



December 8, 2019

Welcome to all!

*Our mission at ILC: To thank, praise, honor and serve our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ as we **GATHER** and worship, **GROW** in the Word, and **SERVE** God by serving people.*

Information for Visitors ...

A special welcome to guests and visitors! May our time together be a blessing to you.

Coffee & Fellowship is available in the Gather Room each Sunday between services.

A Nursery is available from 8:30am-11:30am for children through age 4. It is located at the bottom of the grand staircase just outside the Gather Room.

Children's bulletins are available from the ushers.

Elevator is located through the basement and the ushers' room in the Sanctuary.

Sunday School is at 9:30am and all ages are welcome. Adult classes meet in the Conference Room, Parlor, and Grow Room.

Red Worship Attendance pads are passed during the offering. Please take a moment to register your attendance. Visitors, please let us know if we can be of service to you.

Worship Times 8:30am & 10:30am

HOLY COMMUNION

The sacrament of communion is celebrated at all worship services every Sunday. All are welcome, believing that our Lord is present offering grace and forgiveness. During our 8:30am service commune by intinction, meaning you may dip the wafer in either the wine or grape juice or drink from the common cup. During our 10:30am service you will be ushered forward to kneel at the railing. Please deposit used chalice in the baskets after you stand up.

Gluten-free wafers and/or white grape juice are available at all services.

Please Turn Off All Cell Phones & Pagers

Thank You!!

PRELUDE

OPENING HYMN

There is a Great Joy Coming

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GOD'S PROMISED DAY CAN'T WAIT

ADVENT HYMN

Peace Can't Wait

Text: Stephen M. Fearing, 2019

Tune: HYFRYDOL

Meter: 8.7.8.7 D

Music: Rowland Hugh Pritchard, 1830

Peace can't wait; she beck - ons bright - ly, soft - en - ing the hard - ened heart.

9
Bless - ing all with brill - iant beaut - y, fight - ing that which tears a - part.

17
Vi - o - lence has lost its pow - er; now's the time for God's sha - lom.

25
Ne - ver - more shall war de - vo - ur; all the sold - iers wel - comed home.

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in 3/4 time. It consists of four lines of music, each with a measure number (9, 17, 25) at the beginning. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

WELCOME Pastor Candice Combs

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

A: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,
the parent who rouses us from slumber,
the shepherd who gathers us on the holy mountain,
the deliverer who sets us free.

C: Amen.

A: Let us come before the living God in confession.

Silence is kept for reflection.

A: As we wait and watch for the promised day of salvation,

C: we open our hearts to you, O God.

Search us and know us.

Reveal all that we keep inside.

To you, O God, we confess our sins,

known and unknown.

Forgive us, renew us,

and lead us in your ways of justice and peace.

Make us reflections of the radiant love

of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

P: Beloved children of the Most High,

you are gathered before the righteous judge

who has mercy on all.

Splash exuberantly in the waters of baptism,

where sin is washed away in the river of life.

Dwell peacefully in the loving arms

of the one who nurtures all creation.

Go forth boldly in the assurance that your sins are forgiven

in the name of the one who is coming and is already here,

Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE *Awake, Awake, and Greet the New Morn* **ELW242**

(vs. 1 & 4)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming nurture our growth as people of repentance and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10

Isaiah describes the coming of a future, ideal ruler who will renew David's royal line (the stump of Jesse). Gifted by the spirit of God, this ruler will reign with perfect justice. Enmity and danger will be restored to harmony and peaceful coexistence.

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 the poor, and decide with equity for the meek 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 and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. ⁷The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. ⁸The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. ⁹They 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. ¹⁰On 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.

A: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19 (read responsively)

¹Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to a king's son.

²**May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice.**

³May the mountains yield prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness.

⁴**May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor.**

⁵May he live while the sun endures, and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.

⁶**May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth.**

⁷In his days may righteousness flourish and peace abound, until the moon is no more.

¹⁸**Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.**

¹⁹Blessed be his glorious name forever; may his glory fill the whole earth.

Amen and Amen.

