**December 7, 2025** 

# COME, BE FED, BE SENT Second Sunday of Advent Communion Sunday

10:15am

#### **PRELUDE**

#### WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRAYER

#### **GOD INVITES US TO WORSHIP**

Call to Worship

Family of faith, God is at work!

God is healing and creating,

redeeming and dreaming,

calling and sending,

listening and loving.

Yes, indeed, God is at work!

So may we worship our God who never gives up.

May we worship our God who holds onto hope.

Amen.

Advent Wreath Lighting

Jeff & Debbie Engley

**OPENING WORSHIP** 

Savior of the Nations Come Hark the Herald Angels Sing

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/OFFERING/DOXOLOGY

Special Music At This Table, Rachel Shewbert

**GOD SPEAKS TO US** 

Choral Anthem Bring Us Hope
Children's Message Under Construction

Scripture Matthew 11:1-11; Isaiah 43:19-21 Message When We're Running Out of Hope,

God is at Work

Rev. Dr. Chris Montovino

## GOD INVITES US INTO FAMILY AND TO THE TABLE

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper Come to the River

GOD SENDS US OUT INTO THE WORLD

Closing Song Hymn #82 Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

All believers in Jesus Christ are welcome to participate in communion. If you prefer, you may remain seated and a server will bring the elements to you. In solidarity with our brothers and sisters who are gluten intolerant, we only serve gluten-free bread for communion.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **Prayer Quilt**

The prayer quilt in the back is for Mary Koach, an acquaintance of Sarah Ostrand. Please stop and say a prayer for Ms. Koach on your way out. Then tie a knot.

## **Adult Sunday School**

## The Wonder of Christmas: A Fresh Look at the Story of Advent

Many of us are familiar with the story of Christmas. Maybe we've even heard about the manger scene and the birth of Christ every year for as long as we can remember. But what if we revisited the Christmas story with new eyes? What would we discover? In this four-part series, pastor Jarrett Stephens will unpack Jesus's birth story in the Gospel of Luke. Join us on Sundays at 9am and rekindle the wonder of Christ's presence, his good news, his plan, and his people.

No Christian Education Classes on December 28, 2025 or January 4, 2026. Sunday school will resume on January 11, 2026.

No youth group during Christmas break.

## **Angel Tree Gifts**

There are a few more tags left on the Angel Giving Tree. Please return wrapped gifts with tag attached no later than Sunday, December 14th.

## Cookies please!

Time to restock our freezer - please bring cookies and goodies for Fellowship Hour. Gluten-Free and Sugar-Free (or Zero Sugar) are also appreciated. Thank you!

#### **Advent Season Services**

**Longest Night Service** on Wednesday, December 17th at 7pm. The purpose of this service is to provide a sacred night for naming our sorrows and lamenting our losses. If you are able to provide rides for our seniors or would like a ride, please sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex.

**Christmas Eve Service** on Wednesday, December 24th at 7pm. Last year we had a full house that evening so please plan on arriving early to ensure you can get family seating together. Note: There will be not be a service on Christmas Day.

Deacon of the Month: Karen Montovino

## **Savior Of The Nations Come**

#### Verse 1

Savior of the nations come Virgin's Son make here Thy home Marvel now both heaven and earth That the Lord chose such a birth

#### Verse 2

Not by human flesh and blood By the Spirit of our God Was the Word of God made flesh Mary's offspring pure and fresh

#### Verse 3

Thou the Father's only Son Hast o'er sin the victory won Boundless shall Thy kingdom be When shall we its glories see

#### Verse 4

Brightly doth Thy manger shine Glorious is its light divine Let not sin o'ercloud this light Ever be our faith thus bright

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#### Hark The Herald Angels Sing

#### Verse 1

Hark the herald angels sing Glory to the newborn King Peace on earth and mercy mild God and sinners reconciled Joyful all ye nations rise Join the triumph of the skies With th'angelic hosts proclaim Christ is born in Bethlehem Hark the herald angels sing Glory to the newborn King

#### Verse 2

Christ by highest heav'n adored Christ the everlasting Lord Late in time behold Him come Offspring of the Virgin's womb Veiled in flesh the Godhead see Hail th'incarnate Deity Pleased as man with men to dwell Jesus our Emmanuel Hark the herald angels sing Glory to the newborn King

#### Verse 3

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace
Hail the Sun of Righteousness
Light and life to all He brings
Ris'n with healing in His wings
Mild He lays His glory by
Born that man no more may die
Born to raise the sons of earth
Born to give them second birth
Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King

#### Verse 4

Come Desire of nations come
Fix in us Thy humble home
Rise the woman's conqu'ring seed
Bruise in us the serpent's head
Adam's likeness now efface
Stamp Thine image in its place
Second Adam from above
Reinstate us in Thy love
Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King

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