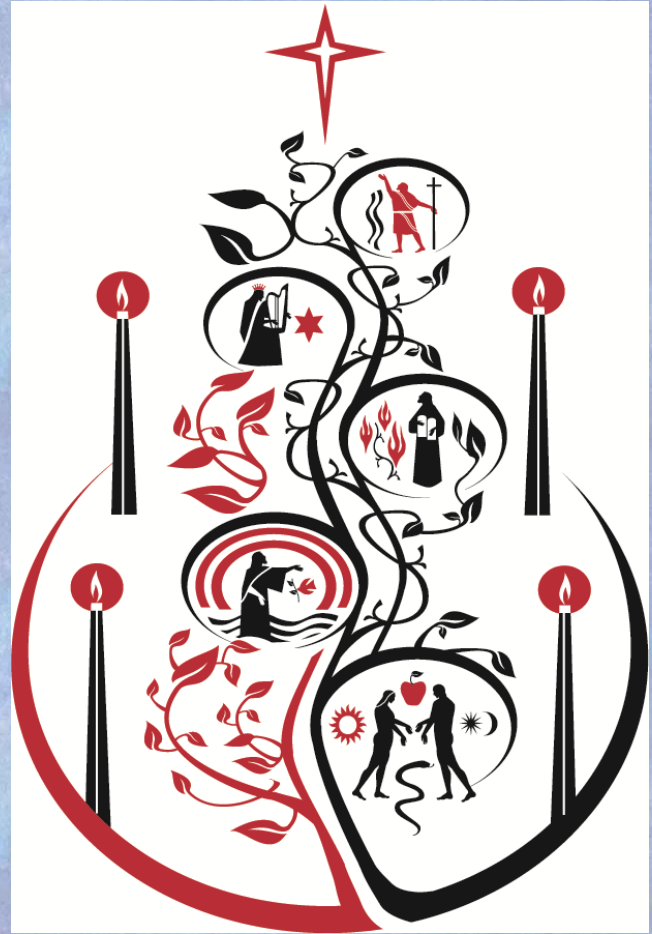


ADVENT



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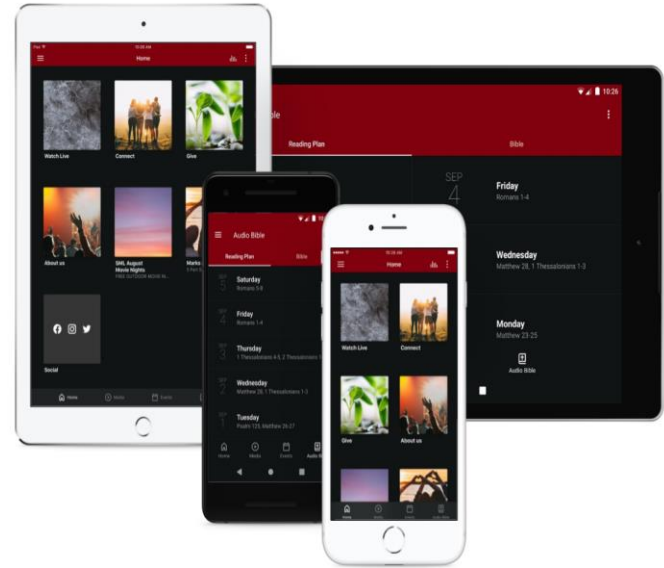


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Second Sunday of Advent

DECEMBER 5, 2021, 10:00 A.M.

Gathering + Word + Meal + Sending

WELCOME AND THEMES OF THE DAY

PRELUDE

The Heart Of Worship

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Welcome to St. Mark's Lutheran here in Hacienda Heights. It is a blessing to have you with us, whether here in person or joining us online. Today is the second Sunday of Advent which is a time of preparing and waiting for Christmas and the celebration of the birth of Christ. Our overall theme is "On the Way to Bethlehem," and each week we will meet people along the way with a focused theme for each week.

Today we focus on Love, as a young woman is told by an Angel she is pregnant with a child that will change the world. We encourage those joining us online to go to our website and leave any comments and information you wish to share: <https://stmarkshh.com/connect-card>

+ GATHERING SONG

Lord Reign In Me

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+ GREETING

*The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.*

And also with you.

