

Preprinted Advent cover
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Welcome!

PRELUDE

INTROIT

PASTORAL WELCOME

LIGHTING OF THE FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE: *Love*

Today we light the candle of love, along with the candle of hope, the candle of peace, and the candle of joy. On this last Sunday in Advent, we invite the fruit of love to enter our hearts.

We remember that love surprises us from the darkness of the womb and the tomb. Love is with us, a saving love that transforms the world.

The active, intentional lighting of the candle of love helps us to remember that love came down at Christmas.

And we are thankful that God's love never fails!

As the Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love candles are lit, the congregation is invited to sing the following:

*Now we light the candle four,
Bringing love, the open door,
All the light and power from above,
Come to us through the gift of love.*

But you, dear friends, build yourselves up in your most holy faith
May we keep ourselves in God's love as we wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring us to eternal life.

HYMN "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" see insert

CALL TO CONFESSION

SILENT CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God our Savior, we ask for your mercy. Though we know your story, we resist the costs of following you. We pass by those considered lowly in this world. We turn away from hungry people who still wait to be filled. Forgive us, we pray. Help us to work for the justice you intend. Make us messengers of the peace you bring. As we wait for you, turn our apathy into acts of love and service. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, Emmanuel. Amen.

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, God is for us and not against us. For that very reason, God sent his Son into the world— not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Believe the good news: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Amen and Alleluia!

RESPONSE “Gloria Patri” # 623
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. Allelu. Amen.

A MOMENT FOR ILLUMINATION

*Thy Word is a Lamp unto my feet, and a Light unto my path.
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GOSPEL READING: Luke 1:39-45

A TIME FOR ALL GOD’S CHILDREN Matt Johnson

SPECIAL MUSIC “He Shall Come In Love to Us” Liebergen

GOSPEL READING Luke 1:46-55

SERMON Pastor Joel Puntigam
“Great is the Lord”

HYMN “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” see insert

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostle’s 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 Spirit, 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 at 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 Spirit, the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

Doxology

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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.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION:

You deliver us, O God, from exile, separation, and despair into communion with each other, with you, and with your good news. We thank you for all that draws us close together, astounding us with lives transformed by gratitude. Accept our gifts as signs of our gratitude for what you give us every day and as honor to your presence in our world; for the sake of those who stand in need and Jesus Christ, who saves us. Amen.

CALL TO PRAYER

Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send Your Spirit in this place; Lord, listen to Your children praying, Send us love, Send us pow’r, Send us grace.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE 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 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please step up to the microphone to make your announcement so everyone (including online guests) can hear what is being said.

HYMN “Of the Father’s Love Begotten” see insert

SENDING AND BENEDICTION

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, our mission is to: seek God, follow Christ, serve and love our neighbor.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.
Wait for the Lord; be strong; take heart!*

POSTLUDE

**Feasting on the Word Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year C, Volume 1*

**Sunday, December 22nd
Following Along in Worship**

1. Last week we learned there is great joy to be found in the Lord. How does worship help us to rediscover joy?
2. Christmas Eve worship is only a few days away. What's your favorite thing about Christmas Eve?
3. What was the Time for the Children about today?
 - a. God love us so much!
 - b. God only loves us a little
 - c. God has put us in the friendzone
4. What does it mean to you to know that God loves you?
5. In the sermon, Pastor Joel will teach from Luke 1:46-55. Circle all that are true about this passage:
 - a. When Mary heard she and her child would be blessed, she said:
 - i. What in the world are you talking about?
 - ii. Amen and Alleluia!
 - iii. The Lord is so great!
 - b. God choose Mary to bear the Messiah because:
 - i. She was awesome
 - ii. She was humble and feared the Lord
 - c. With the arrival of the Messiah:
 - i. The rich are lifted up and the poor are crushed
 - ii. The mighty are brought down and the humble are lifted up

Serving in Worship

- Greeter: Karen Kateff
Ushers: Chris Korne, Lou Suveg
Worship Assistant: Greg Kateff
Advent Readers: Kim and Scott Gaines
Keyboard: Linda Delezenne
Technology: Tim Chanko
Safety Officer: Kathy Turnbull
Tellers: Paula Boegner, Bob Taylor
Fellowship Hour: Bagels, Muffins & Coffee Cakes

Weekly Bible Studies

The Big “?” Bible Study – Sunday at 12:30 pm

Question for this study: *How can you learn to wait in “patient hope” for Christ’s coming again?* All are welcome in Fellowship Hall.

