



Offering Jesus Christ to everyone through worship, prayer, study, mission, and fellowship.

2020 E. Washington Street, Monticello, IL 61856

December 6, 2020 8:30 am



Preparation for Worship

If we can only see what is wrong with the world, then we have missed the Advent vision that something is ultimately right with the universe because God has come to redeem it.

--A. Joyner

Announcements

Focus Scripture

Mark 1:1-8

Prelude

*Call to Worship

Leader: Lift up your voice. Lift it up, do not fear.

People: ***Feeding, gathering, carrying, leading: This is how God will come.***

Leader: The old will pass away. A new world will dawn.

People: ***Love, faithfulness, righteousness, peace: These will mark God's new day.***

Leader: Love needs a path. Peace needs a highway.

People: ***Even as we wait, let us make a way for God: In our hearts and in our world.***

Leader: Let us worship God.

*Hymn

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

No. 211

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 Thee, O Israel.

O come, thou Wisdom from on high, and order all things far and nigh; to us the path of knowledge show and cause us in her ways to go. (Refrain)

O come, O come, great Lord of might, who to thy tribes on Sinai's height in ancient times once gave the law in cloud and majesty and awe. (Refrain)

O come, thou Root of Jesse's tree, an ensign of thy people be; before thee rulers silent fall; all peoples on thy mercy call. (Refrain)

Common Prayer

God, we are confident you are coming, bringing a world where all will be made right. Calm our anxiety, strengthen our patience, and keep our hope aflame, as we work towards, and wait for, you new day. Amen.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Julie & Kim Baker

Reader One: Our lists are long, even in this strange mess where we live these days. And we want to do it right, we want to be safe, but we want to be able to enjoy the season. We've got work to do to put right what has gone wrong, to heal what is broken, to mend the relationships, and to prepare for the company that will come.

Reader Two: The prophet Isaiah reminded us that there is work to be done. "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God." When God comes in, then healing is to be found, but we need to make the way; we need to open the door into our lives.

Reader One: So, we light these candles as a sign of our faith that the God we worship is not far from us and that we can clear the way for that God to come and dwell with us. We light these candles in faith that company is coming.

Reader Two: O Come, O Come Emmanuel.

Scripture

Isaiah 40:1-11

Kid's Time

Message

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Sharing of our Gifts and Lives

*Hymn

Soon and Very Soon

No. 706

Soon and very soon we are going to see the king
Soon and very soon we are going to see the king
Soon and very soon we are going to see the king
Hallelujah hallelujah
We are going to see the king

Soon and very soon we are going to see the king
Soon and very soon we are going to see the king
Soon and very soon we are going to see the king
Hallelujah hallelujah
We are going to see the king

No more crying there
No more crying there
No more crying there

Hallelujah hallelujah
We are going to see the king

No more dying there
No more dying there
No more dying there
Hallelujah hallelujah
We are going to see the king

***Benediction**

Go out to a world that hungers for righteousness.
Prepare the highway for our God; make ready the paths of peace. Amen.

***Postlude**

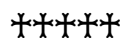
Worship Assistants today:

Song Leader: Kathy Brown
Organist: Gloria Cardoni
Tech Support: Jamie Hannah
Sound Tech: Arthur Sievers



Our Staff:

Pastor: Kathy Bueker Sweet
Office Manager: Mary Catherine St. John
Director of Music: Kathy Brown
Director of Youth Ministries: Natalie McDowell
Director of Family Ministries: Mary Catherine St. John



Important information to know...

You may reach Rev. Kathy at 815-370-3039.

Live Radio Broadcast 8:30 a.m. WCZQ 105.5 FM

Announcements:

Do you know someone who has a special need or would like a phone call? Please call the office and let us know. Caring for each other has become a bit more difficult during covid--but not impossible!

Have you tried our new APP and website? We are excited for its launch. It is a great way to receive information about what is happening in the church. It is available in the Google Play store and Apple store.

Today

- 8:30 am Worship - online and radio
5:00 pm Middle School youth group (via Zoom)
6:30 pm High School youth group (via Zoom)

Tuesday, December 8

- 8:30 am Just Walking (via Zoom)
7:00 pm Pray Time with Rev. Kathy (via Zoom)

Thursday, December 10

- 8:30 am Just Walking (via Zoom)
6:30 pm Hymn Sing on Facebook live

Sunday, December 13

- 8:30 am Worship -- online and radio
5:00 pm Middle School youth group (via Zoom)
6:00 pm Whole Hearts youth mission team (via Zoom)
6:30 pm High School youth group (via Zoom)