

First Presbyterian Church

Kingsford, Michigan
Rev. Michael March, Pastor

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 5, 2021

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

Response: And also with you.

Announcements / Opening Prayer

Prelude

*Praise Medley

Insert

***Prayer of Confession: Loving Father, hear our prayer. Your only begotten Son came into a busy world. Very few even noticed his coming. That is still true today. We are distracted by so many things we easily miss Jesus, pushing him aside like one more thing we need to get done when we have more time. Save us from missing the point of it all in the joy of the lights and paper and presents and family and friends. Quiet our hearts and draw us close to the Savior in the manger. May Jesus Christ be born in us again this year.**

*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

--Christine Sericati

Scripture Reading: Malachi 3:1-4

Pg. 802, Pew Bible

Responsive Reading: Luke 1:68-79

Pg. 856, Pew Bible

Choral Anthem: *Come to the Table*

Sermon Text: Luke 3:1-6

Pg. 858, Pew Bible

Sermon

*Hymn: *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

No. 245

*Creed (The Scots Confession, 1560):

When the fullness of time came, God sent his Son, his eternal wisdom, the substance of his own glory, into this world, who took the nature of humanity from the substance of a woman, a virgin, by means of the Holy Ghost. And so was born the "just seed of David," the "Angel of the great counsel of God," the very Messiah promised, whom we confess and acknowledge to be Emmanuel, true God and true man, two perfect natures united and joined in one person.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

P: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

P: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

INTERCESSIONS & PRAYER CONCERNS:

David Carlson, Linda Smith, Geri Anderson, Mary Rushford,
Alan Wall, Karyn Daft

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.**

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

*Benediction / Response: *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.

*Those who are able, please stand.

CHURCH NOTES

- Today:** 6:00p.m. Sr. High Youth Group
Monday: 5:00p.m. Soup Kitchen (*drive-thru*)
Tuesday: 10:00a.m. and 5:15p.m. Bible Study
1:00p.m. Shawl Ministry
Wednesday: 3:30p.m. KID'S CLUB
3:30p.m. 5th/6th Grade Youth Group
5:00p.m. Kid's Xmas Rehearsal
6:30p.m. Adult Choir (*Fellowship Hall*)
Thursday: 9:30a.m. Sit, Chat, Finish That
4:00p.m. Jr. High Youth Group
**Saturday: 9:00a.m. – 11:00a.m. Children's
Christmas Program Rehearsal**
4:00p.m. Worship Service

The Choir will present their Christmas program next Sunday, December 12th, during the 9:00a.m. service.

December 19th Worship Service Time Changed to 10:00a.m.

On Sunday, December 19th, worship will be at 10:00a.m. instead of 9:00a.m. to accommodate the Children's Christmas Program. A regular worship service will be held at the 4:00p.m. service on Saturday, the 18th.

The Christmas Dinner Desert is the Cranberry Christmas Cake that we did last year. Recipes are in the pans on the table in the Fireside Room along with a sign-up sheet. We need 70 cakes.

Greeters: If you'd like to sign up to greet at either worship service (Saturday or Sunday) or on Christmas Eve (4:00p.m. and 7:00p.m.), check the sign-up sheets on the table in the Fireside Room.

O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy darkness shineth the everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

How silently, how silently the wondrous Gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heav'n.
No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive him still, the dear Christ
enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend on us, we pray.
Cast out our sin, and enter in; be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell.
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord, Emmanuel.

EMMANUEL

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