jordan

Tune of No. 35

(Praise Ye the Lord)

WE GIVE OUR OFFERINGS

Invitation to Give

Offertory Music *Come Thou Long Expected Jesus*

Prayer of Dedication

Rickie Espelien

Grayson Osteraas

Rickie Espelien

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe. . .

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with the celestial choirs and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might!

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

Remembering your gracious acts in Jesus Christ, we take from your creation this bread and this wine and joyfully celebrate his dying and rising, as we await the day of his coming. With thanksgiving we offer our very selves to you to be a living and holy sacrifice, dedicated to your service.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died,

Christ is risen,

Christ will come again.

Strengthen us, O God, in the power of your Spirit to bring good news to the poor and lift blind eyes to sight, to loose the chains that bind and claim blessing for all people. Keep us faithful in your serve until Christ comes in final victory, and we shall feast with all your saints in the joy of your eternal realm.

Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor Darin

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

MEAL

COMMUNION MUSIC

The Broken Who Break the Bread

Steve Maudlin

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*HYMN

Gentle Mary Laid Her Child

No. 146

*BLESSING

Pastor Darin

POSTLUDE

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Jason Payne

Glory Be to the Father

581

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in 4/4 time, featuring a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some rests. The lyrics are printed below the staff, aligned with the notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the
Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost: as it was in the be -
gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be,
world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

88 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest
3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy
4 O come, thou Root of Jes - se, free thine own from



cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
all things might - i - ly: to us the path of knowl - edge
tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the
Sa - tan's tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell thy peo - ple



here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
show; and teach us in her ways to go. Re-joice! Re-joice!
law in cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.
save and give them vic - tory o'er the grave.



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

Down by The Jordan

LOBE DEN HERREN 14.14.4.7.8 ("Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty")

Down by the Jordan, a prophet named John was baptizing,
Preaching a message the people found bold and surprising:
"God will forgive! Show that you'll change how you live!
Surely God's new day is rising!"

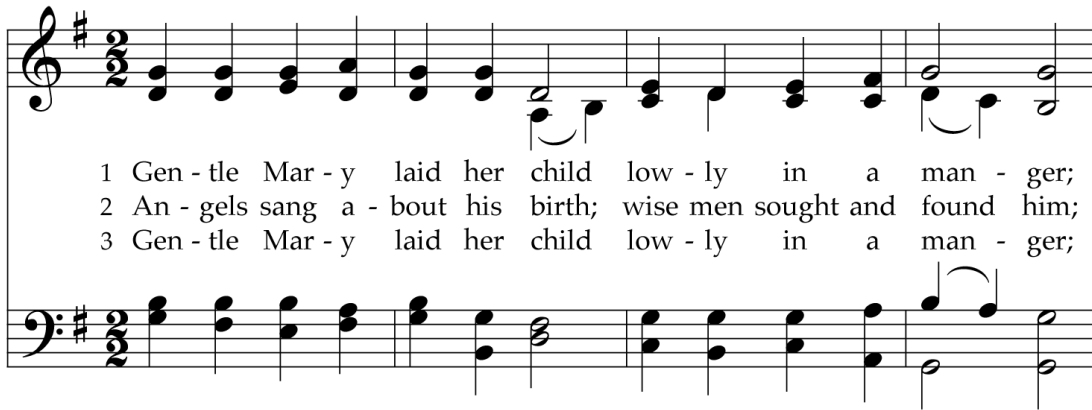
There by the river, the crowd came with great expectation:
"Are you God's Chosen One, sent here to rescue our nation?"
"No!" John replied. "He who is mightier than I
Judges and offers salvation."

Jesus, you went to be baptized along with the others,
Taking your place among sinners, God's lost sons and daughters.
Then with great love, God's Spirit came as a dove!
Your work began in those waters.

Here in the Church, we are baptized and filled with God's Spirit.
Freed and forgiven, we're welcomed with joy! Can you hear it?
This is God's sign! This is how God says, "You're mine!"
Let's take the good news and share it!

Biblical References: Matthew 3:1-17; Mark 1:1-11; Luke 3:1-22; John 1:6-8, 14-34
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Gentle Mary Laid Her Child 146