Second Reading: Romans 15:4-13

God's promise to include Gentiles within the circle of God's blessed people has been fulfilled in Jesus Christ. Christians live out their unity by welcoming and encouraging each other just as Christ has welcomed them into God's family.

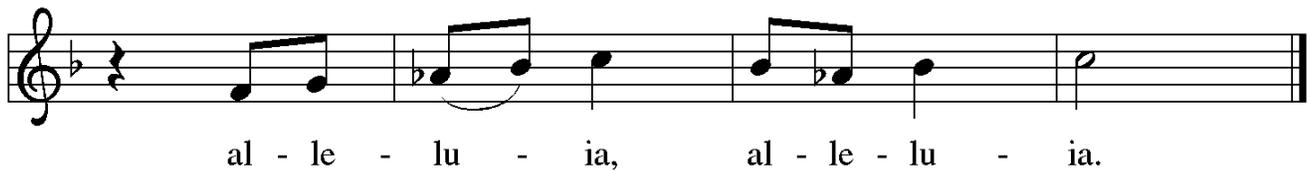
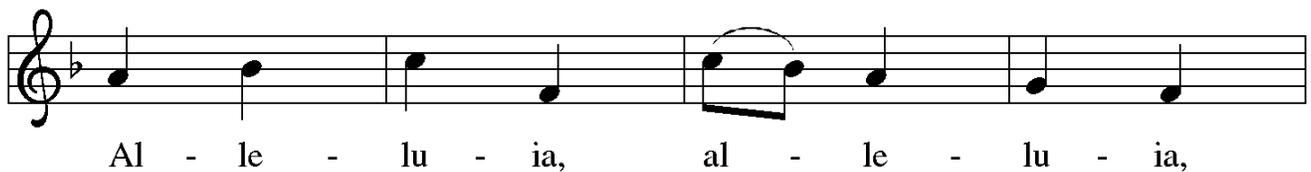
⁴Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. ⁵May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, ⁶so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁷Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. ⁸For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, ⁹and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name" ¹⁰and again he says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; ¹¹and again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; ¹²and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope." ¹³May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

A: The Word of the Lord.

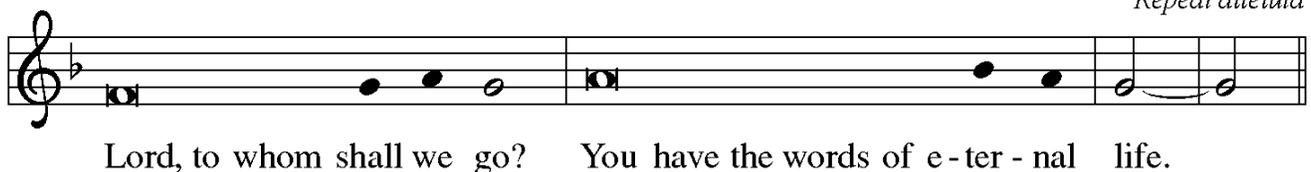
C: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Repeat alleluia



P: The holy gospel according to Matthew the 3rd chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

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 the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, ⁶and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

⁷But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruit worthy of repentance. ⁹Do 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; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

¹¹“I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; 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.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *To Be Your Presence*

ELW 546

APOSTLE'S CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and
he will come to judge the living 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.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

A: Lord in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

PEACE

We invite you to share a sign of peace with your neighbor, and introduce yourself to someone you don't know.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Soon and Very Soon (vs. 1)



1 Soon and ver - y soon
2 No more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,
3 No more dy - in' there,
4 Soon and ver - y soon



soon and ver - y soon
no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,
no more dy - in' there,
soon and ver - y soon



soon and ver - y soon
no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King.
no more dy - in' there,
soon and ver - y soon



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, we're goin' to see the King!



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu -



jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

Text: Andraé Crouch, b. 1945

Music: VERY SOON, Andraé Crouch

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Giver of every good thing,

C: we set before you the gifts that you have already given to sustain our lives and to share with others. Help us to be good stewards of the earth and all that is in it, and let our lives be a testimony to the abundant feast you prepare for all who hunger.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you

C: And also with you.

