

Church Calendar

***Family Promise Host Week 12/5-12/12**

Sunday, December 5

10:00 am	Worship
11:15 am	Coffee Hour
11:15 am	Advent Book Study
11:30 am	Youth Group @ VUMC
3:30 pm	Girl Scouts
7:30 pm	A.A. & Al Anon

Tuesday, December 7

10:00 am	Free Panera
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Friday, December 10

7:00 pm	A.A. Meeting
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Saturday, December 11

8:00 am	Men's Breakfast
5-6:30 pm	Community Dinner

Announcements and calendar of events
can also be found in our weekly eNews!

*The "Quiet Room" is available for anyone feeling the need to go to someplace quiet with their child(ren) but don't want to miss out on the service to do so. The audio of the worship is on a speaker in the room and the window overlooks the sanctuary.

Winter Office Hours

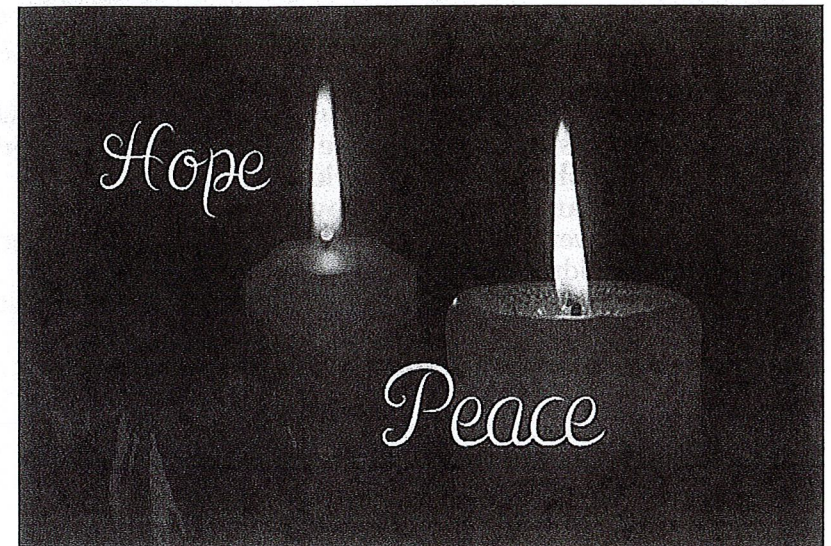
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HOWEVER YOU HAVE COME.
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**Order of Worship
2nd Sunday of Advent**

December 5, 2021, 10am
***Please stand if you are able.**

Prelude "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" arr. by John Purifoy

Welcome & Announcements

Prayer of Invocation

God, our Father, the One who comes in your name comes again with grace and power, with forgiveness and strength, with truth and imagination, with gentleness and love.

May the coming One enter the hearts of those who wait with quiet expectation for all that is good and holy and just.

Amen.

***Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

Donna Schake

The Advent wreath is a circle with no beginning and no end. It is a symbol of God's unending love and faithfulness.

Its light reminds us of Jesus, the light of the world.

In him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

**The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness did not overcome it.**

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light.

**If we walk in the light as he himself is in the light,
we have fellowship with one another,
and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.**

We are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness.

**Jesus said, "Everyone who believes in me
should not remain in the darkness."**

***Opening Hymn #2**

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

Unison Prayer of Confession:

God of the future, you are coming in power to bring all nations under your rule.

We confess that we have not expected your kingdom, for we live casual lives, ignoring your promised judgment. We accept lies as truth, exploit neighbors, abuse the earth, and refuse your justice and peace.

In your mercy, forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your way, and to seek things that will endure when Christ comes to judge the world.

Assurance of Pardon:

Every valley is lifted up; every mountain, made low. Now the glory of the Lord is revealed, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God.

Gloria Patri

#579 Glory Be to the Father

Moment for All Ages

Unison Prayer for Illumination

Holy God, our hope and strength, by the power of your Spirit prepare the way in our hearts for the coming of your Word, so that we may see the glorious signs of your promise fulfilled; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Scripture Readings

Luke 1:68-79

68 "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,

for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them.

69 He has raised up a mighty savior for us

in the house of his servant David,

70 as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,

71 that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us.

72 Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors, and has remembered his holy covenant,

73 the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham,

to grant us 74 that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies,

might serve him without fear, 75 in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.

76 And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High;

for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,

77 to give knowledge of salvation to his people by the forgiveness of their sins.

78 By the tender mercy of our God,

the dawn from on high will break upon us,

79 to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,

to guide our feet into the way of peace."

(cont.)

Luke 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, 2 during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. 3 He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, 4 as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, “The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. 5 Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; 6 and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’”

Sermon

“Prepare the way”

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right for us to give thanks and praise...

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the
highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Communion Song #501 “Bread of Heaven, on Thee We Feed”
Communion

Offering

***Doxology**

***Unison Prayer of Dedication**

O Mighty One, you have done and are doing great things for us, and holy is your name. Bless all we offer you—ourselves, our time, and our possessions— that through our grace and favor may be made known to all the world, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer.

Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer

Gathered here, in the house of the Lord, let us pray for the coming of Christ’s realm.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer...**

Bring peace, O God, to the world you have made: the peace that passes understanding and the promise of your new creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is coming in glory to reign.

***Closing Song #601**

“Song of Zechariah”

***Benediction**

May 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. **Alleluia!** Prepare the way of the Lord!

