

AN EVER-WIDENING CIRCLE OF GRACE



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Genealogy of Christ
by Rev. Lauren Wright Pittman

John Dillon, Pastor
November 27, 2022 | 10:00 am
First Sunday in Advent

WORSHIP LEADERS: CHOIR
SPECIAL MUSIC: CASSIDY KORONKIEWICZ
DIRECTED BY: ANTHONY JAY HOUSTON AND SCOTT IDDINGS
ACCOMPANISTS: ANN LEGG AND MIKE GRISWOLD
TECHNICAL DIRECTOR: STEVE CONNELL
TECHNICAL ASSISTANT: WILL EMMANUEL

WE GATHER IN GRACE

A “+” indicates all are invited to stand.

PRELUDE: SING OUT MY SOUL

Taizé Community

WORDS OF WELCOME

+THRESHOLD MOMENT (LUKE 1:48B-50)

One: Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy
is His name. His mercy is for those who revere Him

All: from generation to generation

+HYMN # 15 (VV.1,4,6) ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING

ADVENT CANDLE: *A CANDLE IS BURNING*

Words: Sandra Dean

Tune: Away in the Manger

**A candle is burning, a flame warm and bright,
A candle of HOPE in November's dark night
While angels sing blessings from heaven's starry sky,
Our hearts we prepare now for Jesus is nigh**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

One: In God's house, everyone is welcome—those who seem like they have it all together, and those who feel like their world is falling apart. No matter who we are, there's room for us here. With that confidence, we turn to God in prayer, speaking the truth of our lives. Let us admit our failings in silence:

~silence~

Pastor: Family of faith, we who feel scattered are held together. We who have lost our way are forgiven and found. And we who are lonely are brought into the fold and are told, “There's room for you here.” From generation to generation, this is the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ we are held, forgiven, found, and welcomed.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in a God who promised to Abraham, who wrestled with Jacob, who walked with Ruth, who spoke with Moses, who grieved with Bathsheba, who danced with David, who dreamed with Joseph, and who hoped like Mary. We believe in a God who has been loving, inviting, transforming, and challenging us from generation to generation. And we believe that same God is here with us now, saying, “Come on in; there’s room for you here.” Amen.

PASSING OF PEACE WITH THE THOSE IN PERSON AND ONLINE

+RESPONSE: HYMN # 113 ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH

Gloria in excelsis Deo!

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WE GROW IN GRACE

WEE WORSHIP

SCRIPTURE READING:

Isaiah 2:1-5, Matthew 1:1-17

ANTHEM: GOD OF EVERY GENERATION

Words: Paul Marino &
Greg Nelson

MESSAGE

“There’s Room for Every Story” Rev. John Dillon

+HYMN # 94 NOW THE HEAVENS START TO WHISPER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

+DOXOLOGY: HYMN 143 v.4

**All creation, join in praising God the Father,
Spirit, Son, evermore your voices raising
to the eternal Three in One:**

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

WE GO IN GRACE

+HYMN #88 (vv. 1&2) O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL

+SENDING

One: As you leave this place, may you go knowing that from generation to generation,

All: we have been claimed and loved.

One: From generation to generation,

All: God has been by our side.

One: From generation to generation,

All: we are not alone.

One: The God of yesterday and the God of tomorrow

All: knows me by name, loves me, and calls me forth,

One: saying, "Go be the person you are called to be, love wildly, do justice, and come back soon."

All: May it be so. Amen.

*We gather in grace, we grow in grace, we go in grace...
The journey continues in an ever-widening circle of grace.*

Our worship service is being livestreamed and is on Zoom



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15 All Creatures of Our God and King

Unison

1 All crea-tures of our God and King, lift up your voice
 2 O broth-er wind with clouds and rain, you nur-ture gifts
 3 O broth-er fire, so warm and bright, chase off the shad-
 4 All who for love of God for-give, all who in pain

Harmony

and with us sing, Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
 of fruit and grain. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
 ows of the night. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
 or sor-row grieve, Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

Unison

O broth-er sun with gold-en beam, O sis-ter moon
 O sis-ter wa-ter, flow-ing clear, make mu-sic for
 Dear moth-er earth, who day by day un-folds such bless-
 Christ bears your bur-dens and your fears; so, e-ven in

Sometimes called "The Canticle of the Sun," this cosmic roll call allows human beings to give voice to all creation. One of the earliest religious poems in the Italian language, it is made even more expansive by this broad, repetitive melody with interspersed "Alleluias."

Tune: Hyfrodol (see Love Divine 366)

God of Every Generation

Lyrics: Paul Marino & Greg Nelson

Born among the peasant strangers
God incarnate came to earth.
Through His poverty bore riches
In the myst'ry of His birth.