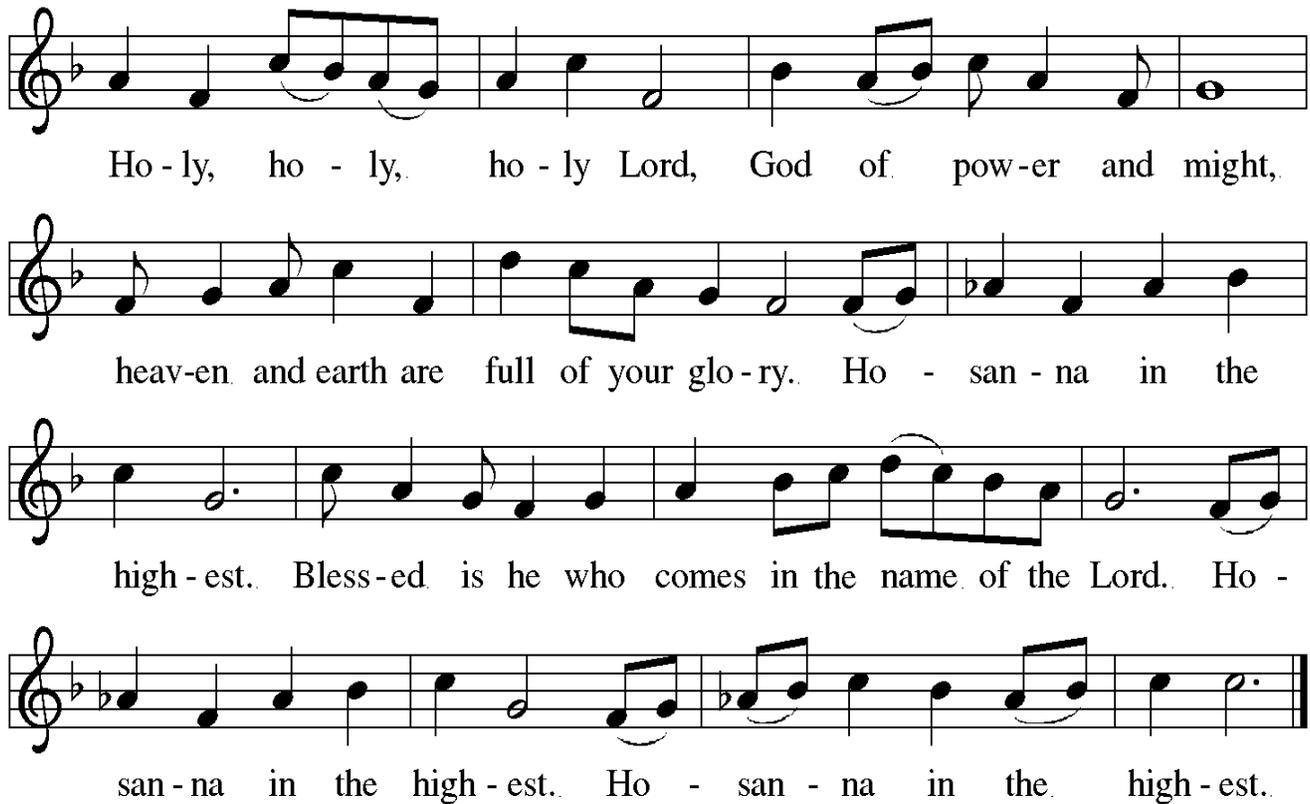
P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav-en. and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on
 us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
 world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
 take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

He Came Down

ELW 253

Hark, the Glad Sound!

ELW 239

There's a Voice in the Wilderness

ELW 255

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

C: Amen

Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been ful -
 filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre -
 pared in the sight of ev-'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the
 na - tions and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: God of abundance,

C: we give you thanks that in this holy meal you have invited us to feast with you and one another. May the taste of your love remain with us, and may our words and our work in your name invite others into your bountiful grace. Send us from your table to proclaim your presence, even as we await the glorious coming of Christ our Savior.

Amen.

BLESSING

P: We waited with hope for this moment:

Waiting to see the picture Christ paints of a better world—

A world of peace and joy, of justice and grace.