WELCOME SONG

The Heart Of Worship

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+ PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming give to all the people of the world knowledge of your salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

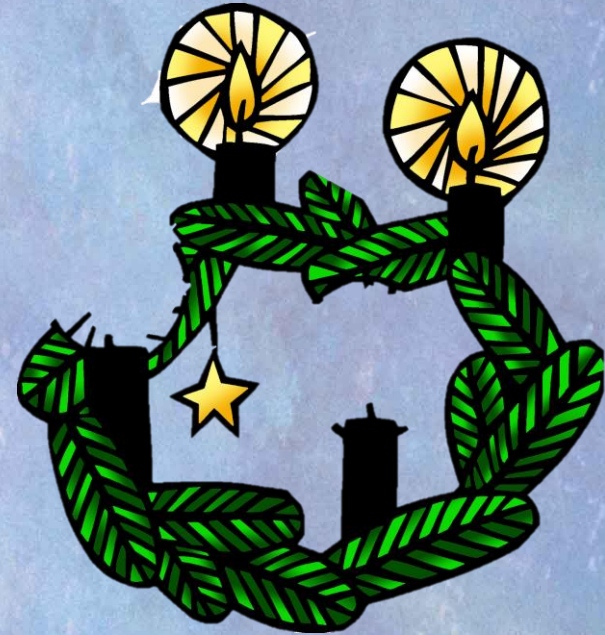
LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH: ADVENT 2

Blessed are you, O Lord our God,
ruler of the universe.

**You call all nations to walk in your
light and to seek your ways of
justice and peace,**

for the night is past, and the dawn of your
coming is near.

**Bless us as we light the first
candle of this wreath.**



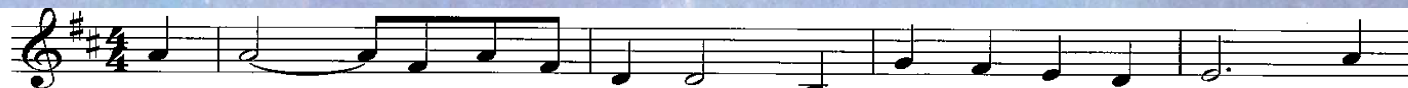
Light two candles.

Rouse us from sleep, that we may be ready to
greet our Lord when he comes
and welcome him into our hearts and homes,
for he is our light and our salvation.
Blessed be God forever. Amen.

ADVENT HYMN

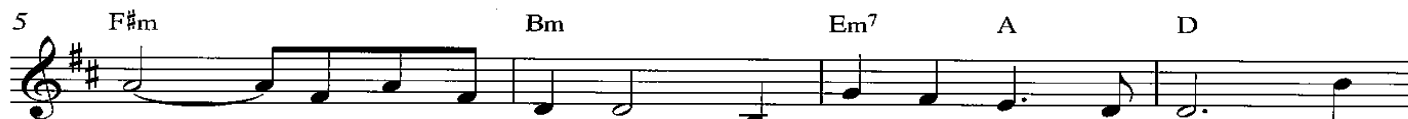
Stanzas 1 & 2

WE LIGHT TWO CANDLE BURNING




1. We light one candle burn-ing, for this our plan-et earth: This
2. We light two can-dles shin-ing, for faith and ho-ly love; They
3. We light three can-dles blaz-ing, for all who work for peace, Who
4. We light four can-dles gleam-ing, for Christ, the new-born King, Who

5



lit - tle bit of star-dust, that brought us all to birth. This
call us from our dark-ness to care as God a-bove. The
strive and thirst for jus-tice, whose ef-forts nev-er cease. Take
bless-es earth with heav-en, and makes the whole world sing. The

9



home that God has giv-en, has groaned and been dis-tressed, But
pris-oners long for free-dom, the re-fu-gees a home, The
heart! Don't be dis-cour-aged, we join you in the fight! The
Lamb sleeps with the li-on, in won-der and with awe, We

13



now we hear the pro-mise: O earth, you shall be blessed!
griev-ing wait for com-fort; through us your will be done!
Ho-ly One is with us to free and make things right.
bow be-fore our Shep-herd; the ba-by in the straw.

*Gathering + **Word** + Meal + Sending*

READING

Daniel 2:38-47 pg. 807

³⁸into whose hand he has given human beings, wherever they live, the wild animals of the field, and the birds of the air, and whom he has established as ruler over them all — you are the head of gold. ³⁹After you shall arise another kingdom inferior to yours, and yet a third kingdom of bronze, which shall rule over the whole earth.

