



FORESIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Connecting to God

Nurturing Community

Discovering our Callings

November 28, 2021

First Sunday of Advent



The Manger

Hope Born in Us

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*If you would like to make an announcement, please come forward
to use the microphone in front so you may be seen and heard by all present and at home!*

PRELUDE

Away In A Manger

trad. Normandy tune

*** LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH**

One: Our Advent journey begins, a single flame of hope,

Many: **As we wait for God-with-us, Emmanuel.**

Like our ancestors, we travel by light and by darkness,
Seeking stars in the night, and signs in all creation.

Let us welcome one another in, seeking shelter for the spirit
And a holy place within for the Christ-child to be born.

May hope be born in us this season.

May Christ be born in us this season.

***HYMN**

Once in Royal David's City

Red Hymnal, #155

Vs. 1, 2, 4

*Once in royal David's city
Stood a lowly cattle shed,
where a mother laid her baby
In a manger for his bed:
Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ her little child.*

*Christ came down to earth from heaven.
Love incarnate for us all,
And his shelter was a stable,
And his cradle was a stall;
With the poor, the scorned, the lowly,
Lived on earth our Savior holy.*

*And our eyes at last shall see him,
Through his own redeeming love;
For that child who seemed so helpless
Lives and reigns in heaven above;
And he leads his children on
To the place where he is gone.*

*** PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

...Come, Emmanuel. Come, "God With Us."

Shelter us in your Spirit, for in you we place our hope.

And we shall never hope in vain. Amen.

Singing: **O Come, o come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here,
Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!**

INTRODUCTION TO THE SCRIPTURE

SCRIPTURE *Jeremiah 33:10-16*

SERMON *The Manger: A Stable Place* The Rev. Geoff Parker

ANTHEM *O Men from The Fields (A Cradle Song)* Arnold Cooke

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

May God be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray...

**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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO THE SERVICE OF GOD

*In the Sanctuary, an offering plate is available as you leave today. Online, gifts may be shared here:
<https://www.foresidechurch.org/index.php/giving/>. In this time, you might reflect on where you have received
gifts in the past week, and how you might share with gratitude with others.*

***Doxology** **Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.**

*Blessing of Gifts

* HYMN

In the Bleak Midwinter
Vs 1, 2, 4

Red Hymnal, #154

*In the bleak midwinter,
frosty wind made moan,
Earth stood hard as iron,
water like a stone;
Snow had fallen, snow on snow,
snow on snow,
In the bleak midwinter,
long ago.*

*Heaven cannot hold him,
nor earth sustain;
Heaven and earth shall flee away
when he comes to reign.
In the bleak midwinter
a stable place sufficed the
Lord God almighty,
Jesus Christ.*

*What can I give him,
Poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd,
I would bring a lamb;
If I were a wise one,
I would do my part; yet
What I can I give him:
Give my heart.*

* BLESSING AND SENDING

POSTLUDE

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

Polish carol

*We give thanks today for the musical gifts of Danielle Ogden as
David takes a well-deserved day off this week!*

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This Morning's Ministers of Worship are:

Cynthia Beggs and Robin Singer

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

- Sunday, November 28:** 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship
- Monday, November 29:** 8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer (Zoom)
- Tuesday, November 30:** 9:15 a.m. Tuesday Morning Study Group
1:00 p.m. Knitting Group
6:15 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
6:45 p.m. Tuesday Night AA Gathering
7:30 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal
- Thursday, December 2:** 8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer (Zoom)
9:00 a.m. Beginner Bells in Sanctuary
- Saturday, December 4:** 8:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast (Zoom)
- Christmas Fair- Part 2!**
9:00 a.m. to Noon @ St. Mary's AND
Noon to 2:00 p.m. here at FCC
- Sunday, December 5:** 9:30 a.m. Second Sunday of Advent Worship
With Communion
Christmas Fair Rain Date

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Advent Morning Prayers with Pastor Geoff

Join us for a brief service of readings, prayers and quiet to start the day during Advent. Services will be [by Zoom](#) at 8:00 a.m. each Monday and Thursday through Advent, November 29 - December 23.

Advent and Christmas Worship Survey Request

As we care for the health of our congregation and the wider community, we are limited in our capacity for in-person worship at each service. To assist in the planning and preparation for the **Advent and Christmas season** fast approaching, we are hoping to know in advance more about the services that our friends and members are planning to attend.

There are hard copy surveys on the table in the narthex today. You will be asked to indicate all services you would like to attend, and indicate a top preference if services become full.



Don't miss the FORESIDE FAIRS
Catch the Christmas Spirit!!
Saturday, December 4

9am - 12noon Saint Mary's Church

12 - 2PM OUTSIDE! Foreside Community Church

Saint Mary's Church
 43 Foreside Road

Holiday Décor & Gifts
 Jewelry & other Treasures
 Soup, Cookies, Bake Sale,
 and MORE!
Come Sparkle with us!

Foreside Community Church
 340 Foreside Road

Buy a gift or festive food
 Caroling to set the mood
 Vintage décor, greens galore
 Silent auction and much more.
O come! O come!
Rain date, Dec 5, 12-2

skillin's
 Enter special drawing at Skillin's by passing in special cards from both fairs.

Christmas Fair! There is still time to bid on Silent Auction items and order home-made desserts as several are still available. The delightful homeopathic corn bags are also available for purchase at \$6.00 each. There are extra wreaths for ordering, and extra chili in the freezer, so just ask! And of course, the day of the fair will present a plethora of potential Christmas gifts for those on your list. Please call the office with any questions (781-5880).

***Fair Rain Date will be Sunday December 5,
 same time, same place!***

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