

Welcome To
Hillcrest Presbyterian Church

A Service For The Worship Of God

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 23, 2018

We give thanks that God has called us to worship together.

Prelude

Leader: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you

Leader: Let us prepare our hearts and minds for worship with a moment of silence.

A Moment of Silence

Lighting of the Fourth Advent Candle

Choral Intro

Responsive Reading

The Angels' Message: Obey

Leader: During Advent we remember God's faithfulness shown to us.

People: Help our lives to reflect your ways, O Lord.

Leader: During Advent we remember God's humility set before us.

People: Help our lives to reflect your ways, O Lord.

Leader: During Advent we remember God's commands, spoken to us.

People: Help our lives to reflect your ways, O Lord.

Leader: During Advent we remember God's incredible love shared with us.

People: Help our lives to reflect your ways, O Lord.

Candle Lighting

Choral Response

Closing Prayer

*Hymn #31

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

A Word of Welcome and Announcements

Affirmation Of Faith (unison)

Apostles' Creed

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Call To Confession

Leader: With the knowledge that the Lord's grace will save us in our time of trial, let us with confidence confess our sin before God and one another.

Prayer Of Confession

God our Savior, we ask for your mercy. Though we have heard Mary's song, we still seek security in pride and power and possessions. Though we know your story, we resist the costs of following you. We pass by those considered lowly in this world. We turn away from hungry people who still wait to be filled. Forgive us, we pray. Help us to work for the justice you intend. Make us messengers of the peace you bring. As we wait for you, turn our apathy into acts of love and service. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, Emmanuel. Amen.

(Silent Confession) — In Christ's name we pray. **Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Sisters and Brothers, the Lord alone is righteous in all things. In Christ creation is made new

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God

Gloria Patri: *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Passing The Peace Of Christ

*Leader: As a forgiven people, let us share the peace of Christ
The Peace Of Christ Be With You.*

People: And Also With You.

Leader: Let us turn and greet one another

Installation Of New Officers

Hymn #525

Here I Am, Lord

A Time With Our Children - Children's Choir

The children are invited to come forward. Afterward the children are excused to go to children's church

Hymn #25

Away In A Manger

Prayers Of The People and Lord's Prayer

(You are invited to share out loud your prayer concerns and joys)

Leader: Lord in you mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

***Lord's Prayer* (in 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 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.

Prayer Response Hymn #325

Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers

Spirit divine, attend our prayers,
And make this house your home;
Descend with all your gracious powers;
O come, great Spirit, come!

Offering (let us present our Offerings, Tithes and Gifts to the Lord)

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory

*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him, all creatures here below.

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Choral Anthem

Somewhere in Bethlehem

Scripture

Luke 1:39-45

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

Sermon

Rev. Jack Cormack

Hymn: What A Glorious Night - Sidewalk Prophets

The shepherds came to
see the baby
Stood by his mother's side
Here laid the Savior
inside a manger
Oh what a glorious night
Oh what a glorious night

I hear the angels singing halleluiah
Let the earth receive her king
I know that love has come
Singing it out
Jesus Christ is born
Jesus Christ is born
Yeah

The shepherds wondered
They couldn't hide it
Told everyone in sight
All were amazed
When they heard how
God came down on the glorious
night
God came down on this glorious
night

I hear the angels singing halleluiah
Let the earth receive her king
I know that love has come
Singing it out
Jesus Christ is born

Jesus Christ is born
Yeah

Glorious
Glorious
What a Glorious night

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Let the earth receive her king
I know that love has come
Singing it out
Jesus Christ is born
I heard that Jesus Christ is born
Yeah Yeah Yeah

All is calm now
All is quiet
A Star shining in the sky
Below in Bethlehem
The king is sleeping
Oh What a Glorious Night
Oh What a Glorious Night

