

# Second Sunday of **Advent**



THE PRELUDE

Hymn Prelude on *Veni Emmanuel* ~John H. Schaffner

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

†CALL to WORSHIP (responsively)

All creation holds its breath: the time is almost here!

The heavenly host of angels waits for its cue to proclaim the good news!

**Excitement is all around us!**

Prepare your hearts; the grace of God takes on human form.

Good news! Emmanuel is coming!

**We gather to make ready our hearts for the coming of Christ, our peace.**

†CAROL of PRAISE

*Angels from the Realms of Glory*

UMH 220

- 1. Angels from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
ye who sang creation's story now proclaim Messiah's birth:  
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King!*
- 2. Shepherds, in the field abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night,  
God with us is now residing; yonder shines the infant light:  
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King!*
- 3. Sages, leave your contemplations, brighter visions beam afar;  
seek the great Desire of nations; ye have seen His natal star:  
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King!*
- 4. Saints, before the altar bending, watching long in hope and fear;  
suddenly the Lord, descending, in His temple shall appear:  
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King!*

ADVENT WREATH (*responsively*)

Then our mouths were filled with laughter, and our tongues with shouts of joy!  
Then it was said among the nations, “The Lord has done great things for them!”  
In the beginning was the Word—spoken and breathed, a promise made and kept.

**Speak it loud and clear—God’s promise is true!**

The Word was in the beginning, and through Him, all things come into being.

**Eternal God, Your promise is the foundation for our peace.**

Speak out, giving voice to God’s peace that passes understanding.

*The first and second candles are lighted...*

CHORAL RESPONSE (*sung in unison*) “*Emmanuel, Emmanuel*” UMH 204

***Emmanuel, Emmanuel, His name is called Emmanuel.  
God with us, revealed in us, His name is called Emmanuel.***

A READING from the OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 40:1-5 NIV

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God!**

MINISTRY in MUSIC

*The Gift of Love* ~Hal Hopson

Helen Turkalj, soloist

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD’S PRAYER (*unison*) ***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. Amen!***

†CAROL of INVITATION

***Infant Holy, Infant Lowly***

UMH 229

***1. Infant holy, infant lowly, for His bed a cattle stall;  
oxen lowing, little knowing, Christ the babe is Lord of all.  
Swift are winging angels singing, noels ringing, tidings bringing:  
Christ the babe is Lord of all!***

***2. Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping vigil till the morning new  
saw the glory, heard the story, tidings of a gospel true.  
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow, praises voicing, greet the morrow:  
Christ the babe was born for you!***

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

A READING from the GOSPELS

John 1:6-13 NIV

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God!**

*Worship theme: “Socks and Underwear:  
Receiving what we need -vs- what we want”*

SHARING of OUR GIFTS and HIS TITHES

OFFERTORY *Comfort, Comfort These My People* ~arr. Michael Burkhardt  
*Please use this time as we listen to the music to offer ourselves to the Lord...*

†DOXOLOGY *Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!* UMH 94  
*Praise God, all creatures here below! Alleluia! Alleluia!*  
*Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!*  
*Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

†PRAYER of DEDICATION

†CAROL of COMMITMENT *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice* UMH 224

- 1. Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;  
give ye heed to what we say: News, news! Jesus Christ is born today!  
Ox and ass before Him bow, and He is in the manger now.  
Christ is born today, Christ is born today!*
- 2. Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;  
now ye hear of endless bliss: News, news! Jesus Christ was born for this!  
He hath opened heaven’s door, and ye are blest forevermore.  
Christ was born for this, Christ was born for this!*
- 3. Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;  
now ye need not fear the grave: News, news! Jesus Christ was born to save!  
Calls you one and calls you all to gain His everlasting hall.  
Christ was born to save, Christ was born to save!*

†DISMISSAL with BLESSING

†THE POSTLUDE *On Jordan’s Banks the Baptist’s Cry* ~arr. Malcolm Archer

†GOING FORTH to SERVE

Liturgist: Jim Caffrey

# Welcome home to First United Methodist Church!

Sunday morning Worship Services at 8:30 and 10:45 in the Sanctuary

*(Live Stream continues at 10:45)*

~ ~ ~ *Ekklesia Worship has been **SUSPENDED** until further notice* ~ ~ ~

## Pastor's Advent Bible Study Schedule:

*(There will be no Bible studies this week)*

**Youth Bible Study on Mondays, December 7, 14 and 21 @ 6:30 p.m.**

**Adult Bible Study on Tuesdays, December 8, 15, and 22 @ 9:30 a.m.**

Please continue to check our church website ([greensburgfirst.org](http://greensburgfirst.org)) for more updates.



**Prayer for Men & Boys**  
2<sup>nd</sup> @ 9:00 a.m.  
We invite you to join Pastor Kevin  
for a breakfast, devotions, and a time of prayer.  
♦ ♦ ♦ Please call the church to RSVP by Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> ♦ ♦ ♦

**CANCELLED**

*We will observe all COVID-19 safety rules (masks, etc.)*



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