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FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT NOVEMBER 27, 2011

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WELCOME to all who are visiting today! Our greatest desire is to share that wonderful message of forgiveness and eternal salvation for all in Jesus' name. We pray you will be drawn closer to Christ as the Holy Spirit nurtures us through God's Word in this service. Before you leave, please, take time to sign our guest register in the entrance way, and we hope you will join us every week as we gather as God's family in worship.

**10:30am**  
PRE-SERVICE MUSIC + WELCOME

INVOCATION

ADVENT PROPHECY: Isaiah 63:16b,17; 64:1-8  
16...you, O LORD, are our Father, our Redeemer from of old is your name. 17 Why, O LORD, do you make us wander from your ways and harden our hearts so we do not revere you? Return for the sake of your servants, the tribes that are your inheritance. 1 Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains would tremble before you! 2 As when fire sets twigs ablaze and causes water to boil, come down to make your name known to your enemies and cause the nations to quake before you! 3 For when you did awesome things that we did not expect, you came down, and the mountains trembled before you. 4 Since ancient times no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who acts on behalf of those who wait for him. 5 You come to the help of those who gladly do right, who remember your ways. But when we continued to sin against them, you were angry. How then can we be saved? 6 All of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags; we all shrivel up like a leaf, and like the wind our sins sweep us away. 7 No one calls on your name or strives to lay hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us and made us waste away because of our sins. 8 Yet, O LORD, you are our Father. We are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand.

PRAYER

**HYMN: #62 "Oh, Come, Oh, Come Emmanuel"**

Oh, come, Oh, come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel  
That mourns in lonely exile here. Until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel. Shall come to thee, O Israel.

**CONFESSION OF SIN:**

- P. I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters in Christ, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.
- C. THE ALMIGHTY AND MERCIFUL LORD GRANTS YOU PARDON, FORGIVENESS OF ALL YOUR SINS, AND EVERLASTING PEACE IN JESUS CHRIST OUR SAVIOR AND LORD.
- P. Thanks be to God. Amen.
- C. I CONFESS TO GOD ALMIGHTY, BEFORE THE WHOLE COMPANY OF HEAVEN AND TO YOU, MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST, THAT I HAVE SINNED IN THOUGHT, WORD, AND DEED BY MY FAULT, BY MY OWN MOST GRIEVOUS FAULT; WHEREFORE I TOO PRAY GOD ALMIGHTY TO HAVE MERCY ON ME, FORGIVE ME ALL MY SINS, AND BRING ME TO EVERLASTING LIFE. AMEN.
- P. The almighty and merciful Lord grants you pardon, forgiveness of all your sins, and everlasting peace in Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.
- C. THANKS BE TO OUR GRACIOUS AND MERCIFUL GOD! AMEN.

**HYMN: "What Child is This?" (LW #61)**

- 1. What child is this, who laid to rest, On Mary's lap is sleeping? Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping? This, this is Christ the king, whom shepherds guard and angels sing; Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary!
- 2. Why lies he in such mean estate, where ox and ass are feeding? Good Christian, fear; for sinners here, the silent Word is pleading. Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you; Hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mary!
- 3. So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, peasant, king, to own him. The king of kings salvation brings; Let loving hearts enthrone him. Raise, raise the song on high, the virgin sings her lullaby; Joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary!

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CHILDREN'S LESSON

GOSPEL READING: Mark 13:33-37

33 Be on guard! Be alert! You do not know when that time will come. 34 It's like a man going away: He leaves his house and puts his servants in charge, each with his assigned task, and tells the one at the door to keep watch. 35 "Therefore keep watch because you do not know when the owner of the house will come back—whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or at dawn. 36 If he comes suddenly, do not let him find you sleeping. 37 What I say to you, I say to everyone: 'Watch!'"

**RESPONSE:**

P. Teach me your way, O Lord,

C. THAT I MAY WALK IN YOUR TRUTH.

P. Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

C. GLORY BE TO THE FATHER AND TO THE SON AND TO THE HOLY SPIRIT.

AMEN.

**SONG: "Come, Thou Long-expected Jesus"**

1. Come, thou long expected Jesus, Born to set Thy people free;  
From our fears and sins release us; Let us find our rest in Thee.  
Israel's Strength and Consolation, Hope of all the earth Thou art;  
Dear Desire of every nation, Joy of every longing heart.

*Choir:* Come, thou long expected Jesus. Come, thou long expected Jesus.

