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AMONG

1st Sunday of Advent

December 3, 2023

8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

GATHERING MUSIC

Larry Landusky

Josh McDonald

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS The Lord be with you. And also with you.

* Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus HYFRYDOL long - ex - pect -Je -Thou ed to Thy peo -1. Come, sus, born ple set free: 2. Born Thy peo ple to de liv er. born a child and yet King; a fears Thee. From and sins re - lease let find our us. us our rest in Thy cious king reign for - ev gra dom bring. Born in er, now to us Is - rael's strength and con- so - la - tion, hope By Thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule of all the earth Thou art: Dear de our hearts in all a lone; By Thine of tion, joy ev' ev' sire of ry long ing heart. na rv suf - fi cient mer Thy all it, raise glo rious throne. us to by Charles Wesley | Rowland Hugh Prichard | Public Domain| Used by Permission. CCLI License #2282686

*CALL TO WORSHIP

How can we prepare this house for the coming of Jesus, the King? With garlands and wreaths of evergreens, Whose leaves are ever living, ever green.

How shall we prepare this house for the coming of Jesus, the Son of God? By hearing again the words of the prophets who foretold the saving work of God.

For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, But that the world through Him might be saved. *All Glory to God in the highest!*

*INVOCATION

Josh McDonald

The Advent Wreath

The Advent Wreath is a vivid symbol of preparation. The circle of evergreens reminds us of the everlasting covenant offered in the birth of Jesus. The four candles symbolize HOPE, PEACE, JOY AND LOVE. Today, we light the first candle as a symbol of Christ, our HOPE.

SCRIPTURE READING

A.C. & Bettie Wimberly, Tony & Amy Carter

1 John 3:1-3

¹See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

The Word of God for the People of God. Thanks be to God!

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE OF HOPE

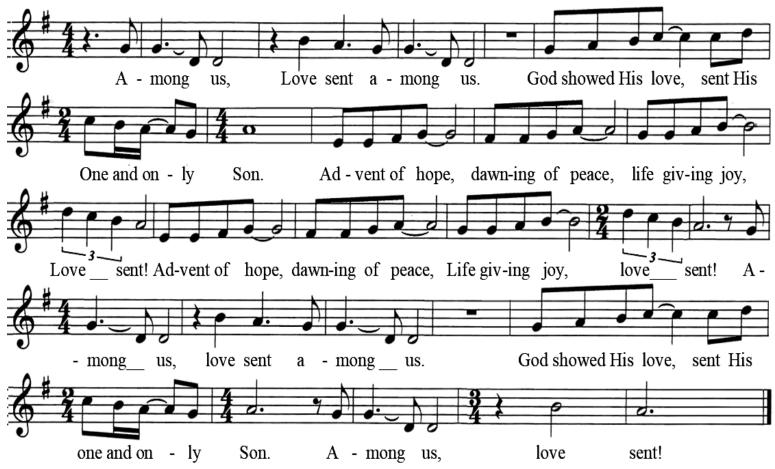
LITANY OF HOPE

In this season, we remember Christ's first Advent and anticipate his second. **We wait and we long for you, O God.**

Today we light this candle believing the King of hope will come, the gift of God's own Son. **We wait and we long for you, O God.**

Even so, the night is dark and our waiting seems endless. This is how God showed his love... Among Us

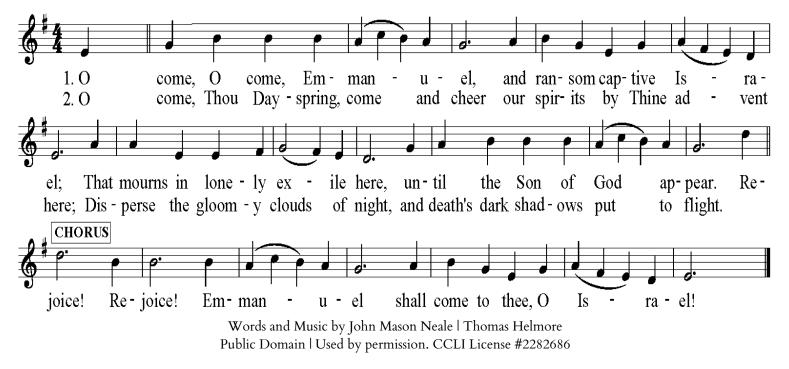
AMONG US



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O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

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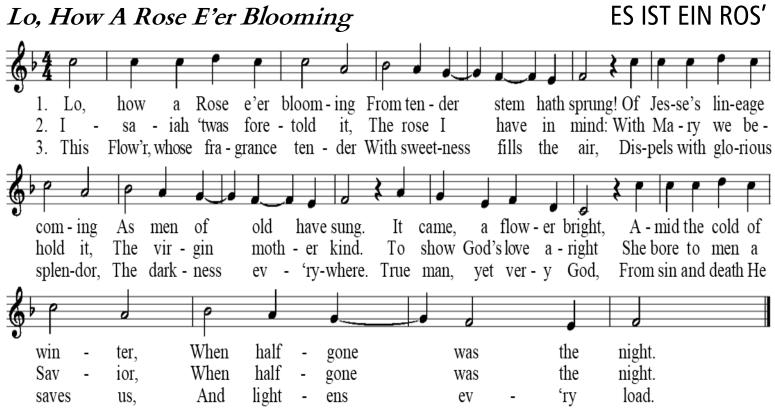


The Poinsettia

The Poinsettia is a many-pointed star that has become a symbol of the Star of Bethlehem.