Now we see it a little more clearly.

C: Amen! We see it!

P: Be brave! Speak out!

Keep listening for the Spirit, she leads us with love!

We have important work to do.

C: Amen! We will do it!

Now is the time.

Don't wait for perfection, you are already enough.

C: Amen! We are!

P: Amen! You most certainly are.

CLOSING HYMN *Rejoice, Rejoice Believers* (vs. 1 & 4)

ELW 244

DISMISSAL

P: Go in hope. Christ is with you.

C: Thanks be to God!

There Is a Great Joy Coming

Adapted from Luke 2:10-11
by Ragan Courtney

from *CELEBRATE LIFE*

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G Am7 G/B Am7 Bm7 Am/C

1. There is a great joy a-com-ing. There is a
3. He shall be called might-y Je-sus, He shall be

D Am/C G/B Am7 G Am7 G/B Am7 G

great joy a-com-ing, There is a great joy a-com-ing to the
called might-y Je-sus, He shall be called might-y Je-sus, the

C G/D C/D G

whole peo-ple my Lord.
King of kings and Lord of lords.

G G D G

Glo-ry, glo-ry, glo-ry! Glo-ry, glo-ry, glo-ry! Glo-ry be to

C G/D C/D 1,2 3

G C/G C/D 3

God in the high-est, Peace, good will toward men. men.

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GATHER and Worship

Please pray for these ILC members:

Elois Sakewitz	Wendy Weiss	Vernette Fuchs	Billie Becker
Wilbert Becker	Donna Cearley	H.L. Weiss	Randa Nowotny
Charles Tawater	Willie Mae Burns	Judy Tawater	Donald Wolf
Cyndi Motloch	Betty Wicklund	Fred Scott	Trilba Eschberger

Please also pray for these friends & extended family members:

Seth Munk	Kenneth Warren	Calen Stewart	Barrett Randig
Rodney Reed	Evelyn Wuensce	Eryn Emken	Beverly Kuchar
Ike Eickbusch	Karen Benavidez	John Hankins	Sally Rankin

In their time of loss, we pray for the family of Bernell Markert.

Poinsettias placed by Vernagene Mott to the glory of God with cherished memories of Verna Hebbe's 109th birthday and in joyful celebration of Wyatt and Natalie's birthdays and with praise and thanksgiving for 12 turkeys donated to the Food Pantry by Renae Mitchell.

This Week's Gatherings:

Sun.	Service in the Parish Hall w/ Sotaria	8:30am
	Service in the Sanctuary	10:30am
	Call Committee All Congregation Event – Parish Hall	11:30am
Mon.	Men's Basketball	8:00pm
Tues.	UP – Parish Hall	9:00am-3:00pm
	All Committee Christmas Dinner	6:00pm-9:00pm
Wed.	UP – Gather Room	9:00am-3:00pm
	Tired & Retired	11:30am
	Sotaria Rehearsal – Parish Hall	6:00pm
Thurs.	UP – Parish Hall	9:00am-3:00pm
Fri.	Day School Christmas Program	10:00am-12:00am
Sat.	“A Christmas Journey” set up	8:00am
	“A Christmas Journey”	6:30pm-8:30pm
Sun.	Service in the Parish Hall w/ Sotaria	8:30am

Service in the Sanctuary
Gather Room reserved
“A Christmas Journey”

10:30am
11:00am-2:00pm
6:30pm-8:30pm

GROW in the Word

Bible Studies this week:

Adult Sunday School	9:30am
Youth Sunday School	9:30am
Monday Crafters Circle – Candy Hansen’s Studio Workroom	9:00am

SERVE God by Serving People

Council Member & Elder Duty for December – Erik Hendrickson is responsible this month for locking up the facility. Please contact him at 512-663-3002 if you have any special facility needs. Elders this month are Susan Moellenberg (512-825-0423) for the early service and Brent Reeder (512-663-1153) for the late service **Please contact them if you would like to assist with worship in December or go to <http://bit.ly/ILCsignup> to sign up yourself. If you are a visitor and need any assistance, an elder can help you! You can identify an elder by a person wearing a large red nametag.**

“Yellow Brick House” Food Pantry continues to be open weekly: We ask that you prayerfully consider helping with this ministry through the offering plate or by supplying any of the following items: Jumex juices in “coke cans” and/or Welch’s 6 pack bottled juices, 12 oz. or 16 oz. pkg. spaghetti (dry), spaghetti sauce, canned pinto beans, canned diced or petite diced tomatoes, Nutty Bars, bread, 2 or 4 lb. bags of white sugar, vegetable/canola oil, and fruit cups.

