

# CHRISTMAS PREPARATIONS

God's People have always Anticipated the Messiah's Coming  
(But God has always had something bigger in mind)



## Advent Carol Service



### TODAY'S SERVICE

Adapted from the Advent Carol Service used at St. Paul's Cathedral in England, today's service is part of a long tradition of vivid Advent services whose purpose is to help us as we prepare for the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ, and for his coming again in glory. Much of the service is drawn from ancient sources. Some of the images have been used from the beginnings of Israel, through the period of the New Testament, through the Middle Ages to the present day. Every age has found in them a new richness through which God's continuous mercy, is revealed most dramatically in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus.

Today's scripture readings focus upon the promises God made throughout the Old Testament. Starting with Genesis and all of the way through Malachi, the Old Testament exposes the best (beautiful Gospel) and the worst (sin and rebellion) of the things of the people of God. Those it is difficult to specifically date the first 11 chapters of Genesis (a good guess would be from 2,000 – 4,000 years), the narrative from Abraham to Jesus covers about 2,000 years.

Today God's Word is read from the rear of the nave to express symbolically how God is in our midst and continues to speak to us while we are on our pilgrimage on earth – forgiving our sins and providing his strength. The candlelight in the procession is a reminder that God is with us always, even to the end of the age. As the service concludes, we are gathered around his throne of grace, and sent into our darkened world (Isaiah 62.1-3) with the burning torch of the Gospel.

### Lighting of the Advent Wreath

*Prelude* "Angels We Have Heard on High" S. Rogers

### Call to Worship

- L: Hear, oh people, the promises of your God:  
C: **We will listen and rejoice as he speaks to us through his word.**

- L: I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring.  
C: **He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.** (Genesis 3:15)  
L: For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder.  
C: **And his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.** (Isaiah 9:6)  
L: A bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench. (Isaiah 42.3)  
C: **You, Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Israel, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from ancient days.** (Micah 5:2)  
L: I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the Lord comes.  
C: **He will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers.** (Malachi 4:5-6)

### SONG OF PREPARATION (intro by bells and cantor)

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" [LSB 357, vv. 1, 5, 7]

O come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here Until the Son of God appear. **Refrain**

**Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!**

O come, Thou Key of David, come, And open wide our heav'nly home;  
Make safe the way that leads on high, And close the path to misery. **Refrain**

O come, Desire of nations, bind In one the hearts of all mankind;  
Bid Thou our sad divisions cease, And be Thyself our King of Peace. **Refrain**

### The Bidding

- L: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
C: **Amen.**  
L: Stir us up, O Lord, in your way of peace. Give light to us and all who live in the darkness of sin and in the shadow of death, and kindle in us the fire of your love.  
C: **Amen. Come Lord Jesus.**

### The Responory - Kapelle

# THE WORD OF THE LORD

Our God speaks to us

## *The Messiah Delivers God's Blessings to All Families*

### ***The Word of the Lord***

**Genesis 12:1-7**

<sup>1</sup>Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup>And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup>I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

<sup>4</sup>So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. <sup>5</sup>And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan, <sup>6</sup>Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. <sup>7</sup>Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him.

### ***Anthem***

*"Advent Cry"*

J. Martin

### *A Voice Cries Out*

### ***The Word of the Lord***

**Isaiah 12:1-6**

<sup>1</sup>You will say in that day: "I will give thanks to you, O LORD, for though you were angry with me, your anger turned away, that you might comfort me. <sup>2</sup>"Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation." <sup>3</sup>With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. <sup>4</sup>And you will say in that day: "Give thanks to the LORD, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted. <sup>5</sup>"Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth. <sup>6</sup>Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel."

### ***Processional Hymn***

*"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"*

LSB 621

v. 1 Cantor, vs. 2-4 All

## *The Messiah Works Through the Weak and Weary*

### ***The Word of the Lord***

**Isaiah 40:25-31**

<sup>25</sup>To whom then will you compare me, that I should be like him? says the Holy One. <sup>26</sup>Lift up your eyes on high and see: who created these? He who brings out their host by number, calling them all by name; by the greatness of his might and because he is strong in power, not one is missing. <sup>27</sup>Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God"? <sup>28</sup>Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. <sup>29</sup>He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength. <sup>30</sup>Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; <sup>31</sup>but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

### *A Voice Speaks*

### ***The Word of the Lord***

**Isaiah 42:1-7**

<sup>1</sup>Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. <sup>2</sup>He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; <sup>3</sup>a bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. <sup>4</sup>He will not grow faint or be discouraged till he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his law. <sup>5</sup>Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people on it and spirit to those who walk in it: <sup>6</sup>"I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations, <sup>7</sup>to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness.

