

# St. John's United Methodist Church

Youth Sunday

To be a pro skateboarder one day

I SURVIVE HIGH SCHOOL !!

I get into University of Texas

Nintendo Switch 2

AGGIES WIN A NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

A horse and to work with animals some day

I WILL BE SUCCESSFUL

A pet chameleon

A peace-filled Christmas for Everyone

Snow!

Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world since 1839

**ORDER OF WORSHIP  
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
NOVEMBER 30, 2025  
8:30 & 11:00AM**

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR LIVE WORSHIP**

You are invited to use this bulletin during our live worship service at 11:00am on Sunday morning. To access our live worship, please [click here](#).

**PRELUDE**

**GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (*Isaiah 2*)

Leader: The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

**People**: 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.

Leader: Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

**People**: 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.

**All**: O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

**SONG OF PRAISE**

*"People, Look East"*

#202

People look east the time is near  
Of the crowning of the year  
Make your house fair as you are able  
Trim the hearth and set the table  
People look east and sing today  
Love the Guest is on the way

Furrows be glad though earth is bare  
One more seed is planted there  
Give up your strength the seed to nourish  
That In course the flower may flourish

People look east and sing today  
Love the Rose is on the way

Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim,  
One more light the bowl shall brim,  
Shining beyond the frosty weather,  
Bright as sun and moon together  
People, look east and sing today:  
Love, the Star, is on the way.

Angels announce with shouts of mirth  
Him who brings new life to earth  
Set ev'ry peak and valley humming  
With the word the Lord is coming  
People look east and sing today  
Love the Lord is on the way

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**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;\*

The third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic\*\* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**GLORIA PATRI**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy ghost! As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen. Amen.

**LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE**

Reader: Sometimes things can feel out of place, things become different than it used to be, and we

worry about the unknown and what's ahead. That uncertainty usually reminds us how much we need the Advent of God!

The prophet Isaiah cried out for us, "O that you would tear open the heavens and come down ... To make your name known ... so that nations might tremble at your presence." Sometimes we realize that we need God to break through all of the mess, to create an anxious presence, and to be among us again. "We long to be your people, O God, a people of HOPE."

We light this first candle as a sign of our HOPE even in the confusion. Hope that God can meet us, even in the mess of our world. Hope that God still sees us, though we feel we are lost in the rubble. Let this light be the guide that brings us to Emmanuel once more...and may the *GIFT* of *CHRIST*mas restore our HOPE.

## PASTORAL PRAYER

### 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who have trespassed 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.

### SONG OF REFLECTION

*"Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"* #196

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

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.

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## PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

### BAPTISM: *Jasper Anthony Schoelzel*

*Parents: Ethan Schoelzel and Anna Kelly*

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

### OFFERING OUR GIFTS and TITHES

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### SHARING OUR GIFTS

*"O come, O come, Emmanuel"* Aubrey Ostertag

### DOXOLOGY

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.

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

*Isaiah 40:28-31*

<sup>28</sup>Have you not known? Have you not heard?

The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. <sup>29</sup>He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. <sup>30</sup>Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; <sup>31</sup>but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

### SERMON

*"Restoring HOPE"* Rev. Richard Luna

## INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

### SONG OF INVITATION

*"There's a Song in the Air"* #249

There's a song in the air! There's a star in the sky!  
There's a mother's deep prayer and a baby's low cry  
And the star rains its fire while the beautiful sing  
For the manger of Bethlehem cradles a King

There's a tumult of joy o'er the wonderful birth  
For the virgin's sweet boy is the Lord of the earth  
Ay the star rains its fire while the beautiful sing  
For the manger of Bethlehem cradles a King

In the light of that star lie the ages impearled  
And that song from afar has swept over the world  
Every hearth is aflame and the beautiful sing  
In the homes of the nations that Jesus is King

We rejoice in the light and we echo the song  
That comes down thro' the night  
From the heavenly throng  
Ay we shout to the lovely evangel they bring  
And we greet in His cradle our Savior and King

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## SENDING FORTH

### CHORAL RESPONSE

*"Be Born in Us"*

Be born in us, O Holy Child,  
And let the light of Your love shine within our lives.  
Be born in us, O Prince of Peace,  
Let the hope You bring this world be born in me.

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### GOING FORTH

Blessed by God's love and strengthened by God's  
Grace, let us be the church to the people we are with.  
Amen.

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*Thankful for all of the blessings that God has given  
each of us.*

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Thank you.*