A Christmas Journey is scheduled for December 14 & 15 from 6:30-8:30pm. We still need many volunteers to be able to provide this event to the community. Today is the last day to sign up. Stop by our table in the breezeway to sign up! Email Natalie Knobloch txag_95@hotmail.com or Kelly Knobloch at kknob62@yahoo.com if you have any questions.

Annual Reports are due **as soon as possible in December**, But please no later than Friday, January 3. Email you information to candyk@ilcpville.org.

Tired and Retired will have Christmas potluck this Wednesday, December 11 at 11:30am. Remember to bring your nativities to be used as table decorations. Also, Christmas attire if you wish. You may hear bells this year after lunch! See you then!

The Angel Tree: thank you for your tremendous support with the Angel Tree this year. If you still need to deliver a gift, please make arrangements with Cassi as soon as possible at 512-585-8398. Thank you again for being an “angel” to someone this Christmas.

TODAY: we encourage you to attend a Congregational Event conducted by the Call Committee. Meet in the Parish Hall immediately following the late service today. The purpose of this meeting is to receive feedback from the congregation about who we are, where we are going, and what we need to consider in the selection of our next pastor. Pulled pork sandwiches with sides will be provided. Please bring a dessert to share. Child care will be provided.

Sunday School Christmas Program is next Sunday, December 15 at the 8:30am Service in the Parish Hall. All youth and children are invited to participate in the Christmas Story, “Joy Can’t Wait!” Parts for costumed characters and narrators are available (see your Sunday School Teacher for a part)! Please join us at the service! There is only one practice on December 8 at 9:30am in the Parish Hall.

Christmas Caroling: on Sunday, December 22 we will carol to our home-bound members with the van departing at 12:00pm. Please join us in spreading holiday cheer!

Advent Devotional Books: you can still get your Advent Devotional Book outside the Parish Hall or Sanctuary! This beautiful daily devotional book titled, "What Can't Wait" will follow along with our Advent Worship this year. Please one book per household.

The Austin Handbell Ensemble presents “A Wintry Mix” at the following locations:

Oak Hill United Methodist Church—Friday, December 13 at 7:30pm

First United Methodist Church Marble Falls—Sunday, December 15 at 4:00pm

St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Church—Monday, December, 16 at 7:30pm

Tickets can be purchased at the door or online at AustinHandbells.org

Choral Concert: you are invited to the annual “Senior Access Choral Concert” held on Sunday, December 8 at 6:30pm at the First United Methodist Church, 1004 N Mays St, in Round Rock. Several local choirs will present holiday songs in celebration of the Christmas Season. Senior Access is a not-for-profit organization providing free transportation and support services to the senior citizens in our area. Please join us!

The Youth Group Squad is having its Christmas Party on Friday, December 13 at 6:30pm. Bring your friends to laugh with, a gift to share and join the fun at the Mystery Dinner at Richland Hall.

Already looking forward to Summer Camp? I am! Mark your calendars for July 12-17 for happy campers who have completed grades 1st-7th grade by the end of the 2019-2020 school year. More info coming soon.

Save the date! “Sweet Little Jesus Boy” performs on Saturday, February 22 at 7:00pm and Sunday, February 23 at 3:00pm. Please join us for this production. Look for more information in the Gather Room in January. This is a way to become acquainted with fellow members witness to the community, and prepare our hearts for Lent. For questions feel free to call Annyce Bohls at 512-251-4386.

Offering Envelopes will be available in the middle of December. Please help yourself to a set and remember the envelopes are not numbered. Therefore, if you give cash you will need to write your name on the outside of the envelope.