⁴⁰And there shall be a fourth kingdom, strong as iron; just as iron crushes and smashes everything, it shall crush and shatter all these. ⁴¹As you saw the feet and toes partly of potter's clay and partly of iron, it shall be a divided kingdom; but some of the strength of iron shall be in it, as you saw the iron mixed with the clay. ⁴²As the toes of the feet were part iron and part clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong and partly brittle. ⁴³As you saw the iron mixed with clay, so will they mix with one another in marriage, but they will not hold together, just as iron does not mix with clay.

⁴⁴And in the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that shall never be destroyed, nor shall this kingdom be left to another people. It shall crush all these kingdoms and bring them to an end, and it shall stand forever; ⁴⁵just as you saw that a stone was cut from the mountain not by hands, and that it crushed the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold. The great God has informed the king what shall be hereafter. The dream is certain, and its interpretation trustworthy."

⁴⁶Then King Nebuchadnezzar fell on his face, worshiped Daniel, and commanded that a grain offering and incense be offered to him. ⁴⁷The king said to Daniel, "Truly, your God is God of gods and LORD of kings and a revealer of mysteries, for you have been able to reveal this mystery!"

The Word of Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S SERMON



WHO'S READY FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL?



Sunday School is Bible study, worship and fun!

All children

ages Preschool through 6th grade

are invited to attend.

Children are now excused to meet their teacher in the Narthex.

The holy gospel according to Luke, the first chapter

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁶In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." ²⁹But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and

you will name him Jesus. ³²He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. ³³He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." ³⁴Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" ³⁵The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. ³⁶And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren.

³⁷For nothing will be impossible with God." ³⁸Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her for the Lord."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON
LOVE: THE
ANNUNCIATION

+ HYMN OF THE DAY The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came
ELW 265 Stanzas 1-3

- 1 The angel Gabriel from heaven came,
with wings as drifted snow, with eyes as flame:
"All hail to thee, O lowly maiden Mary,
most highly favored lady." Gloria!**
- 2 "For know a blessed mother thou shalt be,
all generations laud and honor thee;
thy son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold,
most highly favored lady." Gloria!**

**3 Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head;
"To me be as it pleaseth God," she said.
"My soul shall laud and magnify God's holy name."
Most highly favored lady, Gloria!**

+ APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.*

On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the
dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

+ PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

In this season of watching and waiting, let us pray for all people and places that yearn for God's presence.

The petitions conclude:

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of new life, you come among us in the places we least expect. Receive these prayers and those of our hearts, in the name of Jesus.

Amen.

Gathering + Word + **Meal** + Sending

+ PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.



OFFERTORY

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

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To give an offering
online go to:

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or

Use the St. Mark's App



Refrain

**As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill
were gathered into one to become our bread;
so may all your people from all the ends of earth
be gathered into one in you.**

- 1 As this cup of blessing is shared within our midst, may we share the presence of your love.**

Refrain

**As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill
were gathered into one to become our bread;
so may all your people from all the ends of earth
be gathered into one in you.**

- 2 Let this be a foretaste of all that is to come when all creation shares this feast with you.**

Refrain

**As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill
were gathered into one to become our bread;
so may all your people from all the ends of earth
be gathered into one in you.**

+ OFFERTORY PRAYER

**God of our waiting and watching,
we offer the gifts of our hearts and our lives
to the service of all your people.
Prepare the way before us
as we meet you in this simple meal,
through Christ Jesus, our pathway and our peace.
Amen.**

+ BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,
who alone does wonders,
who lifts up the lowly,
who fills the hungry with good things.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin, trusting in the tender mercy of
our God.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

God for whom we wait,
**in the presence of one another,
we confess our sin before you.**

We fail in believing that your good news is for us.

We falter in our call to tend your creation.

We find our sense of self in material wealth.

We fear those different from ourselves.

**We forget that we are your children
and turn away from your love.**

**Forgive us, Blessed One,
and assure us again of your saving grace.**

Amen.

God, in Christ Jesus, has looked with favor upon you!