***Charge and Benediction**

***Response**

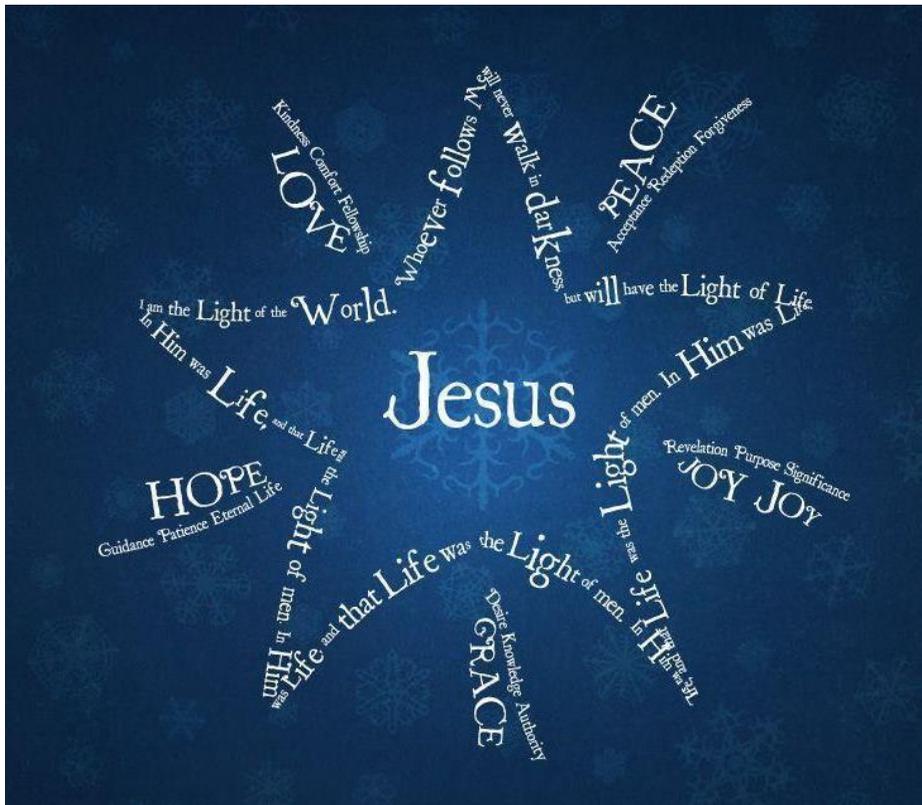
While We Are Waiting, Come

While we are waiting come, while we are waiting come
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.
With power and glory come; with power and glory come.
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.
Come, Savior quickly come; come, Savior, quickly come.
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.

***=Those for whom it is comfortable are invited to stand**

Rev. Jack Cormack	Pastor
Jennifer McCullough	Director of Music
Jo Lynne Palmerton	Pianist

Today's Advent Readers: Sonja Scott and Nancy Hackett



Ushers
Hutchins Family

Fellowship Hosts
The Hutchins Family

In Our Prayers
Our homebound: Harold Hiser, John
Tranbarger, Fran Stansbury and Gusta
Zweerink.

CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY
Wanda Anderson, December 27

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 5:00pm

Van Driver: Sammy Miller
Nursery: Cindy Covey
Sound: Brian Hill
Building Monitor: Leonard Throne
Greeter: Dan Wood

Committee Chairs please get your yearend
reports into the church office.

John R Trangbarger's new address:
Wilson's Creek Nursing and Rehab Center
3403 W. Mt. Vernon, Rm. A130
Springfield, MO 65802

Ongoing Missions:

Food Pantry
Meals on Wheels
Rare Breed meals
Ronald McDonald House meals



Crosslines will again collect lightly to moderately used coats for both children and adults in need of protection against the cold this winter. We will take the coats to Glo cleaners for free cleaning prior to delivery to Crosslines.

Please sign up for Fellowship time for December and January. We have plenty of open spots!

The church office is seeking a new secretary. If you are interested, please contact Sammy Miller.

