Sunday, November 28 2021 First Sunday in Advent

This is the day which the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm 118:24

Prelude: Piano & Saxophone Duet

Welcome

Announcements

Hymn #779 "I'll Fly Away"

Vocal Duet: Duane & Chad Christian

Scripture Readings- I Corinthians 15:51-54 John 5:24-29

Confession of Faith—I Corinthians 15:1-8

Pastoral Prayer

"Come Thou Long Expected Jesus" "Hope Was Born This Night" "Emmanuel (Hallowed Manger Ground"

Children dismissed for Children's Church

Sermon "The Next Great Event" I Thessalonians 4:13-18

The Benediction

Hymn #294 "One Day"

Postlude

There are offering boxes as you enter/exit the sanctuary for your tithes and offerings.

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This Week at Helmar...

Wed. 6:30am Men's Bible Study @ Southern Belle's 6:30pm Advent Service, H.S. Bible Study, JAM & BLAST

Fri. 9:00am Ladies Prayer Hour

Sat. 8:00am Men's Bible Study 5-8pm J2R Live Nativity

Sun. 8:30am Fellowship Time 9am Sunday School 10:00am Worship 4:00pm Ladies Choir Practice



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THE NEXT GREAT EVENT! I Thessalonians 4:13-18

This is the first Sunday in Advent. Advent refers to the idea of "coming." Of course, most of the focus of Advent is on the first coming of Jesus. But Advent also points to the second coming of the Lord. Our text today emphasizes the Rapture of the Church, the first stage of His second coming.

I. THE DAY AND ITS (vv. 13-14)
II. THE DAY AND ITS (vv. 15-16)
III. THE DAY AND ITS (v. 17a)
IV. THE DAY AND ITS (vv. 17b-18)

For further study: 1. How does the coming of Christ motivate us to godly living?
2. There are different views of the Lord's second coming. What is ultimately the most important regardless of interpretations?
3. Is there any connection between the two comings of Jesus? Explain.

Announcements

Ladies Choir practice on Sunday December 5 at 4pm in the choir loft. We plan to sing "Mary Did You Know?" as our part of the program, "One Holy Night" on Sunday, December 12. All ladies are welcome!

Ministry Opportunities-Please read the attached insert and then head to the FLC to join the team!!

Live Nativity—Journey to Restoration's drive through live nativity is being planned for December 4 from 5-8pm here at Helmar. Snow date is December 5th. There is be a donation box in the FLC for strings of white LED lights. Also, if anyone is willing to help, please contact Beth Alexander or Sig Davidson.

Save the Date! Monday, December 6th at 6pm will be our **Candlelight Dinner** for woman of all ages. We will gather in the basement for a potluck dinner (chicken provided), program, devotion and special music. Speaker will be Joanne Thyne with Journey To Restoration. Her theme will be "Blessed Is She Who Believed." Ask a friend to join you, sign up in the FLC lobby that you will be attending and bring a dish to share (something you just may submit to the Helmar Cookbook!).

One Holy Night- Please join us for an evening of worship in song on December 12th at 7pm in the sanctuary. This is not a traditional cantata, but a variety of solos and ensembles which we pray will be a blessing and encouragement to all.

Helmar Cookbook—Looking for those recipes for our new cookbook. Let's "break with tradition" and get them in early! :)

Christmas Card Delivery



The youth will again be sorting Christmas cards for our church family. The money donated for postage will go to our Youth Program. PLEASE- ONLY BRING CARDS FOR THOSE WHO **REGULARLY** ATTEND HELMAR.

Just write the Family name on the envelope, alphabetize, and put a rubber band around them. Deposit your bundle in our "mailboxes" located at the Welcome Center. Please deposit a check in the amount that you would have spent on postage, made out to Helmar Church. The youth will sort them and the cards may be picked up any time after the S.S. Christmas Program on Sunday, December 19th. **Please DO NOT add cards after the 19th.**

The library is back for business. Since we do not have a librarian we are NOT using the card system. Check out is on the honor system. When you return your book, please put it back onto the shelves in alphabetical order by the authors last name. Do not lay them on

the desk. Also as an FYI, we are no longer accepting used books for our library.

The **jig saw puzzles** have been relocated to the library also. Feel free to take one home or bring one in and exchange for another. We really don't need more at this time.



This year's program will be on Sunday, December 19th during the worship service in the Family Life Center. Pastor will give a message following the kid's program.

HELMAR Handbook 2022

Our church will soon be celebrating 175 years in 2022. PRAISE THE LORD! The sign-up sheets are in the FLC lobby for a couple more weeks. Working together makes the task light and not considered work. Please find an area to help in the church being God's hands and feet. THANK YOU!

Greeters Landscape, Cemetery & Snow Group

Special Services Transportation Team

Altar Guild Fellowship Time

DWWC Member Ushers

Annual Mtg Fellowship Time

MDF Lunch Housing & Food

Church Picnic Hospitality

Veterans Day Sound, Screen, Video

Christmas Dinner Christmas Concert

Scripture Readers Go Church

Hospitality Nursery