

RINGING THE BELLS and ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Bill Wassner

CHORAL INTROIT "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" (Goodwin)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God of hope — You color the world with mercy and kindness.

Many: We stand in awe and wonder before Your marvelous artistry.

One: God of promise — You paint the sky with rainbow and sun-ray.

Many: We rejoice in the majesty of Your creation.

One: The spectrum of Your Presence warms our spirits and gives us hope.

Many: We light this candle in abundant trust that You, O God, will shine in our hearts, coloring us with hope, as we travel to Christmas.

*THE CANDLE OF HOPE IS LIT

*RESPONSE "One Candle is Lit" (v 1) (on screen)

**Come surely, Lord Jesus, as dawn follows night,
our hearts long to greet you, as roses, the light.
Salvation, draw near us, our vision engage.
One candle is lit for the hope of the age.**

*UNISON INVOCATION Pastor Mary

Even though this is a season of hope, O God, we enter it clutching tight to the ways of yesterday, that hold us in bondage. Free us and forgive us for the times when we have chosen to live lives mired in anguish rather than the hope that the coming Christ instills. We offer this prayer in the name of the One whose return we await: Christ Jesus. Amen.

*RESPONSE "Gloria Patri" (on screen)

MORNING PRAYER Pastor Bill

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And with you also.

Leader: Let us pray...

Concluding with *The Lord's Prayer* (on screen)

Organ Response

ANTHEM "An Advent Song" (Fair) Traditional Choir

DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS Pastor Mary

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY Tune "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen" (on screen)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, on every hill and coast!

Praise God above, all angels who comprise the heavenly host!

Praise to the Father and the Son and to the Holy Ghost!

O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy!

O tidings of comfort and joy!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

O God, we remember the greatest gift Creation ever received during this season of anticipation. Throughout the next four weeks, may we develop a renewed spirit of that exhibits the hope, peace, love, and joy that became incarnate in the Christ. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 40: 1-5 (NLT) Pastor Bill

CAROL OF FOCUS "O Little Town of Bethlehem" # 95 (1, 3, 5)

SERMON **GROW UP!** Pastor Bill

*CLOSING CAROL "O Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" # 74

*BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "What Child Is This?" (on screen)

What child is this, who, laid to rest,

On Mary's lap is sleeping?

Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,

While shepherds watch are keeping?

This, this is Christ the King,

Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:

Haste, haste to bring Him laud,

The babe, the son of Mary.

*RINGING THE BELLS

*CLOSING MUSIC

The week ahead...

SUNDAY - 11/26

9:00 am Traditional Worship
9:30 am Praise Singers practice
10:00 am Discovery Music practice
10:00 am Breakfast, Sunday School
11:00 am Discovery Worship

MONDAY - 11/27

8:00 am HeadStart
9:30 am Senior Exercise Class

TUESDAY - 11/28

8:00 am HeadStart
8:00 am Weight Watchers
10:00 am 4C Play & Learn
3:00 pm Open Gym
5:15 pm Weight Watchers
5:30 pm Gym Reserved

WEDNESDAY - 11/29

8:00 am HeadStart
9:30 am Senior Exercise Class
3:00 pm Open Gym
6:00 pm Discovery Music
7:00 pm Traditional Choir

THURSDAY - 11/30

8:00 am HeadStart
10:00 am Discovery Bible Study
3:00 pm Open Gym
5:30 pm Women at the Well Bible Study
5:30 pm Gym Reserved

FRIDAY - 12/1

8:00 am HeadStart

SATURDAY - 12/2

8:30 am Youth Clean Evansville

SUNDAY - 12/3 - Music Sunday

9:00 am Traditional Worship
9:30 am Praise Singers practice
10:00 am Discovery Music practice
10:00 am Breakfast, Sunday School, Blood Pressure checks (Library)
11:00 am Discovery Worship
4:30 pm Youth Group Progressive Dinner

Those who serve...

Nursery Attendants

November 26

9:00 am & S.S. Hour Stacey Henderson
11:00 am Stacey Henderson & Michelle Heneisen

December 3

9:00 am & S.S. Hour Stacey Henderson
11:00 am Stacey Henderson & June Pillow

Greeters

November 26

9:00 am Polly Ellison, Verna Hudson
11:00 am Tracey & Keith Kolb

December 3

9:00 am Judy Carr, Barb Marr
11:00 am Lisa Huck, Nancy Hile

Ushers

November

9:00 am Bob Dreier, Captain;
Louie Buschkill, Don Lindenberg,
Rusty Yeager, Jim Geiser, Darlene Dycus
11:00 am Ralph Heneisen, Captain;
Shawn Heneisen, Fred Huck, Tom Huck, Chris Kirwer, Gary Ruminer

Deacon (offering)

November

9:00 am Dee McDonald
11:00 am Keith Krietenstein



First Sunday of Advent

Traditional Worship
November 26, 2017

9:00 AM

ALL
hearts
COME HOME
FOR
Christmas

ST. PAUL'S
UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST

Rev. Dr. William J. Wassner, *Senior Pastor*
Rev. Mary Hurley, *Associate Pastor*
Andrea Williams, *Director of Traditional Music*
Kasey Gathercole & Katie Maurer, *Co-Directors of Discovery Music*
Rick Hobbs, *organist* † Katie Maurer, *pianist*

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