



December 6, 2020

Second Sunday in Advent

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP Of the Father's Love Begotten DIVINUM MYSTERIUM,
arr. Paul Jonas
Dr. Dwight Dockery, tenor; Dr. Rick Frierson, piano; Bob Evans, handbells

ONE: The Lord be with you.
ALL: **And also with you.**
ONE: Let us pray together;

CAROL 218 (vs. 1, 4)	It Came Upon the Midnight Clear	CAROL
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4. For lo! the days are hastening on, by prophet seen of old,
when with the ever-circling years shall come the time foretold
when peace shall over all the earth its ancient spenders fling,
and the whole world send back the song which now the angels sing.
Words: Edmund H. Sears, 1849; Music: Richard Storrs Willis, 1850

SOLO O Come, O Come, Emmanuel Traditional Carol
Bob Evans, baritone; Dr. Rick Frierson, piano

HOMILY “The Beginning of the Good News” Rev. Parrish

ONE: It is not true that creation and the human family are doomed to destruction and loss—
ALL: This is true: For God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life;

ALL: This is true: I have come that they may have life, and that abundantly.

ALL: This is true: Unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given, and the government shall be upon his shoulder, his name shall be called wonderful councilor, mighty God, the Everlasting, the Prince of peace.

ALL: This is true: To me is given authority in heaven and on earth, and lo I am with you, even until the end of the world.

ALL: This is true: I will pour out my spirit on all flesh and your sons and daughters shall prophesy, your young men shall see visions and your old men shall have dreams.

ALL: This is true: The hour comes, and it is now, that the true worshipers shall worship God in spirit and in truth.

**So let us enter Advent in hope,
even hope against hope.
Let us see visions of love and peace and justice.
Let us affirm with humility, with joy, with faith, with courage:
Jesus Christ—the life of the world.**

~ written by Daniel Berrigan, S.J. in *Testimony: The Word Made Flesh*, Orbis Books, 2004.
Posted on Dan Clendenin's **Journey with Jesus** website. <http://www.journeywithjesus.net/>

*HYMN 706	Soon and Very Soon	VERY SOON
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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're going to see the king!

Words and Music: Andraé Crouch, 1978; arr. William Farley Smith, 1987

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(In Unison)*

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.

(vs. 1, 3)

1. O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie;
above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;
the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

3. How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given;
so God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heaven.
No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.

Words: Phillips Brooks, ca. 1868; Music: Lewis H. Redner, 1868

BENEDICTION

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We welcome all of you to this time of worship. In these strange times we are sharing God’s word and witness in new ways. We welcome old friends and new in the name of Jesus Christ. Please join us again here in this space on *December 20, 4:00 pm for a Carol Sing*, and on *Christmas Eve we will offer services at Noon and at 4:00 pm*. Both services will include Holy Communion. Please join us as we celebrate the coming of our Lord.

WELCOME TO OUR COMMUNITY

The rose on the pulpit is placed in celebration of Braxton McCoy Murphy, born November 20, 2020. Parents, Michael and Kristin Murphy, brother, Tanner and grandparents Gwen and Keith Murphy welcome Braxton to their family as we welcome him to the Washington Street family.

FLOWERS

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of George A. Markert.

PRAYER LIST

Martha Brooker	Linda Fersperman	Bud Harrelson	Rev. Judy King	Rick Rowe
Jimmy Dawkins	Don Fowler	Karen Horne	Beverly McClanahan	Nan Self
Mickey Epting	Charles Garren	Geneva Hutchinson	Braxton Murphy	Our homebound
Nancy Epting	Frances Grimes	Lisa Johnson	Angela Powers	

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