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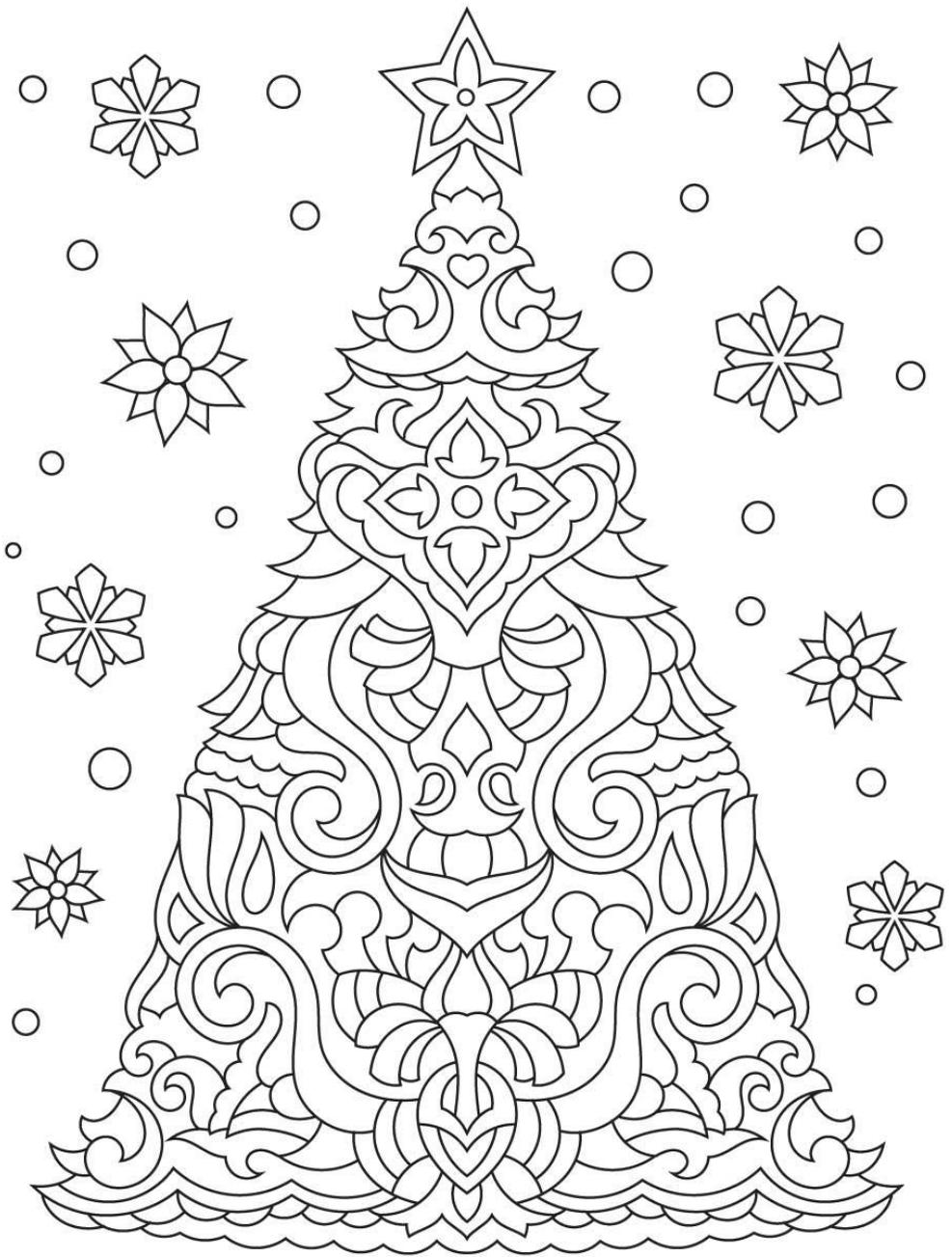
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