Domino Group will not meet in December. The group will gather for fellowship and games on Wednesday, January 1 from 2-4:30pm at the Wiederhold's. Please feel free to contact Don or Debbie for details.

Donations: we are looking for containers that we can leave outside the office doors that we can use for donation drop offs but not hinder the walkway. Until we find the right containers, feel free to leave your food pantry items or backpack ministry items in front of the office, in the workroom, or in the office during regular office hours. Items that need to go in the church mailboxes may be left in the “inbox” outside the church office.

Year-Round Angel Tree: you can now donate to help families in need year-round. This will be designated to families here at ILC who need help and go to the Gift/Inheritance Fund marked for Angel Tree. Feel free to call the church office with questions. More information will be available soon.

Upcoming Holiday Events

Tuesday, December 10	All Committee Night Christmas Dinner	6:30pm
Friday, December 13	Day School Christmas Program	10:00am-12:00pm
Saturday, December 14	“A Christmas Journey”	6:30pm-8:30pm
Sunday December 15	“A Christmas Journey”	6:30pm-8:30pm
Sunday, December 15	Sunday School Christmas Program-Parish Hall	8:30am
Sunday, December 22	Caroling to homebound members-meet at the church	12:00pm
Tuesday, December 24	Christmas Eve Candlelight Services	4:30pm & 7:00pm
Wednesday, December 25	Christmas Day Worship Service	10:30am
Sunday, December 29	Only 1 Worship Service	10:30am

Last Sunday’s Worship Attendance Early: 139 Late: 127

Last Sunday’s Sunday School Attendance Youth: 37 Adults: 35

Joyfully Serving Today December 8

Organists: Joy Arnhamn and Vernagene Mott

Acolytes: (10:30)

December Elders: Susan Moellenberg (early) Brent Reeder (late)

Assisting Minister: Devorah Jakubowsky

Advent Lighting Liturgy: Lovett Family (8:30) Knobloch Family (10:30)

Readers: Amy Singer (8:30) Candyce Hansen (10:30)

Communion Assts: Randy Appelhans, Karen & Addi Villegas & Susan Moellenberg (8:30)

Chapel Assts: (10:30)

Ushers/Greeters: Randy Appelhans, Karen & Addi Villegas & Susan Moellenberg (8:30) (10:30)

Children’s Message: Vicki Lovett (8:30) Debbie Wiederhold (10:30)

Console/Projectionist: Martin Jakubowsky/Kelby Sladek (8:30) Dave Gifford (10:30)

Coffee Maker: Kristin Adix

Altar Guild: Elizabeth Arndt (8:30) Diane Moellenberg, Marta Gregory, & Randa & Doug Nowotny (10:30)

Pastor – Candice Combs

Claudia Cardwell – Director of Day School Ministry

Eric Estrada – Maintenance

Candy Kyle – Administrative Specialist

Cassi Montandon – Interim Youth Coordinator

Melissa Parry - Director of Education Ministry

Melissa Sjolander – Office & Facilities Administrator

Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn



1 A - wake! A - wake, and greet the new morn, for
 2 To us, to all in sor - row and fear, Em -
 3 In dark - est night his com - ing shall be, when
 4 Re - joice, re - joice, take heart in the night, though



an - gels her - ald its dawn - ing, Sing out your joy, for
 man - u - el comes a - sing - ing, his hum - ble song is
 all the world is de - spair - ing, as morn - ing light so
 dark the win - ter and cheer - less, the ris - ing sun shall



soon he is born, be - hold! the Child of our long - ing.
 qui - et and near, yet fills the earth with its ring - ing;
 qui - et and free, so warm and gen - tle and car - ing.
 crown you with light, be strong and lov - ing and fear - less.



Come as a ba - by weak and poor, to bring all hearts to -
 mu - sic to heal the bro - ken soul and hymns of lov - ing -
 Then shall the mute break forth in song, the lame shall leap in
 Love be our song and love our prayer and love our end - less



geth - er, he o - pens wide the heav'n - ly door and
 kind - ness, the thun - der of his an - thems roll to
 won - der, the weak be raised a - bove the strong, and
 sto - ry; may God fill ev - 'ry day we share and



lives now in - side us for - ev - er.
 shat - ter all ha - tred and blind - ness.
 weap - ons be bro - ken a - sun - der.
 bring us at last in - to glo - ry.

