

Lesson and Carols

Presented by the
Sanctuary Choir Handbell Ensemble and Instrumental Trio

Directed by
Paul Westcott

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| Isaiah 61:1-2a | <i>“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”</i>
Sanctuary Choir | Wesley |
| Luke 1:46-48 | <i>“Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming”</i>
Instrumental Trio | Galliford, Pugh, Neuberg,
and Worth |
| 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 | <i>“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”</i>
Choir w/Congregation | Chalice Hymnal #2 |
| John 1:6-9 | <i>“We Are Waiting”</i>
Sanctuary Choir | Althouse |
| Isaiah 9:6 | <i>“In Dulci Jubilo”</i>
Handbells, Women’s Chorus & Instrumental Trio
(Trio arranged by Paul Westcott) | Wagner |
| Titus 2:11-13 | <i>“Angels We Have Heard On High”</i>
Sanctuary Choir w/Congregation | Chalice Hymnal #155 |
| Luke 2:8-11 | <i>“A Shepherd’s Lullaby”</i>
Men’s Chorus | Donnelly/Strid |
| Luke 2:19-20 | <i>“Mary, Go Tell It”</i>
Sanctuary Choir, Amy Pries, Soloist | Hayes |

The Instrumental Trio consists of Carol Aszman - clarinet, David Beardsley - oboe, and Phil Lum - violin. The Handbell Ensemble members are Karen Caguin, Breanne Higgins, Karin Oelzen, Carolyn Rock and Cassie Weber.

IMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:30 & 10:00 a.m.

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**Those who are able are invited to stand.
The hymns today are in the Chalice Hymnal (red).*

Gathering Music

Welcome & Life of the Church

Mission Moment *"Second Mile Giving"* Paula Hildebrand

Prelude *"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"*

***Bells and Chimes** (*You are invited to stand*)

***Call to Worship**

One: We gather to worship with expectations:
God revealed in new and astonishing ways.

All: God comes to us in real time. God comes to us in dreams.

One: Sometimes God's presence is hard to take in—difficult to believe.

All: Oh God, we long to believe. Help our unbelief!

One: God is present here. God is working in our midst.

All: Then our mouths are filled with laughter, our tongues shout out with joy!

***Hymn of Praise** *"O Come, All Ye Faithful"* #148

***Gathering Prayer**

Holy God of Advent, the world in which we live is as terrifying as it is wonderful. We need Jesus as much today as in times of old. Many sow in tears, and go out weeping. Replenish our lands, fill our hearts with gladness, restore our faith in you and each other, wipe away the tears of despair. As we worship today, we tilt an ear to listen close. Let the voice of your angel fill our minds with new understandings. We are waiting for you. Speak to us today. Amen.

THANKS TO TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS

Advent Candle Lighters

Pastor Jimmy and Annie Watson

Ushers this morning:

8:30 a.m.
Chris Struble
Krescene Beck
Beverly Dow
Shirley Joellenbeck

10:00 a.m.
Glenn Cordes
Fran Panagos
Art Rinderknecht
John Viehmann
Keith Wogtech

Sanctuary Door Greeters this morning:

8:30 a.m.
Teddy Branom

10:00 a.m.
Glenn & Shirley Cordes

Outside Welcomers this morning:

8:30 a.m.
Bonnie & Bud Heenan

10:00 a.m.
Cassie Weber

<u>LAST WEEK'S OFFERING</u>	
<u>Operating Income</u>	
Pledge Payments	\$ 4,778.00
Special Donations	25.00
Loose Offerings	63.00
Sub Total	\$ 4,866.00
<u>Other Receipts</u>	
Christmas Fund (Veterans of the Cross)	299.00
Advent/White Gift Offerings	20.00
Emmaus Home	100.00
Every Child's Hope ECH	325.00
Lydia's House	11.00
ECH Food Boxes	140.00
Food For Thought	50.00
Miscellaneous	376.18
Coffee Hour	19.17
Sub-Total	\$ 1,340.35
TOTAL	\$ 6,206.35

~ *Announcements* ~

ALL CHURCH CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE is today from 11:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. at the home of Pastor Jimmy & Annie Watson, 8268 Glen Echo Drive, Belnor. All are welcome!

