

MUSIC IN PREPARATION FOR SERVICE

Nun Komm, Der Heiden Heiland

Kathy Gunsallus
J. S. Bach

BENEDICTION*

GREETING*

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

*Those who are able are invited to stand

***Seating interlude

8:30 am Worship Ministry (Traditional, Sanctuary)

Welcome Desk Greeter: Deacon Jeff Mason

Greeters: Elder Beth Lefferts; Trustee Ginny Weber; Stephen Minister Peg Pierce

Ushers: Jack Haag, Kevin Chumney, Jack Terry, Dave Barr, Brian Donahue, Mike McNeil

Sound Technician: Harris Ransom

Pulpit Flower Arrangers: Stacy Schaffer and Carol Benner

Delivery Arranger: Sheila Diehl


Flower Deliverers: Susan Horn and Laurie LaMonica

Elders Serving Communion: Mike Baker, Paul Booker, Steve Engle, Beth Lefferts, Jenny Revucky, Gil Warren

Flowers are given to the glory of God and in contemplation of this time of Advent.

Nursery Care is available in the Preschool area for those with young children (birth-age 4). The David Room (back of the Sanctuary) is available for parents with infants/toddlers. The worship service can be viewed via TV monitor.

Members and Guests: Please take a moment to sign the Friendship pads in the pews so we can accurately record worship attendance and welcome visitors.

 Kids (K-3rd grade): Don't forget to pick up your **worship bags** and check for your worship mission.

Pick up a copy of **Connections**, which contains the Covenant of Prayer, from the narthex, Welcome Desk, Miller Commons, any Usher, or the church office. There are also large-print bulletins available.

Next Sunday, December 8: Sermon title: “*Zechariah’s Song*”; Scripture: Luke 1:67-80.

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Rev. Stuart Spencer, Pastor/Head of Staff
Kelly LePenske, Pastoral Associate



Please Join Us for Worship

8:30 am Traditional (*Sanctuary*)

11:00 am Contemporary (*Miller Commons*)

GATHERING THOUGHT

THE FPCM WAY OF THE WEEK

22. REST AND REFLECT. Make time in your week to step back from work, school, and stressful demands. Since Christ has freed us, we no longer have to be obsessively driven. Take a walk, play, nap, meet up with friends, share a meal, or just take some time in solitude.

“On the seventh day, God had finished His work of creation; so He rested from all His work. And God blessed the seventh day and declared it holy because it was the day when He rested from all His work of creation.” (Genesis 2:2-3)

“Then Jesus said, ‘Come to Me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens; and I will give you rest.’” (Matthew 11:28)

“Then Jesus said to them, ‘The Sabbath was made to meet the needs of people and not people to meet the requirements of the Sabbath.’” (Mark 2:27)

Sunday, December 1, 2019
First Sunday of Advent

ORDER OF WORSHIP		8:30 am Sanctuary
WELCOME AND WORK OF GOD’S PEOPLE		Rev. Stuart Spencer
Beadle: Elder Gil Warren		
MUSIC IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP		Kathy Gunsallus
<i>O Come, O Come, Emmanuel</i>		Callahan
LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE		Gil, Becky and Kyle Warren
INTROIT	<i>Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light</i>	J. S. Bach
	Adult Choir/Grace Rykaczewski, Director	Kathy Gunsallus, Organ
CALL TO WORSHIP*		Elder Gil Warren
On the first Sunday of Advent, we remember that God always remembers His children.		
Let us sing to the Lord like Hannah, who said, “There is no Rock like our God.		
He raises up the poor from the dust; He lifts the needy from the ash heap.”		
Let us praise our Maker like Mary, who sang, “The Mighty One has done great things for me.”		
Let us declare the truth like the angel who visited Mary, confessing our faith that		
“Nothing will be impossible with God.” Let us worship our God Who was and is and forever will be!		
HYMN NO. 133*		<i>O Come, O Come, Emmanuel</i>
PRAYER OF ADORATION*		Elder Warren
AFFIRMATION OF FAITH* (The Apostles’ Creed)		

CALL TO CONFESSION		Rev. Spencer
PRAYER OF CONFESSION		
Lord, we confess that we have underestimated Your strength and mighty works. Though You are the One Who brings blessings, we have entrusted our future to our own plans, to wealth, and to the promises of others. We have looked to fix our own problems our own way, to make our own future, and neglected to ask what You want for us. Lord, we come for Your mercy because You alone are our Savior. Amen.		
<i>Time of silent confession</i>		

ASSURANCE OF PARDON		Rev. Spencer
RESPONSE NO. 805*		<i>Glory Be to the Father</i>
PRAYER OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD’S PRAYER (<i>‘debts’</i>)		Rev. Spencer
WAY OF THE WEEK		
OFFERTORY	<i>E’en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come</i>	Mantz
	Adult Choir/Sam Scheibe, Director	
RESPONSE NO. 809*		<i>Praise God From Whom All Blessings</i>
PRAYER OF DEDICATION*		Rev. Spencer
SCRIPTURE LESSON		Luke 1:46-56 (pg. 57 NT, Pew Bible)
		Kelly LePenske
SERMON	<i>Mary’s Song</i>	Kelly LePenske
	Sermon Series: The Songs of Christmas	
SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER		Rev. Spencer
Invitation to the Lord’s Table		
Hymn No. 143, vs. 2-3		<i>For Ages Women Hoped and Prayed</i>
Prayer of Great Thanksgiving		
The Lord be with you. And also with you.		
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.		
Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.		
Eternal God, as You led Your people in ages past, You direct our journey into the future.		
We give You thanks that You came to us in Jesus Christ, and we eagerly await His coming again that His rule may be complete and your righteousness reign over all the world. Then we will feast at His royal banquet. By Your Spirit, open our eyes to the generosity of Your hand, and nurture us, each one, in all spiritual gifts. Fill us with overflowing gratitude that we may share life and love in praise to You. We join our voices with the choirs of heaven to sing Your glory and praise, now and forever:		
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!		
Words of Institution ~ Prayer of Blessing		
Distribution of the Elements		
Prayer of Thanksgiving		