

First Sunday in Advent

December 2, 2018

PRELUDE *O Come All Ye Faithful, First Noel, Angels We Have Heard on High*
Instrumental Ensemble – Liz Sander, Director

CALL TO WORSHIP

***HYMN 1** *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus* STUGGART

LIGHTING OUR ADVENT CANDLES Isaiah 64:1-4
Kim Lapple, Michelle Gosh, Kevin Tejada, Brady Lapple

Watch and wait! God is arriving in our hearts and in our world.
We light candles of hope, peace, joy, and love,
remembering the promises of God.

We light this candle in hope. (*light candle*)

God of hope, out of death and fear you bring life.
Renew us in hope, so that we may be alert
to God's presence among us.

God of promise, God of hope,
Surprise us with your presence in our lives this Advent.

Congregational Response - *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*
O come, O 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.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS OF CHURCH LIFE

RECEIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory *Away in a Manger, O little Town of Bethlehem, Silent Night*
Instrumental Ensemble

***Doxology and Prayer of Dedication**

Hymn 592

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him all creatures here below.
Praise him above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above ye heavenly host. Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF INFANT BAPTISM (insert)

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Children from kindergarten through 8th grade will be dismissed to their Sunday Spirit classes.
(Please see announcements for full details)

TIME FOR GREETING ONE ANOTHER

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

or "Our Creator

ANTHEM *E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come* Paul Manz

READING FROM THE BIBLE Luke 19:1-10

SERMON *Whom Do You See?* Patrick Vaughn

***HYMN 38** *It Came Upon a Midnight Clear* CAROL

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Veni Immanuel* John Bell

POSTLUDE *Rejoice Greatly, O My Soul* Johann Krebs

The flowers in our sanctuary today are given by Inger Savitt in memory of Bo Hassell. Everyone is welcome to Patrick's first coffee hour following worship. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped make this special: Mary Lou Pappas, Suzy Beatty, Hope Black, Judy Aydelotte, Amy Drabek, Blakeley Brodbeck, and Kate Branch.

Children's bulletins are available at both entrances to the Sanctuary.

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WELCOME VISITORS!

We're glad that you've joined us for worship today and hope that you'll come to Coffee Hour, immediately following the service (through the door at the front of the sanctuary to Fellowship Hall). There you'll find coffee, a Welcome Table with information about the church, and people who would be delighted to talk to you.

Parents - Childcare is provided for infants and toddlers in the education wing of our building. Just ask one of the ushers for directions.

A parent paging system is available for your convenience.

The Rev. John Patrick Vaughn, Pastor

The Rev. Heather Brown-Huston, Minister for Congregational Life

John Lettieri, Director of Music

Kathy DiBiasi, Director of Educational Ministries

The Rev. Leslie Mott, Coordinator for Spirituality and Practice

Parish Associates:

The Rev. Dorothy Muller and the Rev. Dr. James Fenimore

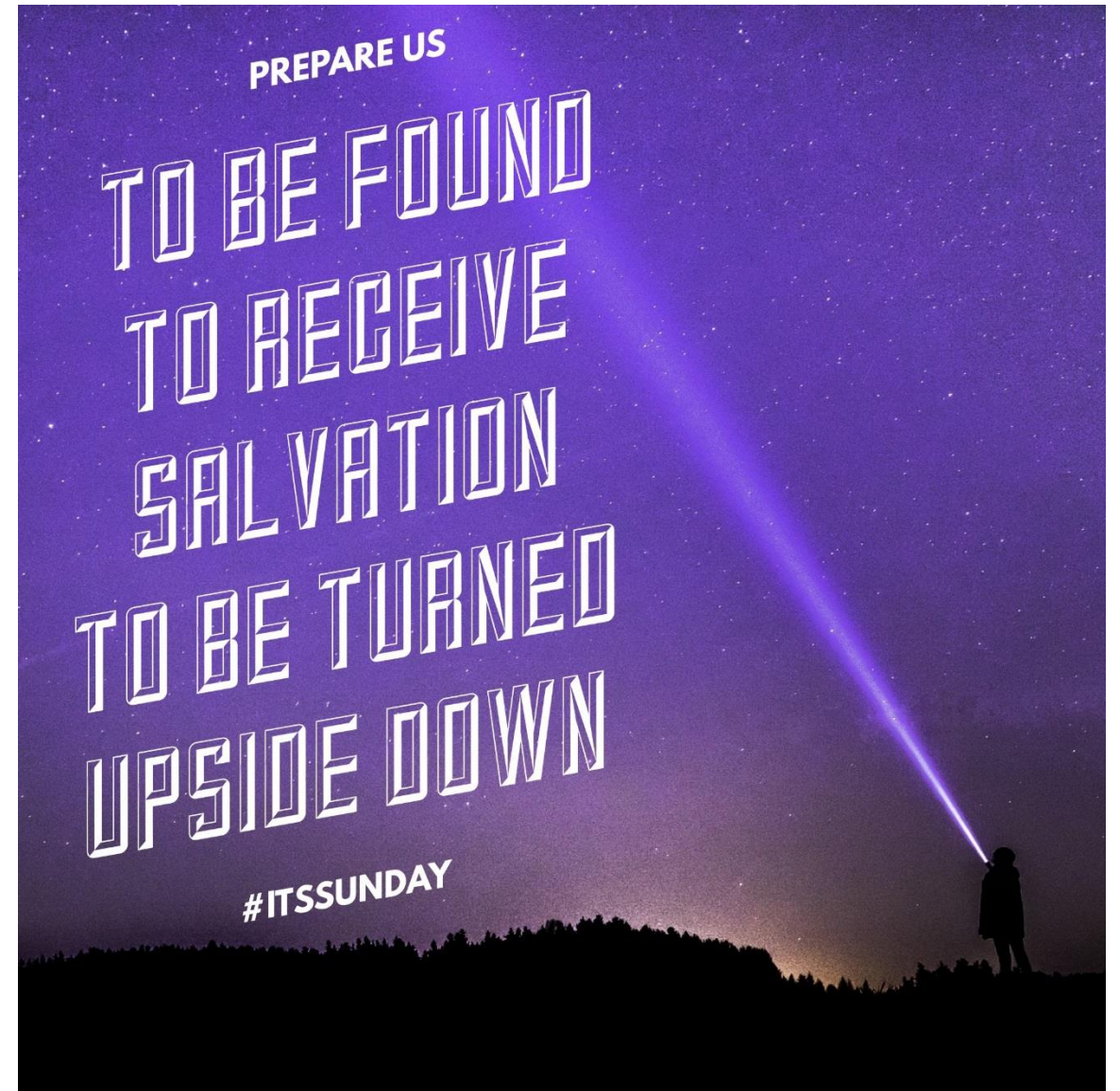
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Church School & Childcare 10:00 AM

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