



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
December 11, 2016
11:00 a.m.

WELCOME

Because we believe that every person is a beloved child of God, on a journey to God, with God, we welcome ALL people, *without exception*, to attend, join, and participate fully in the life of this church. For a description of our worship services at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. on Sundays and at 6:30 a.m. on Thursdays, visit our website at www.fumcaustin.org.

FAMILY ROOM

For parents with infants and toddlers, our Family Room, located in the balcony, offers rockers, books, toys, and a comfortable place for diaper changes. Childcare provided by our well-trained childcare staff is also available in Room 103 and 104 of the Education Building. Please ask an usher for assistance.

SUNDAY PARKING

For mobility-impaired individuals as well as those needing close-in parking, reserved handicap and accessible parking spaces are designated by signage along the wall of the Trial Lawyers' building. All able-bodied members are asked to use the free parking in the Trial Lawyer's garage at the southwest corner of 13th and Lavaca Streets and at open meters around the church. This will allow our church parking lot to be used by visitors and those needing access to the handicap entrance and elevator on the north side of the Education Building.

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GATHERING AS THE CHURCH

Asterisks () indicate an invitation to stand as you are able.*

OPENING MUSIC

GREETING

All are invited to greet those around them and to register attendance on the Communication Card as a way of offering our presence to God.

*Response: A voice cries out in the wilderness,
“Prepare the way of the Lord!”*

Luke 3:4

ENTERING THE HOLY

INTROIT

Of the Father’s Love Begotten

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

Of the Father’s love begotten,
ere the world’s began to be,
he is Alpha and Omega, he the source,
the ending he of the things that are,
that have been and that future years shall see,
evermore and evermore.

O ye heights of heaven adore him;
angel hosts, his praises sing;
powers, dominions, bow before him,
and extol our God and King;
let no tongue on earth be silent,
every voice in concert ring,
evermore and evermore.

Christ, to thee with God the Father,
and, O Holy Ghost, to thee,
hymn and chant and high thanksgiving,
and unwearied praises be:
honor, glory and dominion,
and eternal victory,
evermore and evermore. Amen.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Today there is good news for us to behold!
**Those who feared that they were worth little to God
have found blessing in God’s sight.**

For in the mercy and love of God,
the blind shall see,
the lame shall walk without pain,
those who could not hear shall be blessed with hearing,
and there shall be peace.
God’s mercy and love is poured out for our parched souls.

Behold! The Lord’s compassion is with God’s people.
Believe in the power of God in all things. Amen.

Solo 1. Once in roy - al Da - vid's ci - ty stood a low - ly cat - tle
Unison 2. He came down to earth from hea - ven who is God and Lord of
SATB 3. Je - sus is our child - hood's pat - tern; day by day, like us he
Unison 4. And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own re - deem - ing

shed, where a moth - er laid her ba - by in a man - ger for his bed;
 all, and his shel - ter was a sta - ble, and his cra - dle was a stall.
 grew; he was lit - tle, weak and help - less, tears and smiles like us he knew;
 love; for that child so dear and gen - tle is our Lord in heav'n a - bove;

Ma - ry, lov - ing mo - ther mild, Je - sus Christ, her lit - tle child.
 With the poor, the scorned, the low - ly, lived on earth our Sa - vior ho - ly.
 and he feel - eth for our sad - ness, and he shar - eth in our glad - ness.
 and he leads his chil - dren on to the place where he is gone.

Words: Cecil Frances Alexander

Music: IRBY - Henry J. Gauntlett

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

We wait for light, and lo!

There is darkness;

for brightness, but we walk in gloom.

Arise, shine; for your light has come,
 and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

For darkness shall cover the earth,
 and thick darkness the peoples.

But the Lord will arise upon you,
 and nations shall come to your light.

The sun shall no longer be your light by day,
nor for brightness shall the moon give light to you by night.

**For the Lord will be your everlasting light
and your God will be your glory.
We light these candles as a sign of the coming light of Christ.**

RESPONSE 206

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Stanza 1

ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 3:1-7

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Carol

Adam Lay Ybounden

Peter Warlock

Adam lay ybounden, bounden in a bond;
four thousand winter thought he not too long.
And all was for an apple, an apple that he took,
as clerkès finden written in their book.
Ne had the apple taken been,
ne had never our lady abeen heavenè queen.
Blessed be time that apple taken was,
therefore we moun (must) singen,
Deo gracias! (Thanks be to God!)

Anonymous 15th century

SECOND LESSON

Isaiah 40:1-5

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

Carol

Comfort, Comfort Now My People



1. "Com - fort, com - fort now my peo - ple; tell of peace!" So says your God.
 2. For the her - ald's voice is cry - ing in the des - sert far and near,
 3. Straight shall be what long was crook - ed, and the rough - er plac - es plain!



