



## Sunday, December 5, 2021 ~ Second Sunday of Advent

11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship (Miller Commons)

### Way of the Week

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- 2. SPEAK THE TRUTH WITH LOVE.** Speak honestly and directly in a way that clearly reflects love and support for one another. Be courageous enough to say what needs to be said, even when it's difficult. Address issues directly with those who are involved or affected; speak to, not about, others.

*"Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, Who is the Head of His Body, the Church." (Ephesians 4:15)*

Ideas for Action: Is there a difficult conversation you've been delaying? Is there someone you've been talking about instead of being direct? Pray for courage and grace to have the conversation in person, if possible.

### Welcome and Work of God's People

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Rev. Stuart Spencer

### Lighting the Advent Wreath

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Steve Drzaszcz Family

### Songs of Praise

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Worship Team

***O Come, All Ye Faithful  
Come, Lord Jesus (Even So Come)***

### Prayer of Confession

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Paul Savage

Eternal God, we confess that we're still not ready. We haven't done all we can to be ready for Your reign on earth as it is in Heaven. We have procrastinated and delayed; and at other times, simply forgot who we are and Who You are in our lives. Call us into noticing this moment, this time of Advent, this season of preparation. Help us to recall that You are eternal and always with us, and

remind us to set aside a moment to prepare our hearts and minds for You. We can make the time to allow Your peace to enter in and reign in our hearts. We can find the way. Eternal One, guide us in this season of Advent, of watching and waiting, signs that You are doing something new in our world and in our lives right now.

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## Assurance of Forgiveness

Paul Savage

God calls out to us from the wilderness of our lives, from the places that are tangled and full of shadows. God calls out to us and leads us in the way of peace. Listen to God call your name, and know that you are loved. Listen to God's voice, and know that you are forgiven. Listen to God's proclamation, and know there is new life, restored life now. Go and live into the Good News. **Hallelujah, Amen!**

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## Offertory

Paul Savage

*Please continue your faithful giving as we look to begin our program year. Your tithes and offerings allow us to fully support church operations and our work in the world. Our ministry continues every day. Those attending in person may leave an offering in the box by the doors. Electronic giving is here to stay! Sign up for this simple, secure [automatic withdrawal](#). Online gifts may also be made from the Church Center app on your smart phone.*

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## Praise Song

Worship Team

### **Revelation Song**

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## Sermon

Rev. Wes Allen

### **Have You Seen the Light?**

Scripture Text: [John 1:1-18, 9:5 \(NLT\)](#)

Sermon Series: What Are You Waiting For?

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## Communion Song

Worship Team

### **Jesus, We Love You**

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## Communion

Rev. Stuart Spencer

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution & the Lord's Prayer

The Bread and the Cup (*Please prepare a communion serving for yourself and any who are worshipping with you.*)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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## Benediction and Going Forth

Rev. Spencer

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## 11:00 a.m. Worship Ministry

**Audio:** Taylor Adair

**Livestream:** Jonathan Nawrocki

**Visuals:** Alice Conley

**Worship Team:** Martin Bass-Guitar; Christine Bass-Keys; Rebecca Neindorff-Piano; Don Stevens-Bass; Barry Overton-Drums; Michelle Davis-Vocals; Cheryl Stevens-Vocals

<b>Flower Arrangers:</b>	Stacy Schaffer and Carol Benner
<b>Ushers:</b>	Matt La Grou and Jeff Legath
<b>Trustee Greeter:</b>	Paul Lewis
<b>Check-in:</b>	Vicki Terry

**Today's flowers** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Evan by Michael & Joan Welch (*"Sometimes you will never know the value of a moment until it becomes a memory."*).

**Check-ins:** Check-in is self-check in only on your smart phone (no QR code to swipe). Volunteer(s) remain available to assist. Please remember to check in from home when watching the live stream.

**New Protocols:** Effective November 1, Session approved revised COVID-19 safety protocols effective immediately. Masks are optional for vaccinated adults. Masks are recommended for those unvaccinated. Individuals 18 years or younger are required to wear masks. Congregational singing remains discontinued; singers are masked. We will not serve nor eat food indoors. Session and staff will continue to monitor the pandemic and make changes as warranted.

**Adult Education:** Join Lorenzo Eagles and Rev. Wes Allen on Sunday mornings, 9:45-10:45, in Fellowship Hall or via Zoom for our fall Adult Education hour. Each week we will dive headfirst into the Word of God as we reflect on and explore that week's sermon text. A study guide is provided electronically on the church website.

- Week 10: December 12 – Isaiah 40:1-11

**Poinsettia Sales** will be held December 5. Look for order forms online and at church.

**Alternative Gift Market Catalog** is available ONLINE and at church December 5, 12 and 19. Gifts begin at \$5.00 and a broader range of 50 gifts is now available to assist our ministries. Visit the tables in the narthex and Commons Lobby to purchase your alternative gifts.

**High School Winter Retreat to Lake Champion:** January 21-23, 2022; \$150 per person. Register ONLINE by December 7. Check out the Current Events page on our website.

**Manger Sunday Gifts:** Members are invited to bring **unwrapped** gifts to Services on Sunday, December 12 for our annual Manger Sunday presentation. Gifts will be given to the clients of Oaks Integrated Care. For those NOT attending the Service, gifts may be dropped off between 10:30-11:30 a.m. at the Blessing Box outside.

**Longest Night Service** will be held **Sunday, Dec. 12** at 7:00 p.m. to provide peace to those dealing with grief, illness, anxiety or depression, who may not feel the holiday joy. Seminary intern Paul Savage preaches and communion will also be served.

**Advent Devotional:** Watch for the Light: Readings for Advent and Christmas – Give yourself the gift of God's presence in your life this Advent as we read through a collection of writings from classic and contemporary Christians, including Henri Nouwen, Philip Yancey, Bernard of Clairvaux, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, and more.

**Candlelighters:** If you would like to be the Candlelighter at one of our Christmas Eve Services, please contact Paul Booker at [bookfam@aol.com](mailto:bookfam@aol.com) or 856-795-3928.

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