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To Be Your Presence



1 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion here, to show com -
2 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion bold, to feed the
3 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion blest, to speak for
4 We are your heart, O Christ, your hands and voice, to serve your



pas - sion's face and lis - t'ning ear, to be your heart of mer - cy
poor and shel - ter home - less cold, to be your hands of jus - tice,
all the bro - ken and op - pressed, to be your voice of hope, your
peo - ple is our call and choice, and in this mis - sion we, the



ev - er near,
right up - hold, al - le - lu - ia!
love ex - pressed,
church, re - joice,

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: ENGELBERG, Charles V. Stanford, 1852-1924

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He Came Down

- 1 He came down that we may have love; he came down that we may have love;
 2 He came down that we may have light; he came down that we may have light;
 3 He came down that we may have peace; he came down that we may have peace;
 4 He came down that we may have joy; he came down that we may have joy;

- he came down that we may have love;
 he came down that we may have light; hal-le - lu - jah for-ev - er - more.
 he came down that we may have peace;
 he came down that we may have joy;

Text: Cameroon traditional

Music: HE CAME DOWN, Cameroon traditional; arr. John L. Bell, b. 1949

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Hark, the Glad Sound!



1 Hark, the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, the Sav - ior
 2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, in Sa - tan's
 3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, the bleed - ing
 4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of peace, your wel - come



prom - ised long; let ev - 'ry heart pre -
 bond - age held. The gates of brass be -
 soul to cure, and with the trea - sures
 shall pro - claim, and heav'n's e - ter - nal



pare a throne and ev - 'ry voice a song.
 fore him burst, the i - ron fet - ters yield.
 of his grace to en - rich the hum - ble poor.
 arch - es ring with your be - lov - ed name.

Text: Philip Doddridge, 1702-1751

Music: CHESTERFIELD, Thomas Haweis, 1734-1820

There's a Voice in the Wilderness



1 There's a voice in the wil - der - ness cry - ing, a
 2 O Je - ru - sa - lem, her - ald good tid - ings, as -
 3 But the word of our Sav - ior is faith - ful, the



call from the ways un - trod: Pre - pare in the des - ert a
 cend to the heights and sing! Pro - claim to a des - o - late
 arm of our God is strong, who stands in the midst of the



high - way, a high - way for our God!
 peo - ple the com - ing of their king.
 na - tions and soon will right the wrong.



The val - leys shall be ex - alt - ed, the
 Like flow'rs of the field we per - ish, like
 Lord, feed your flock like a shep - herd, the



loft - y hills brought low; make straight all the crook - ed
 grass our works de - cay; the pow'r and the pomp of
 lambs so gent - ly hold; in pas - tures of peace now

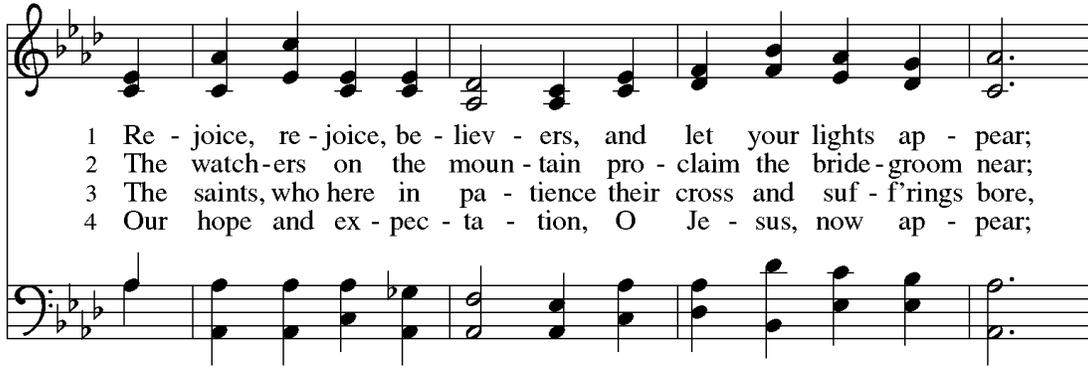


plac - es where God, our God, may go!
 na - tions shall pass like a dream a - way.
 lead them, and bring them to your fold.