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

“From Heaven Above” arr. by Gordon Young



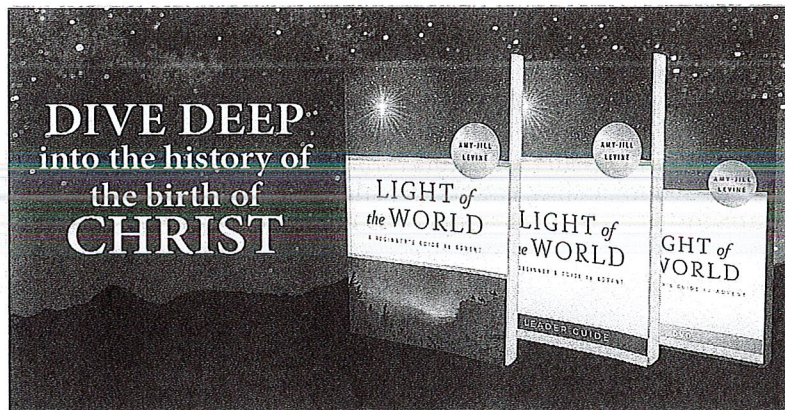
Our church has “adopted” a Family Promise family for the Christmas Holidays to supply them toys, gift cards, and clothing for Christmas. We are asking for monetary donations to purchase these items and brighten a families Holiday spirits! Please place your donation after church in a basket on the coffee table in Corey hall or mail to Courtney at church office. We need donations by **Dec. 5th. **Our FPOC “host week” is this week, Dec. 5-12!**

Thank you for supporting Family Promise families
and Happy Holidays!

*Thank you to these members who are
helping with worship today-*

Liturgist: Donna Schake

Greeter & Coffee Hour: Karen Tripp



Book Study: "Light of the World" by Amy Jill Levine.

4-week study, following Sunday worship,
during the 4 weeks of Advent

"How much do you love the Christmas story? Have you ever wanted to know more about it, appreciate its significance for the first audience hearing it? Join our Advent book study "Light of the World" written by Jewish scholar and professor Amy Jill Levine. Amy calls herself the "unorthodox orthodox Jewish scholar" which is a fun way to say that she practices Judaism but teaches to and for both Jewish and Christian audiences. I appreciate her scholarship, humor, and the videos I have watched of her in this series and I cannot wait to join together in this study. Together with Amy and all of you, I believe we will grow in understanding, cultural and religious awareness, and our faith around these wonderful Christmas stories that are all about Jesus who is the "Light of the World."

Upcoming dates of study: December 5, 12, 19, after Sunday worship



Sunday School News

During the month of December, both classes will meet in the PreK-2 room. We will be practicing our Christmas Presentation and making crafts for the residents of The Legacy Senior Home. *I am proud to announce that we collected 25lbs of crayons for the Crayon Initiative. Thank you to everyone who donated.*

Masks are still required for Sunday school attendance.

Date	Lesson
December 5, 2021	Craft making and letters
December 12, 2021	Practice presentation
December 19, 2021	Christmas Presentation/Crafts
December 26, 2021	NO Sunday School

- December 12th - Practice presentation in sanctuary after service
- December 19th - Christmas Presentation
- December 24th - Christmas Eve service
- December 25th - Christmas Day
- December 26th - No Sunday School

2 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Charles Wesley, 1744

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Rowland Hugh Prichard, 1831

1. Come, Thou long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus, Born to set Thy
 2. Born Thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, Born a child and

peo - ple free; From our fears and sins re - lease us;
 yet a King, Born to reign in us for - ev - er,

Let us find our rest in Thee. Is - rael's strength and con - so -
 Now Thy gra - cious king - dom bring. By Thine own e - ter - nal

la - tion, Hope of all the earth Thou art; Dear de - sire of
 Spir - it Rule in all our hearts a - lone; By Thine all - suf -

ev - ery na - tion, Joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
 fi - cient mer - it Raise us to Thy glo - rious throne.

Bread of Heaven, on Thee We Feed 501

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French and Welsh melody
Arr. Hugh Davies, 1906

Josiah Conder, 1824; alt.

1. Bread of heaven, on Thee we feed, For Thou art our
 2. Vine of heaven, Thy love sup - plies This blest cup of

food in - deed; Ev - er may our souls be fed
 sac - ri - fice; 'Tis Thy wounds our heal - ing give;

With this true and liv - ing Bread, Day by day with
 To Thy cross we look and live: Thou our life! O

strength sup - plied Through the life of Christ who died.
 let us be Root - ed, graft - ed, built on Thee.

Song of Zechariah

601

Benedictus
KINGSFOLD CMD

English Country Songs, 1893
Arr. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

James Quinn, 1969; alt. 1985

1. Blest be the God of Is - ra - el, The ev - er - liv - ing
 2. Through ho - ly proph - ets did You speak Your word in days of
 3. Of old You gave Your sol - emn oath To fa - ther A - bra -
 4. O ti - ny child, Your name shall be The proph - et of the

Lord. You come in power to save Your own, Your
 old, That You would save us from our foes And
 ham: Whose You seed a might - y God You will pre - pare
 Lord; The way of

peo - ple Is - ra - el. For Is - ra - el You
 all who bear us el. On Si - nai You
 blest for - ev - er more. You vowed to set Your
 make God's com - ing You shall pro - claim to

now raise up Sal - va - tion's tower on high; In
 gave to us Your cov - e - nant of love; So
 peo - ple free From fear of ev - ery foe, That
 Is - ra - el Sal - va - tion's dawn - ing day, When

Da - vid's house, who reigned as king And ser - vant of the Lord.
 with us now You keep Your word In love that knows no end.
 we might serve You all our days In good - ness, love, and peace.
 God shall wipe a - way all sins With mer - cy and with love.