God of every generation
Reaching out to all mankind.
How relentless His pursuing
As He draws us to His light.

From the dawn of all creation
God the Father in His love
Offered up for our redemption
Jesus Christ His only Son.

God of every generation
Reaching out to all mankind.
How relentless His pursuing
As He draws us to His light.

Through the heart of all believers
Worship echos age to age.
Hear the church, her saints proclaiming
Jesus Christ was born to save.

God of every generation
Reaching out to all mankind.
How relentless His pursuing
As He draws us to His light.

94 Now the Heavens Start to Whisper

1 Now the heav - ens start to whis - per, as the veil is
 2 Heav - y clouds that block the moon - light now be - gin to
 3 Christ, e - ter - nal Sun of jus - tice, Christ, the rose of

grow - ing thin. Earth from slum - ber wakes to lis - ten
 drift a - way. Dia - mond bril - liance through the dark - ness
 wis - dom's seed, come to bless with fire and fra - grance

to the stir - ring, faint with - in: seed of prom - ise, deep - ly
 shines the hope of com - ing day. Christ, the morn - ing star of
 hours of yearn - ing, hurt, and need. In the lone - ly, in the

This Advent text artfully interweaves what is hidden and what is revealed, primarily in the coming of the long-awaited Messiah. But Christ himself taught us about another hidden truth, his presence in the “least of these” (Matthew 25:40, 45), whom we are also called to welcome.

88 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest
 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy
 4 O come, thou Root of Jes - se, free thine own from



cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
 all things might - i - ly: to us the path of knowl - edge
 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the
 Sa - tan's tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell thy peo - ple



here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 show; and teach us in her ways to go. Re-joyce! Re-joyce!
 law in cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.
 save and give them vic - tory o'er the grave.



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

- 5 O come, thou Key of David, come,
 and open wide our heavenly home;
 make safe the way that leads on high,
 and close the path to misery.
 Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
 shall come to thee, O Israel.
- 6 O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer
 our spirits by thine advent here;
 disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
 and death's dark shadows put to flight.
 Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
 shall come to thee, O Israel.
- 7 O come, Desire of nations, bind
 all peoples in one heart and mind;
 bid envy, strife, and discord cease;
 fill the whole world with heaven's peace.
 Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
 shall come to thee, O Israel.

One stanza of this paraphrase of the great O Antiphons may be sung on each of the last days of Advent as follows:

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| Dec. 17: O Wisdom (2) | Dec. 20: O Key of David (5) | Dec. 23: O Emmanuel (1) |
| Dec. 18: O Lord of might (3) | Dec. 21: O Dayspring (6) | |
| Dec. 19: O Root of Jesse (4) | Dec. 22: O Desire of Nations (7) | |

These titles of the coming Christ appeared in daily Vesper antiphons sung during the week before Christmas; their roots date at least to the reign of Charlemagne. Both text and tune are the fruit of 19th-century efforts to reclaim Christian treasures from pre-Reformation sources.

**Decorate Our Sanctuary on
Christmas Eve with Your Flower Tribute.**

Flowers can be taken home after the last
Christmas Eve Service.



	Quantity Ordered	
Size	White	Red
6 in. - \$11.00		
8 in. - \$30.00		
10 in. - \$40.00		

TOTAL \$ _____

Please make checks payable to RCLPC.

Name _____

Flowers given

____ in honor of or ____ in memory of

Last Day to Order: December 7th

Christmas Eve Poinsettias

If you would like to order flowers for our Christmas Eve services, please make sure to get your order in by **December 7**. Please see attached order form or visit the Gathering Space.

Multigenerational Faith Formation Sundays in Advent following Worship

Come together for Fellowship, Faith Formation, and Fun. Each Sunday you will get to Post A Note on our board, participate in our Christmas Card Challenge, and Share during our Advent Art time.

Mid -Week Advent Reflection

Gather in the lounge on Wednesdays at 5:45PM for soup and an advent reflection time. You can find information by clicking the Advent icon on our website.

RCLPC's 30th Annual Cookie Walk is

Saturday, December 10th from 9am-11am. Sign up to bake, set up, and volunteer day of in the Gathering Space downstairs.

RCLPC Joy Angel Tree

YES, the RCLPC [Joy Angel Tree](#) LIVES and needs YOU to be an Angel! Our Mission Agencies always have many needs for their clients and YOU can add a SPARKLE to someone who needs it this Christmas. This year we will be doing our Giving Tree "Different but the Same" ☺ Check out our tree in the Gathering Space or click the icon on our website for information.

Fellowship Opportunities

December 2nd @ 7-Ladies Advent by Candlelight

December 3 @ 4:30pm-Luminaria Walk at Veteran's Acres

December 11-Cantata Brunch

December 18th-Jesus' Birthday Party



Visit our website to see all things Advent