2. Born Thy people to deliver, Born a child and yet a King.  
Born to reign in us forever, Now thy gracious kingdom bring.  
By Thine own eternal Spirit, Rule in all our hearts alone;  
By Thine all sufficient merit, Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

*Choir:* Come, thou long expected Jesus. Come, thou long expected Jesus.  
Come, come. (Public Domain)

**SERMON: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 "Content with Christ?"**

*(A sermon outline with the Scripture reading is printed in the bulletin to aid your meditation on God's Word)*

**THE OFFERING + RITE OF FELLOWSHIP:**

*(Please sign fellowship book at end of pew)*

COMMITMENT DEDICATION

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION

**SONG: "Because We Believe"** (*cong. sings echo and chorus*)

1. We believe in God the Father (echo) We believe in Christ, the Son (echo)

We believe in the Holy Spirit (echo) We are the Church and we stand as one. (echo)

*Chorus: Holy, Holy, Holy is our God; Worthy, worthy, worthy is our King!*

*All glory and honor are His to receive; To Jesus we sing, because we believe.*

2. We believe in the Holy Bible (echo) We believe in the virgin birth (echo)

We believe in the resurrection (echo) That Christ one day will return to earth (echo)

*(Chorus)*

3. We believe in the blood of Jesus (echo) We believe in eternal life (echo)

We believe in His blood that frees us (echo) To become the Bride of Christ (echo)

*(Chorus)*

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PRAYERS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BLESSING

**SONG: "Soon and Very Soon"**

1 .Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King! (3x)  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We're going to see the King!

2. No more crying there, we are going to see the King! (3x)  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We're going to see the King!

3. No more dying there, we are going to see the King! (3x)  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We're going to see the King!

4. Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King! (3x)  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We're going to see the King!

*Ending....* Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We're going to see the King!  
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ANNOUNCEMENTS + POSTLUDE

PRAISE BAND SCHEDULE FOR MONTH OF NOVEMBER:

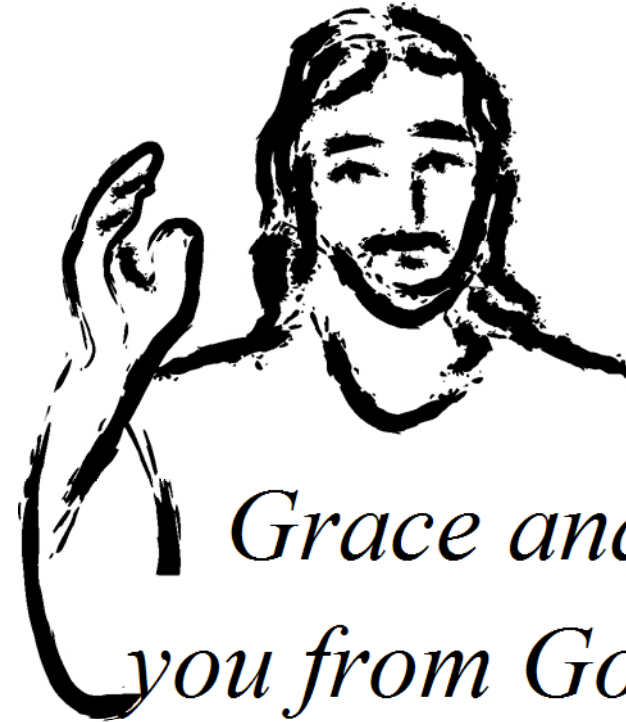
November 27<sup>th</sup> – 10:30 Service

**1 Corinthians 1:3-9**

**"Content with Christ?"**

*3 Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 4 I always thank God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. 5 For in him you have been enriched in every way—in all your speaking and in all your knowledge— 6 because our testimony about Christ was confirmed in you. 7 Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. 8 He will keep you strong to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 God, who has called you into fellowship with his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, is faithful.*

1. In what way was the early church just like us?
2. What did the apostle Paul believe God would do for his people in Corinth?
3. What should we do when problems arise in our life?
4. Why isn't it always easy for us to keep our focus on Jesus?
5. Who does the Holy Spirit always point us to?
6. How might pastors fail when it comes to preaching about Jesus?
7. The gospel message about Jesus is the heart, core, and center of our \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.
8. Why did the apostle Paul always preach about Jesus?
9. How is Jesus actively involved in our faith now?
10. What part does Jesus play at the end of time?
11. What happens when we realize everything in our Christian faith and life is tied to Jesus?



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you from God our  
Father and the Lord  
Jesus Christ. 1 Corinthians 1:3*