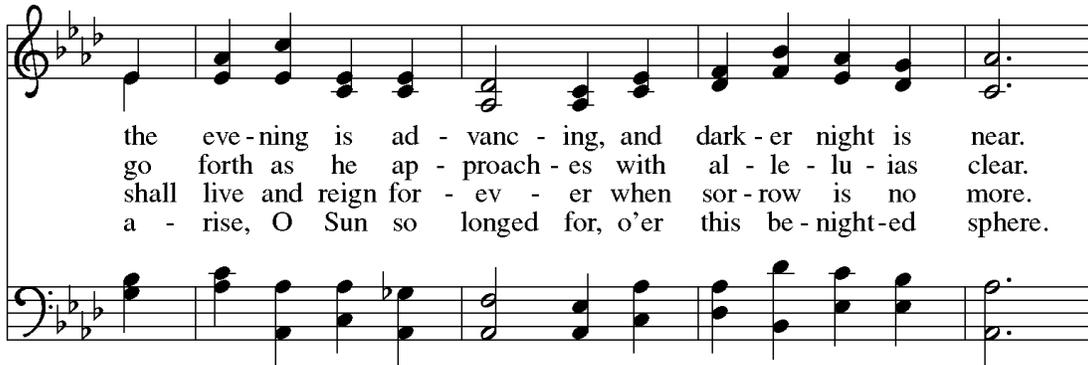
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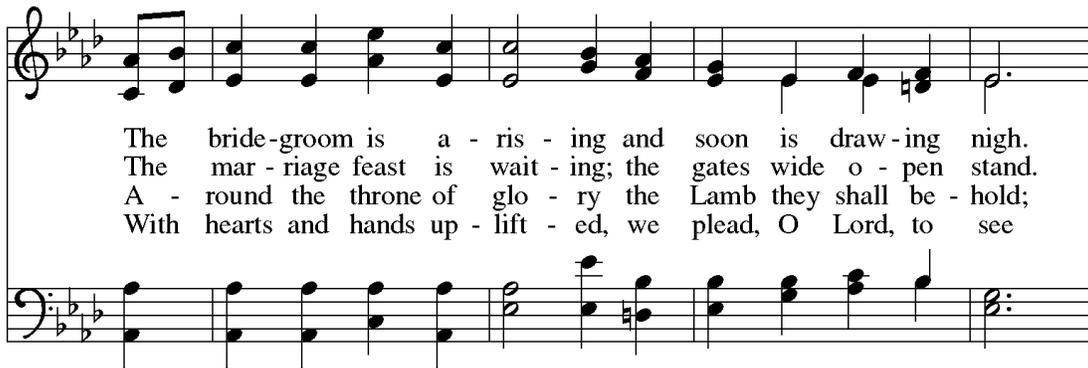
Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers



1 Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear;
 2 The watch - ers on the moun - tain pro - claim the bride - groom near;
 3 The saints, who here in pa - tience their cross and suf - f'ings bore,
 4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



the eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.
 go forth as he ap - proach - es with al - le - lu - ias clear.
 shall live and reign for - ev - er when sor - row is no more.
 a - rise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this be - night - ed sphere.



The bride - groom is a - ris - ing and soon is draw - ing nigh.
 The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; the gates wide o - pen stand.
 A - round the throne of glo - ry the Lamb they shall be - hold;
 With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see



Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; at mid - night comes the cry.
 A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; the bride - groom is at hand.
 in tri - umph cast be - fore him their di - a - dems of gold.
 the day of earth's re - demp - tion that sets your peo - ple free!

Text: Laurentius Laurenti, 1660–1722; tr. Sarah B. Findlater, 1823–1907
 Music: HAF TRONES LAMPA FÄRDIG, Swedish folk tune