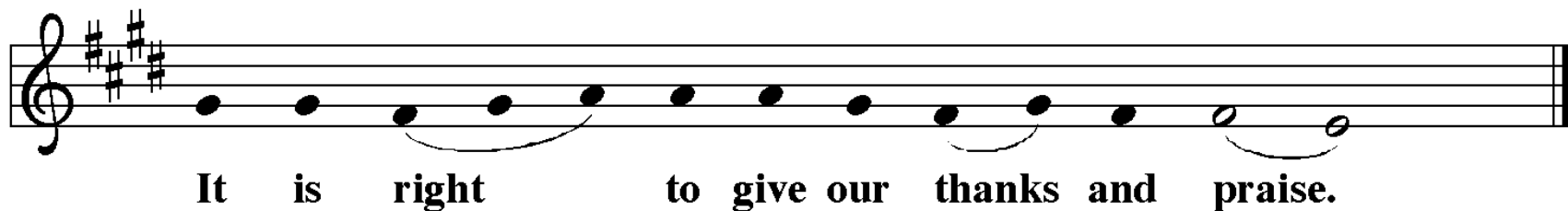
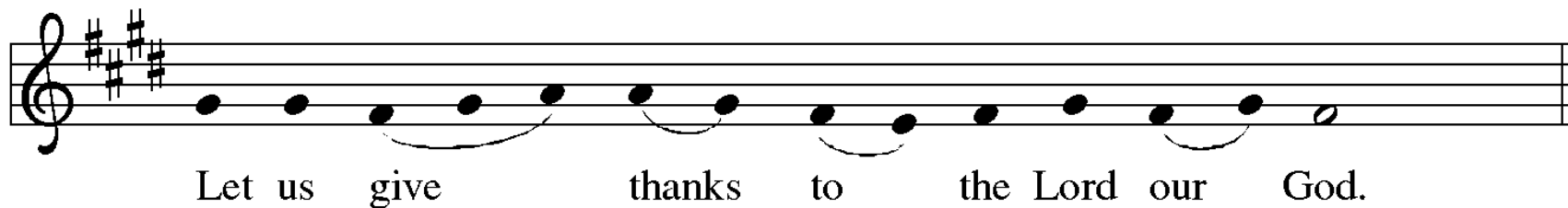
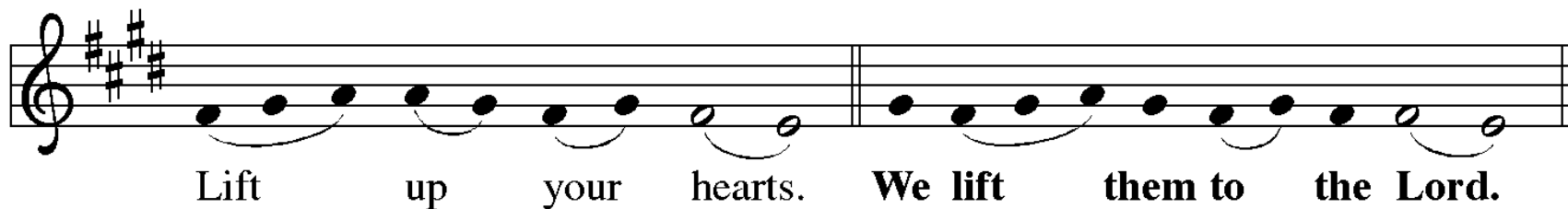
Through the power of the Holy Spirit,
✝ your sins are forgiven.

You are children of the Most High,
inheritors of the eternal promise,
and recipients of divine mercy.

God strengthens you anew to follow the way
of peace.

Amen.

LITURGY FOR HOLY COMMUNION - THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



+ PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

+ HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

The image displays a musical score for a hymn, consisting of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,". The second staff continues the lyrics: "heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry." The third staff continues: "Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes". The fourth staff concludes with: "in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est." The score uses various note values including quarter, eighth, and half notes, with some notes beamed together. There are also rests and a final double bar line at the end of the fourth staff.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

+ LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to 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 and ever. Amen.

COMMUNION

Lamb of God
ELW pg.154



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

**1 O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.**

Refrain

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.**

**4 O come, O Branch of Jesse, free
your own from Satan's tyranny;
from depths of hell your people save,
and give them vict'ry o'er the grave.**

Refrain

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.**

**7 O come, O King of nations, come,
O Cornerstone that binds in one:
refresh the hearts that long for you;
restore the broken, make us new.**

Refrain

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.**

+ PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Most High God,
you have come among us at this table.
By the Spirit's power, form us to be bearers of your word,
sharing gifts of mercy and grace with all,
through Christ Jesus, our host and our guest.
Amen.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY, December 5th
at 4:00 PM



DETAILS IN BULLETIN

DONATIONS NEEDED PLEASE!!!

The Action Food Pantry is asking for donations of beans and rice for their Christmas Baskets. You can make checks out to St. Mark's. On the memo line please write "Christmas Baskets."