Zoom Bible Study – See you on January 6 at 12:00 pm

We will be rotating between Psalms and the minor Prophets.

This is the link address to join: <https://study.sttimothycusa.org>

Zoom Bible Study – See you January 7 -Tuesday at 1:00 pm

We will begin a study of Leviticus.

This is the link address to join: <https://study.sttimothycusa.org>

Adult Weekly Bible Study – See you January 9 on Thursday at

9:30 am. Our study is on the passage that Pastor Joel will be preaching on January 12 - Luke 3:15-17, 21-22.



Chancel Flowers



Celebrate the birth of my first daughter and to honor the
memory of my second daughter - Sue Zabell

Celebrating



Birthdays:

No Birthdays this week.

Anniversaries:

No anniversaries this month.

**UPCOMING
EVENTS**

Tuesday, December 24 – Christmas Eve Service
Wednesday, December 25 – Moravian Love Feast
Saturday, December 28 – Puntigam Open House



**Christmas Morning
Moravian Love Feast Breakfast
10:00 am**

Please join us for a St. Timothy Family Christmas Celebration. We will read and listen to the Christmas Story. There will be opportunities for each of you to share your favorite personal story or a favorite poem.

We will also be singing some Christmas carols.

A light continental breakfast will be served – remember to bring your favorite mug.

Feel free to wear your pajamas!

Sign-up on the bulletin board in fellowship hall.



Community Opportunity Center (COC)

“Friendship Club Opportunities to Serve”

COC has a craft day on January 8 and they are looking for folks to help. Wednesday, January 8 at 10:00 am. (All craft days are on the first Wednesday of each month except for holidays.) *Questions? Please reach out to Mary or Dennis.*

Church Weekly Schedule

Sunday 12/22	9:20 AM	Handbell Rehearsal
	9:45 AM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	10:30 AM	Family Worship
		https://video.sttimothyusa.org
	After Worship	Fellowship Hour
	12:30 PM	Big "?" Bible Study
Monday 12/23		
Tuesday 12/24		Office Closed
	7:00 PM	Christmas Eve Service
Wednesday 12/25		Merry Christmas!
	10:00 AM	Moravian Love Feast
Thursday 12/26		Office Closed
Friday 12/27		Office Closed
Saturday 12/28	4:00 PM	Puntigam Open House
Sunday 12/29	10:30 AM	Family Worship
		https://video.sttimothyusa.org
	After Worship	Fellowship Hour

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

*Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee.*

*Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.*

*Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a king,
born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.*

*By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all sufficient merit raise us to thy glorious throne.*

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

*O come, O come Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here,
Until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel,
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

*O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel, Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

*O come, Thou Wisdom on high,
And order all things, far and nigh;
To us the path of knowledge show,
And cause us in her ways to go.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel, Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

*O come, Desire of nations, bind
All peoples in one heart and mind;
Bid envy, strife and quarrels cease,
Fill all the world with heaven's peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel, Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

Of the Father's Love Begotten

*Of the Father's love begotten,
Ere the worlds began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega,
He the Source, the Ending He,
Of the things that are, that have been,
And that future years shall see,
Evermore and evermore!*

*O ye heights of heav'n adore Him;
Angel hosts, His praises sing;
Pow'rs, dominions, bow before Him,
And extol our God and King;
Let no tongue on earth be silent,
Ev'ry voice in concert ring,
Evermore and evermore!*

*Christ, to Thee with God the Father,
And, O Holy Ghost, to Thee,
Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving
And unwearied praises be:
Honor, glory, and dominion,
And eternal victory,
Evermore and evermore!
Amen*