### ***Anthem***

*"Antiphonal Celebration"*

P. Leiberger

### ***The Bidding***

**L:** Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, daughter of Jerusalem!

**C:** See, your King comes to you, righteous and having salvation.

L: He comes with this good news: Your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen, King Jesus. We are your witnesses to the ends of the earth.**

L: Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of your only begotten Son, that all may hear the Good News of their salvation, and, in the age to come, may worship him in purity forever.

C: **For he lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**Processional Hymn**      *“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”*      LSB 384  
(v. 1 Cantor, v. 3 Kapelle, v. 5 All)

### ***The Messiah Works Through Suffering***

***The Word of the Lord***      **Isaiah 53:3-7**

<sup>3</sup>He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

<sup>4</sup>Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. <sup>5</sup>But he was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his stripes we are healed. <sup>6</sup>All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

<sup>7</sup>He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth.

*A Voice Speaks*

***The Word of the Lord***      **Isaiah 53:10-11**

<sup>10</sup>It was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. <sup>11</sup>Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities, with his stripes we are healed.

***Offering and Attendance***      *(please record your attendance)*

*Please list each attendee separate and check if participating in communion.*

*Visitors please fill out top portion with your address etc.*

*After the attendance is recorded for your pew, please tear off sheet and place in folder slightly higher for ease of collection. Thank you!*

***Voluntary***      *“On Christmas Night”*      S. Rogers

**God expects us to provide for our families.**

*“But if anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for members of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.” (1 Timothy 5:8)*

***Offertory Hymn***      *“Savior of the Nations, Come”*      LSB 332  
(1 solo / 2 women / 4 men / 6 choir / 8 ALL (rise)▲)

### ***The Messiah Comes to Bless***

***The Word of the Lord***      **Isaiah 55:6-12**

<sup>6</sup>"Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; <sup>7</sup> let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. <sup>8</sup> For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. <sup>9</sup> For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. <sup>10</sup> "For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, <sup>11</sup> so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it. <sup>12</sup> "For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

*A Voice Speaks*

**The Word of the Lord**

Isaiah 55:1-3

<sup>1</sup> "Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. <sup>2</sup> Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. <sup>3</sup> Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.

**Anthem**

*"O Jesus, Grant Me Hope and Comfort"*

M. Franck

**THE LORD IN OUR MIDST**

We believe and receive

*"As we receive the True Body and Blood of our Lord, our faith is fed, our spirits are encouraged, and we are moved to share God's grace with the world."*

*[Because of the closeness of this sharing (and the concerns expressed in 1 Corinthians 11:27-29) we ask that those who have not been taught the faith at STL speak with a pastor or elder before communing.]*

**Apostles' Creed**

L: Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you:  
C: **I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

**Prayers and Communion Liturgy**

*(after each petition)*

L: Lord, in your mercy:  
C: **Hear our prayer.**

L: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray,  
C: **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**

**Words of Institution**

**Agnus Dei**

[tune: LSB 357]

O Come, O Come Thou Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world  
Make safe the way that leads on high, And close the path to misery.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!

**Continuous Line Distribution**

**A request of those who wish to commune:**

*All who are baptized and believe that in Communion we receive the true body and blood of Jesus, under the form of bread and wine, are invited to the Lord's Table. All others are invited to come forward for a blessing.*

*Alcohol-free wine is available in the center of each individual cup tray. Gluten-free host is available upon request from the host server. If you have any questions, please speak with a member of our staff.*

**Hymns During Distribution**

**Anthem**      *"Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord"*      B. Ingram

*"The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns"*      LSB 348

**Post-Communion Canticle**      *"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"*      LSB 357 vv. 4 & 6

**Dismissal**

# THE SENDING

We carry His gracious presence into the world

## *The Messiah's Voice Echoes Through all Generations*

### *The Word of the Lord*

Malachi 4:1-6

<sup>1</sup>"For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. <sup>2</sup>But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. <sup>3</sup>And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the LORD of hosts.

<sup>4</sup>"Remember the law of my servant Moses, the statutes and rules that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel.

<sup>5</sup>"Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes. <sup>6</sup>And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction."