**SUNDAY SCHOOL
SANTA LUCIA
PROGRAM AND
ST. MARK'S CHURCH
COUNCIL THANK YOU
BREAKFAST
SUNDAY,
DECEMBER 12TH**

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Monday, December 13, 7:00 PM.

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SML Adopt-A-Family Gift Baskets



Fellowship

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A festive holiday wreath is the background of the image. It features a variety of greenery, including large, smooth-edged leaves, smaller pointed leaves, and sprigs of evergreen. Interspersed among the leaves are clusters of bright red berries and several pumpkins with gold and white stripes. The wreath is set against a light-colored, textured wooden background.

HOLIDAY CONCERT

Mark your calendars for a thank you gift to St. Mark's and the larger community in the form of a concert of Holiday and Classic Chinese Music by The Nightingale Ensemble of LA on December 19, 2021, from 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm, here in the St. Mark's sanctuary.



DINNERS WITH PASTOR JIM



MAKE A DIFFERENCE

with Your Year-End Giving

If you are planning to make year-end donations, which you plan on deducting on your tax return for 2021, please make sure your offering is in the Church office NO LATER THAN Thursday morning, 12/30/21. This will allow us to make the deposit on a timely basis. We thank you for your generosity throughout the year, which will allow St. Mark's Church to continue it's missions.

Merry Christmas and **Happy New Year**
from the Finance Committee.



THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone that came to decorate the church.

It is beautiful.

The tree is so elegant.

The candles are perfect.

Thank you again

for your time and effort.

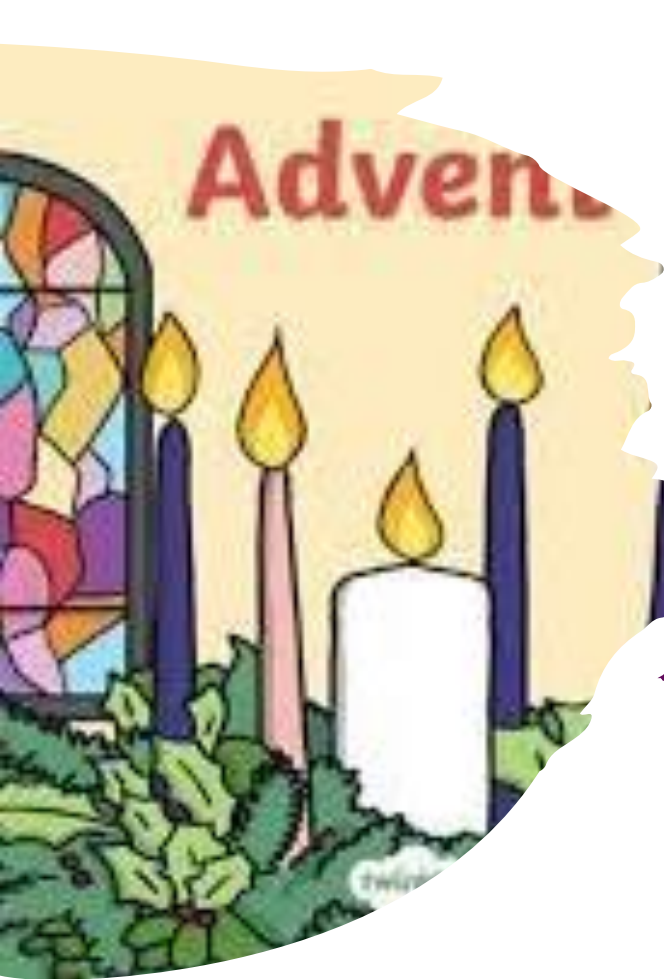
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FELLOWSHIP
WITH
PASTOR JIM
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ADVENT/CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE
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+ BLESSING

The God of hope
fill us with all joy and peace in believing,
so that we may abound in hope
by the power of the Holy Spirit,
through Christ Jesus for whom we wait.
Amen.

**1 Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter ev'ry trembling heart.**

**2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy loving Spirit
into ev'ry troubled breast;
let us all in thee inherit;
let us find thy promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.**

**3 Come, Almighty, to deliver;
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.**

**4 Finish then thy new creation,
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee!
Changed from glory into glory,
till in heav'n we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise!**

+ DISMISSAL & VISION

So that we may be
**the visible presence of Christ
in this community.**

Let us Go in Peace.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came

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