Com - fort those who sit in dark - ness mourn - ing un - der sor - row's load.
 call - ing us to true re - pen - tance, since the King - dom now is here.
 Let your hearts be true and hum - ble, as be - fits his ho - ly reign!



To God's peo - ple now pro - claim that God's par - don waits for them!
 Oh, that warn - ing cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a - way!
 For the glo - ry of the Lord now on earth is shed a - broad,



Tell them that their war is o - ver; God will reign in peace for - ev - er!
 Let the val - leys rise to greet him, and the hills bow down to greet him!
 and all flesh shall see the to - ken that God's word is nev - er bro - ken.

Words: Johann Olearius, trans. by Catherine Winkworth, alt.

Music: FREU DICH SEHR - Trente quatre pseumes de David, *Geneva*

THIRD LESSON

Micah 5:2-5a

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace.

Carol

Come, Renew Us

Eleanor Daley

Come, Lord, come to us, enter our darkness with your light.

Fill our emptiness with your presence,

come, refresh, restore, renew us.

In our sadness come as joy,

in our troubles, come as peace,

in our fearfulness, come as hope,

in our darkness, come as light,

in our frailty, come as strength,

in our loneliness, come as love.

Come, refresh, restore, renew us.

David Adam

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FOURTH LESSON

Matthew 11:2-11

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me." As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.' Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

HOMILY

I Wonder How We Will Know...

OFFERTORY

Noel Fanfare

THE FIRST NOEL / Arr. Donald Hermany

* PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

Praise God, from whom all bles - sings flow; Praise God, all crea-tures here be - low;

Praise God a - bove, ye heav - 'nly host; Praise Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost.

Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

Words: Thomas Ken, alt.; 9th century Latin

Music: VENI, VENI, EMMANUEL - plainsong, Mode 1

Carol

E'en So, Lord Jesus Quickly Come

Paul Manz

Peace be to you and grace from him, who freed us from our sins,
who loved us all and shed his blood that we might saved be.
Sing holy, holy to our Lord, the Lord, Almighty God,
who was and is and is to come; sing holy, holy, Lord!
Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein,
rejoice on earth, ye saints below,
for Chirst is coming, is coming soon!
E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come, and night shall be no more;
they need no light, nor lamp, nor sun, for Christ will be their all!

Revelation 22, adapt.

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FIFTH LESSON

Luke 1:26-38

Carol

Gabriel's Blessing
Bona Coogle and Brad Heckler

Richard Shephard

In the sixth month, the Angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joesph. And the virgin's name was Mary.

Gabriel:

“Hail thou that art highly favored, the Lord is with thee; blessed are thou among women. For behold, thou shalt bring forth a son and shall call his name Jesus.”

Mary:

“How shall this be seeing I know not a man?”

Gabriel:

“The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee. For with God nothing shall be impossible.”

Mary:

“Behold the handmaid of the Lord. Be it unto me according to thy word. My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior. For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden. For behold from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. For he that is mighty hath magnified me, and holy is his name. And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations. He hath showed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seat and hath exalted the humble and meek. He hath filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he hath sent empty away. He, remembering his mercy hath hoplen his servant Israel, as he promised to our forefather's, Abraham and his seed forever.”

On direction all sing:

The musical score is written for a single voice in treble clef, 3/4 time, with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The melody is simple and consists of four lines of music. The lyrics are printed below the notes. The first line of music corresponds to the lyrics: "So bring him in - cense, gold and myrrh, come peas - ant, king, to own him; the". The second line: "King of kings sal - va - tion brings, let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.". The third line: "This, this is Christ the King, whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;". The fourth line: "haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son, of Ma - ry.".

Words: William C. Dix

Music: GREENSLEEVES - 16th century English melody

SIXTH LESSON

Isaiah 2:2, 4; 11:6-9

In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

Carol

Creation Will Be at Peace

Anna Laura Page

In the holy mountain of the Lord all war and strife will cease;
in the holy mountain of the Lord creation will be at peace.
The wolf will lie down with the lamb, the cow and bear will feed,
their young will play together; a little child will lead.
The leopard and goat will graze, the lion will feed on straw.
They will war no more; a child will lead them all.

Isaiah 11: 6-9, adapt. J. Paul Williams

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GOING OUT TO SERVE

CLOSING PRAYER

**Holy God, your prophets have long spoken
of the one who would come to save us.
Now the promise is fulfilled;
now your kingdom has come near.
Send us as messengers of your way,
to go and tell all the world
of the wonders we have seen
and the good news we have heard;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

* BENEDICTION

* CAROL 218

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

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ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers are placed in celebration of Tom Ausley's 74th birthday by his family.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher: Reverend Taylor Fuerst

Pastors: Reverend Michael Mumme and Reverend Cathy Stone

Music Director/Organist: Scott Davis

Associate Music Director: Wendi Olinger

Director of Handbells: Shirley Derryberry