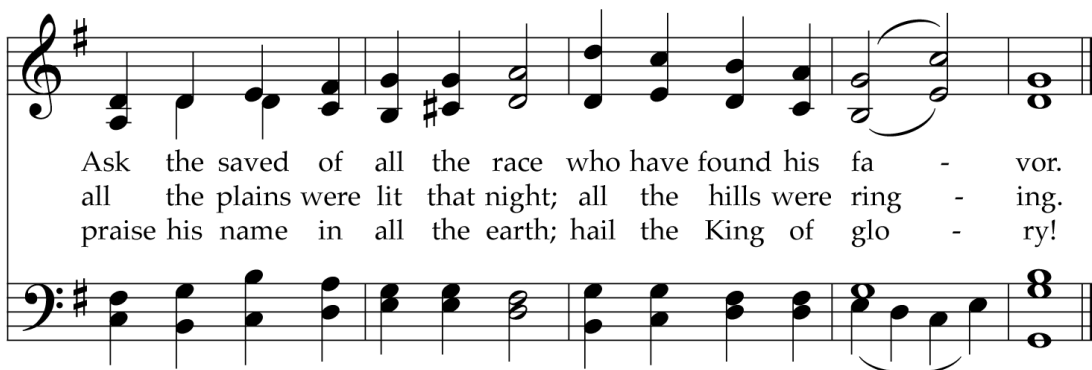
1 Gen - tle Mar - y laid her child low - ly in a man - ger;
 2 An - gels sang a - bout his birth; wise men sought and found him;
 3 Gen - tle Mar - y laid her child low - ly in a man - ger;



there he lay, the un - de - filed, to the world a strang - er.
 heav - en's star shone bright - ly forth, glo - ry all a - round him.
 he is still the un - de - filed, but no more a strang - er.



Such a babe in such a place, can he be the Sav - ior?
 Shep - herds saw the won - drous sight, heard the an - gels sing - ing;
 Son of God, of hum - ble birth, beau - ti - ful the sto - ry;



Ask the saved of all the race who have found his fa - vor.
 all the plains were lit that night; all the hills were ring - ing.
 praise his name in all the earth; hail the King of glo - ry!

The Week Ahead

Mon., December 5

6:00 pm Session/Deacons Potluck

7:00 pm—Narcotics Anon.

Tues., December 6

9:00 am - Men's Bible Study

4:30 pm—Handbells

6:00 pm—Ecu Crusade Choir

Wed., December 7

9:15 am—Women's Bible Study

12:30 pm—AWA Sewing Class

2:00 pm—Prayer Meeting

6:00 pm Ecu Crusade Choir

6:15 pm Chancel Choir

Thur., December 8

Fri., December 9

7:00 am - Men's Bible Study

8:00 am—Men's Quartet Rehearsal

7:00 pm—Christmas Choir Concert

Sat., December 10

7:00 pm—Christmas Choir Concert

Sun., December 11

9:00 am—Sunday School

2:00 pm—Christmas Choir Concert



First Presbyterian Church Happenings

Serving Us Today

Thank you for sharing your ministry with us today: Rickie Espelien (Worship Leader), Don Fortner, Chancel Choir, Grayson Osteras (Music), Randy/Kathy Arnold (Ushers), Dave Morreim (Greeter), Leah Jacobs/Aki Rebeck (Nursery), Jay Espelien, John/Patty Scott(A/V)

Helpers Appreciated

Our community outreach music ministry “**Evenings in December**”, presented by St. Cloud Ecumenical Crusade Choir, will be presented on December 9th, 10th, and 11th. Helpers are needed for the cookie receptions following each performance. If you can spare a few hours to volunteer your time, please contact Joni Karl at 320-251-0252 or 320-267-5323. Many thanks in advance!

First Presbyterian Church Happenings

Worship Next Week (December 11):

Rachael Buchin (Worship Leader), Linda Bettison/John Detra (Ushers), Stephanie Randolph (Greeter), Leah Jacobs/Rickie Espelien (Nursery).

‘Tis the Season!

Are you ready to put a smile on the face of a child this Christmas? The Christmas Gift/Angel Tree is up in the west entrance, with gift tags for you to choose. Each tag lists the child's age, gender and some gift suggestions. You do not need to purchase every item on the tag as we want to give you options. Buy a gift(s), spending about \$25, wrap it, attach the tag and return it to church **no later than December 18th**. The gifts will be picked up on the 19th or delivered to those who are not able to get to the church. If you have questions, please contact Kathy Arnold (290-4629) or any member of the Mission Committee. Thank you!

Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who helped with yesterday's Christmas Tea. A special thanks to Brenda Espelien for organizing everything.

Loaves and Fishes

A reminder that there will not be a Wednesday Dinner in the month of December. Look forward to seeing everyone again in January.

Christmas Lunch

A local family, along with the church, is sponsoring a free Christmas lunch for anyone who would like to attend. The lunch will be held in our fellowship hall on Saturday, Dec. 17 at noon.

Our Mission Statement
*"Bringing the Living Hope of
the Gospel to the World by
Knowing and Serving Jesus
Christ"*

Our Vision Statement
*"The Kingdom of God made
known one sacred space at a
time"*

Office Hours:

Monday –Thursday
8:00 am -12:00 pm
1:00 pm - 4:30 pm

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Bobbie Lampi, Clerk

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Darlene Scherbing (Mission), Rodney Kadlec (Property)

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Barb Isaacson

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