

First Presbyterian Church

Kingsford, Michigan
Rev. Michael March, Pastor

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 29, 2020

Greeting: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

Response: **And also with you.**

Announcements

--Cliff Smith

Opening Prayer

*Hymn: *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.

Refrain:

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. (*refrain*)

O come, thou wisdom from on high and order all things, far and nigh; to us the path of knowledge show and cause us in her ways to go. (*refrain*)

O come, desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind. Bid envy, strife, and quarrels cease; fill the whole world with heaven's peace. (*refrain*)

*Prayer of Confession:

Gracious Father, hear our prayer. When the Christ came into the world, only wise men from east and shepherds from the hillside could be found to worship him. Father, we confess that too often we ignore Christ and miss the signs of his coming into our midst. We are too busy with our own agendas to find time to worship him. Lord, have mercy upon us. Forgive our apathy and kindle your Holy Spirit fire within us that we may worship the King today and every day.

*Assurance of God's Pardon

***Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to heav'n and voices raise;
Sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise.
He who on the cross as Savior for the world's salvation bled,
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, now is risen from the dead.**

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 64:1-9

Responsive Reading: Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 --Insert

Sermon Text: Mark 13:24-37

Sermon --Sam and Cayla Schaefer

*Hymn: *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.

*Creed (The Second Helvetic Confession of 1566):

The Gospel is properly called glad and joyous news, in which, first by John the Baptist, then by Christ the Lord himself, and afterwards by the apostles and their successors, is preached to us in the world that God has now performed what he promised from the beginning of the world, and has sent, nay more, has given us his only Son and in him reconciliation with the Father, the remission of sins, all fullness and everlasting life.

*INTERCESSIONS & PRAYER CONCERNS:

Pastor Mike, Fred Fox, Fran Jamar, Marcia McGregor,
Charlie Novara, Steve Lorge, Nat Schroeder, Linda Peterson,
Karyn Daft, Kenny Kasten, Henry Kasten;
the family of John Jamar, Sr. (*father of John Jamar*);
the family of Marge Schmutzler (*mother of David Schmutzler*)

*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.**

*Benediction & Response: *Emmanuel*

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel.
God with us, revealed in us; his name is called Emmanuel.

CHURCH NOTES

Welcome to Sam and Cayla (Carey) Schaefer, missionaries with Overland Missions serving in the Middle East and who we support with our mission funds. They were here in January and are back home again to share how God is at work in their ministry.

Children's Christmas Program: December 20th

This will be a very SIMPLE, but POWERFUL, telling of Jesus' birth. Two rehearsals are planned during December. Please text Lorna soon at 282-1772 if your children would like to participate.

Virtual Christmas Pageant: In addition to our simple Christmas program on December 20th, we are going to do a virtual Christmas pageant! Everyone will be able to participate in the pageant from your home! Details about the virtual pageant will be mailed to our Church families very soon. For more information, contact Lorna at 282-1772.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

- 1 Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock! You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.
- 2 **Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh, stir up your might and come to save us!**
- 3 Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved!
- 4 **O LORD God of hosts, how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?**
- 5 You have fed them with the bread of tears and given them tears to drink in full measure.
- 6 **You make us an object of contention for our neighbors, and our enemies laugh among themselves.**
- 7 Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved!
- 17 **But let your hand be on the man of your right hand, the son of man whom you have made strong for yourself!**
- 18 Then we shall not turn back from you; give us life, and we will call upon your name!
- 19 **Restore us, O LORD God of hosts! Let your face shine, that we may be saved!**