### *A Voice Cries Out*

### *The Word of the Lord*

Matthew 3:1-3, 11-12

<sup>1</sup>In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, <sup>2</sup>"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." <sup>3</sup>For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.'"

<sup>11</sup>"I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>12</sup>His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

### *The Bidding*

L: Pass through, pass through the gates; prepare the way for the people.

C: **Build up, build up the highway. Raise a banner for the nations.**

L: Say to the daughter of Zion:

C: **See, your Savior comes! See, his reward is with him.**

L: You will be called the Holy People, the Redeemed of the Lord.

C: **Those sought after, the City No Longer Deserted.**

L: Stir up your power, O Lord, in us. And by your coming to us in the body and blood of Jesus, give us strength in our conflicts, compassion for those who still walk in darkness, and boldness in our witness.

C: **Through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### *Blessing*

### *Closing Hymn*

*"Lift Up Your Heads"*

[LSB 341, vv. 1, 4, 5]

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates! Behold, the King of glory waits.  
The King of kings is drawing near; The Savior of the world is here.  
Life and salvation He doth bring; Therefore rejoice and gladly sing.  
To God the Father raise Your joyful songs of praise.

Fling wide the portals of your heart; Make it a temple set apart  
From earthly use for heav'n's employ, Adorned with prayer and love and joy.  
So shall your Sov'reign enter in And new and nobler life begin.  
To God alone be praise for word and deed and grace!

Redeemer, come and open wide My heart to Thee; here, Lord, abide!  
O enter with Thy grace divine; Thy face of mercy on me shine.  
Thy Holy Spirit guide us on Until our glorious goal is won.  
Eternal praise and fame We offer to Thy name.

### *Postlude*

**Remember to stop by the Giving Tree in the west entrance and select a card for a person who needs you to share Christ's love this season.**

**Please follow the directions on the table for each card selected.**

**The gifts are due back December 16<sup>th</sup>!**

**Thank You!**

*You are now entering*

*the (your)*

*Mission Field*

*“The harvest is abundant, but the workers are few.*

*Therefore, pray to the Lord of the harvest to send YOU out into his harvest.”*

*(Matthew 9:37-38)*

### NEXT SUNDAY’S READINGS

## ***The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Advent***

December 15, 2019

Scripture Readings: 2 Samuel 7:1-16 / Matthew 24:1-14, 30-31, 34-35

Sermon Title: *“David, Joseph, and Our Goliath God”* - Text: 2 Samuel 7 and Matthew 1

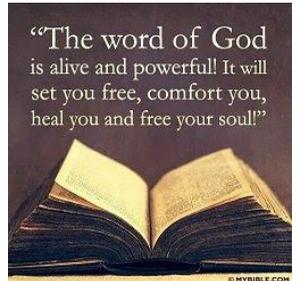
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**2020 Envelopes are available in the west hallway!** Please stop by the table, print your name on the list next to the envelope # you are taking home. Information for electronic giving is also available. If you have any questions, contact Linda in the church office. **Please, do not use these envelopes until 2020!**



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## **Save the Date for the Blood Drive**

Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>

Help save a life!

Please make your appointment by going to [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org)  
enter sponsor code: stleastpointe.

Any questions call Linda in the church office.

## **Join us for one of the FHL gatherings following the service:**

Room 205 - Discussing the Gospel Reading of the day with Deacon Don

Room 204 - Book of Acts - facilitated by Delia Greves

Room 207 - Ten Women of the Bible - facilitated by Gregg Fritsch

Crosstraining (Sunday School) for our children in room 208

# *Connecting Individuals to Jesus and to One Another* *Educating Minds – Growing Faith – Serving People*

**We are glad you are here.** When you come to worship at STL, you are among friends and family. If you are curious to learn more out ministry in the community, go to [www.stl-eastpointe.org](http://www.stl-eastpointe.org), or like us on Face Book. To get your questions answered in a more personal way, contact the church office (586-772-3370) and ask for a pastor to give you a call (or just check the box in the Record of Fellowship folder).

## *Our Confession of Faith*

As members of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod (LC-MS), we subscribe to the three ecumenical creeds (Apostles, Nicene and Athanasian) and the Christian faith as confessed in the Book of Concord. This includes believing that:

- Jesus Christ is both true God and true man who died for our sins and rose again to save us.
- His body/blood are truly present in communion under the form of bread/wine (see page 326).
- Communion is, among other things, an expression of doctrinal unity.
- Infant baptism is a Means of Grace through which God delivers one from sin and gives eternal salvation to all who believe (page 325 in Lutheran Service Book).