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22, all youth & parents are invited to help set up poinsettias. Be here by 10:00 a.m. to set out the flowers. Afterwards, we will have pizza and a youth Christmas party. Each person is asked to bring a \$5 white elephant gift. We will finish our time together by 2:00 pm.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES will be at **8:00 p.m. and 10:30 p.m.** both with communion, live nativity and candlelight. We will have the **4th Sunday of Advent at the 9:30 a.m.** worship service on the same morning.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for the Live Nativity at both the 8:00 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. services on Christmas Eve. Please contact Juli Duncan, juliduncan@claytonschoools.net, 314/310-2005 or Rev. Courtney, cchandler@immanuelucc.org, 314/521-7324 and let them know if you are available to assist at one or both services.

END OF YEAR CONTRIBUTIONS - According to the IRS, end of year contributions must be in the church office by **December 31, 2017** or be postmarked by **December 31, 2017**. It is our understanding that there is no "grace period" on this with the IRS.

CHURCH BUDGET MEETING will be Sunday, January 7 following the single worship service at **9:30 a.m.**

ADVENTURE SEEKERS - Mark your calendars for **Thursday, January 11, 2018**. We will meet in the Reception Room (church basement) at 11:30 a.m. and start planning our 2018 adventure's calendar. Bring a brown bag lunch. Drinks will be provided.

2018 OFFERING ENVELOPES - Next year's offering envelopes are available in the Narthex until the first of the year. Please pick up your set to save us mailing cost. Thank you.

***Gloria Patri**

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.*

"Lift Up Your Eyes"

A Candle Lighting Ceremony for Advent
"The Light of Joy"

Raney
(see insert)

Lessons and Carols

(see back page)

Prayer Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer (using "debts" and "debtors")

Prayer Response

*"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"
Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to our children praying,
Send us love, send us joy, send us grace.*

Invitation to Offering

Offertory

"Spirit of Gentleness"

***Doxology**

*"Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God all creatures here below: Praise God above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost! Amen."*

***Dedication of the Offering**

Holy God, our answer too, is "Yes!" Yes, we will serve only you. Yes, we will bring our whole selves to the effort. Yes, we will sing your praises to the universe. Accept these offerings as tangible proof of our collective "yes." May they be magnified for your use in our time. Amen.

***Hymn of Parting**

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

#150

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

"I've Got the Joy, Joy, Joy, Joy Down in My Heart"

WELCOME VISITORS! Please fill out the attendance pads that are located in the pew. If you are a visitor, please let us know you were here and provide us with any information you feel comfortable sharing with us.

PRAYER CARDS IN THE PEW. If you have a prayer request please fill out the Prayer Card in the pew and give to the ushers during the first hymn.

MINISTERS

The People of Immanuel Church
MINISTERS TO THE MINISTERS

Dr. Jimmy Watson
Senior Pastor

Paul Westcott
Minister of Music

God is Still Speaking

Rev. Courtney Chandler
Minister of Christian Education

Linda Stoecklin, R.N.
Faith Community Nurse

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

*In Loving Memory of
 Deceased Choir Members
 Given by
 Sanctuary Choir*

FLOWERS ON THE FLOWER STAND

*In Honor of
 Their Anniversary
 Given by
 Paula & George Hildebrand*

**** CALENDAR ****

IMMANUEL ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

- Today:** 8:30 & 10:00 a.m. Worship 3rd Sunday Advent - Lessons & Carols
 9:15 a.m. Blood Pressure Screening - Archive Room
 3:00 p.m. Interfaith Dialogue - Room 202
- Monday:** **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**
 6:30 p.m. Immanuel Bowling League - Olympic Lanes
 7:00 p.m. Faith Explorations - Room 202
- Tuesday:** 10:00 a.m. PACE - Room 100
- Wednesday:** 9:00 a.m. Quilters - Room 100
 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting - Library
 11:30 a.m. Brown Bag Advent Lunch - Reception Room
- Thursday:** 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir - Sanctuary
- Friday:** **NO PACE**
 10:00 a.m. Youth Set Up Poinsettias & Christmas party
- Saturday:** 10:30 a.m. Memorial Service for Kermine Thies
- Next Sunday:** 9:30 a.m. Worship - 4th Sunday Advent
- Christmas Eve Services 8:00 p.m. & 10:30 p.m.**

*** LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE ***

<u>Worship</u>	<u>Sunday School</u>	<u>Adult Sunday School</u>
8:30 a.m. 44	Students 30	5
10:00 a.m. <u>107</u>	Teachers <u>14</u>	
Total 151	Total 44	