CHILDREN'S TIME (10:45)

All children are invited to come forward. Following Children's Time, ages 4-5 are invited to Preschool Praise, room #102 of the Children's Wing.



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Wreath, Garland and the Tree

From ancient times, **evergreens** have been considered a symbol of eternity, a sign of God's everlasting nature. Isaiah tells us that there will be no end to the reign of the Messiah. These are symbols of Christ's gift of eternal life and of the celebration of Christmas itself.

Annie Cox

by Daniel Greig

*GOSPEL READING

Janet Henderson, Bill Miller

Mark 13:24-37

²⁴ "But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, ²⁵ and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. ²⁶ "Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. ²⁷ Then he will send out the angels and gather the elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. ²⁸ "From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹ So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁰ Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. ³¹Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. ³² "But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³Beware, keep alert, for you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴ It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. ³⁵ Therefore, keep awake, for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening or at midnight or at cockcrow or at dawn, ³⁶ or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. ³⁷ And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

> This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. Thanks be to God!



Advent Attentiveness

Charles Johnson

*Hope, Peace, Joy and Love

Hope, peace, joy and love! These are gifts You bring from above. Jesus, Emmanuel, come to be, Light of Your hope reflected in me.

THE MORNING OFFERING

Please drop your connection card and offering in the plate as it is passed. If you would like to donate online, please go to secondb.org/give or @secondbaptistlbk on Venmo

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Larry Landusky, Tom Donaldson

OFFERTORY

Jesus Loves Me by William B. Bradbury arranged by Jason D. Payne Marilyn Arland

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

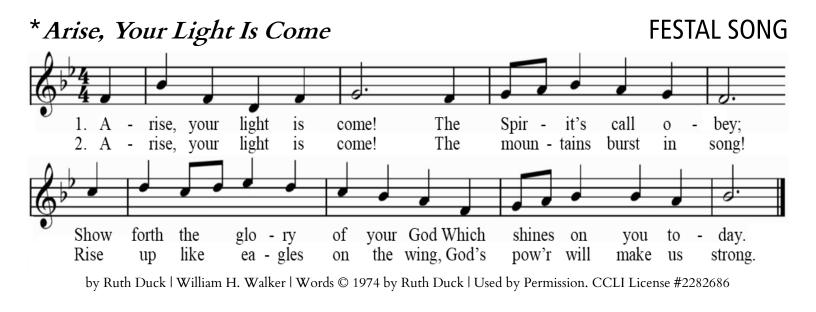
Please share the peace with those near you.

BAUGH

*RECESSION OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

The Christ Candle exits today, only to return on Christmas Eve. Its disappearance from the Advent wreath stands as a symbol of remembrance that he will one day return.

Even so, Lord Jesus, quickly come!



*PASTORAL BENEDICTION

Charles Johnson

ASSISTIVE LISTENING DEVICES ARE AVAILABLE FOR YOUR USE.

Please ask an usher for assistance as you enter the sanctuary for worship.

This Week at 2B

TODAY, Dec. 3

- Coffee Duty Connections Class
- 8:30a: Worship
- 9:30a: Sunday School
- 9:30a: New Member & Visitor Breakfast
- 10:45a: Worship
- 12:00p: Deacon Exec Meeting
- 4:00p: Bells Gloria Rehearsal
- 5:00p: Adult Retreat Meeting
- 6:00p: Second Chance Al-Anon

TUESDAY, Dec. 5

6:30a:	Prayer Breakfast
10:00a:	B & B
1:00p:	Quilting Class
1:30p:	Chronic Pain Support Group
6:00p:	Learn to Play Mahjong

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 6

- 10:00a: Beginners Bridge
- 2:00p: Senior Adult Fellowship Learn to Play Mahjong
- 5:15p: Wednesday Fellowship Meal
- 6:00p: Church Conference Orchestra Rehearsal
- 6:30p: Staff Singer Rehearsal
- 7:00p: 2b Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, Dec. 7

4:30p: St. Benedict's Meal Serving

FRIDAY, Dec. 8

6:00p: Phase 2 Christmas Party





In Memory of or Celebration of Someone Special

Deadline is December 18th Order online @ secondb.org/poinsettias



A CONDEORC/CHRISTMAS

FOR ALL EVENTS & DETAILS HEAD TO SECONDB.ORG

We hold in prayer

Don Vinson, Randy Vinson (Jean Mallory Family), Teresa Fisher, Pete Blassingame, Kathy White, Laura Alwan, Jerry Bailey, Tom Boren, Melissa Marable, Natalie Marable, Meredith McAlister, Winne Moore, Michael Personette, Lawrence Ramsey, Dr. Bryan Smitherman, Gale Stocks, Jana Thomas, Debbie Walker, Coby Wilson, Airman Cory Wimberly, The Holy Land

We Celebrate With

ANNIVERSARIES Mike & Martha McDonald

BIRTHDAYS

Graham Reeves, Claudia Griffin, Carolyn Cole, Charla Allen, Murphy Garcia, David Pinson, Misty Rieber, Will Weathersby, Vicki Polk, Jeffrey Purkeypile, Carolyn Harding, Pat Fletcher, Sarah Cameron

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