## *Serving in God's House*

**Preacher:** Rev. Mark W. Hetzner

**Organist:** Lori Stolzenfeld

**Music:** Kapelle, Handbells

**Sanctuary Team:** Scott Berkseth

**Servers:** Mark Matheson, Deight Conger, Jafer Perez, Art Wensink

**Greeters:** Robert & Gail Fournier, Kelly Crivella

**Altar Guild:** Marilyn Edwards, Cheryl Phaneuf

*Weekly Worship with Communion - Sunday at 9:30 a.m.*

*Third Sunday of the month at Noon*

*Monday at 7:30 p.m.*

*Faith Hope Love Ministries throughout the week*

*Cross training for children Sunday at 10:45 a.m.*

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**Watch services on Facebook – videotaping in progress during service**

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

December 8, 2019

**Our Primary Prayer focus this week is upon God's Work in the STL family:**

- Filling us with faith, hope and love.
- Moving us toward greater and more active love for our neighbor.
- As he sends us out to carol and share Christmas cheer in our community.
- Opening our eyes to see our gifts and opportunities to use them to further Christ's kingdom.

**And we remember those** on our cradle role, and those who are in hospice care.

**To connect to the STL PRAYER CHAIN, contact Karen Dolan ([mdolan421@gmail.com](mailto:mdolan421@gmail.com))**

### † In Our Thoughts and Prayers †

✠**For Loved Ones Called Home:** For the family Joyce Burton, former member, who was called home on 11/27. Memorial service at STL on Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 11 am.

✠**Praise and Thanksgiving:** for the birth of a daughter, Elise Marie, to Tom & Shannon Dawda on 12/3, and a grandson, Benjamin Xavier Bertran, to Dwight & Julie Conger (son to Roberto & Elizabeth).

✠**God's Healing Hand on:** Adam Vincent, Shannon Dawda, Elsie Adams, Sherry Kourlos, Renee Thelen, Carol Ferdinande, Alan Borowiak, Diane Ustick, Brenda Finger, Judi Todt (mother of Vicki Berkseth), Don Berkseth (father of Scott), Richard (brother-in-law of Roblyn Smith), Alice Schmidt (mother of Lori Stolzenfeld), Scott Spencer (friend of Cardamones), Karl Hallberg (son-in-law of Cardamones), Kimberly Ross (mother of Dayna), John Belvedere (son-in-law of Caroline Henze), Anthony Giacalone (son of friend of Deb Kujawski), Kari Inglesoll (niece of Diane Carr), Paul Odendahl (brother-in-law of Eleanor Cardamone).

✠**Continued prayers for Healing & Strength for:** Sieg Gannon, Chris Huber, Cristal Morris (former preschool aide), John Lemke (friend of Monica Hetzner), Beth White, Bob LaRoche and Jan Adams (family of Elsie Adams), Alyssa Delano (granddaughter of Theresa Delano), Tiffany Crow (granddaughter of Marilyn Redmond), Denise Godfrey (sister of Deborah Kujawski), Kathy Johnson (friend of Vicki Leberg), Claire Armstrong (granddaughter of Clyde & Carolyn Armstrong), Shirley Grassa (aunt of Deborah Kujawski), Mark Loechle (son of Pat), Elaine Dixon (friend of Linda Taggart), Luella Riske (granddaughter of Jim, Thrivent Rep.).

## Upcoming Events:



(visit the web page or see the STL publication for more information)

## Mark Your Calendars

December 10<sup>th</sup> - **Caroling - 6:30 p.m.**

December 11<sup>th</sup> - **Midweek Advent Service - 1 & 7 p.m.**

December 18<sup>th</sup> - **Midweek Advent Service - 1 p.m.**



### **Christmas Eve**

**"Carols, Candles, and Communion"**

4:00 p.m. - Festival Service

11:00 p.m. - "Unplugged" Service

**Christmas Morning Communion @ 9:30 a.m.**

"Includes a special message for the children"

New Year's Eve Worship – 5:00 p.m.

Coming in 2020

Welcome "2020" Open House - January 12<sup>th</sup>

**FPU - beginning January 15<sup>th</sup>**

(Financial Peace University)

Go to <https://www.fpu.com/1107890> to register.

Watch for more information or call the church office.



SECOND SUNDAY

OF

*Advent*

*December 8, 2019*

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