

# **Sunday Worship**

**November 28, 2021**

## **First Sunday of Advent**

*Nursery care is available for children up to age 3  
in the Nursery on the first floor of the Education Building*

### **Prelude**

Ludwig van Beethoven

“Für Elise”

*Nathan Singjaidee*

“Advent Piano Prelude”

### **Welcome**

### **Ringling of the Bell**

The original church bell is rung in memory of Walter (1928-2018) and Robert (1958-2013) Teninga, who are honored in our Memorial Garden.

## **Call to Worship – Lighting of the First Advent Candle**

9 a.m.                      Richard and Marie Gurick

11 a.m.                     Madeleine and Mariella Narvilas

### **Opening Prayer**

#### **First Scripture Reading**

Exodus 1:22-2:10

“Then Pharaoh gave an order to all his people: ‘Throw every baby boy born to the Hebrews into the Nile River, but you can let all the girls live.’

Now a man from Levi’s household married a Levite woman. The woman became pregnant and gave birth to a son. She saw that the baby was healthy and beautiful, so she hid him for three months. When she couldn’t hide him any longer, she took a reed basket and sealed it up with black tar. She put the child in the basket and set the basket among the reeds at the riverbank. The baby’s older sister stood watch nearby to see what would happen to him.

Pharaoh’s daughter came down to bathe in the river, while her women servants walked along beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds, and she sent one of her servants to bring it to her. When she opened it, she saw the child. The boy was crying, and she

felt sorry for him. She said, ‘This must be one of the Hebrews’ children.’

Then the baby’s sister said to Pharaoh’s daughter, ‘Would you like me to go and find one of the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?’

Pharaoh’s daughter agreed, ‘Yes, do that.’ So the girl went and called the child’s mother. Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, ‘Take this child and nurse it for me, and I’ll pay you for your work.’ So the woman took the child and nursed it. After the child had grown up, she brought him back to Pharaoh’s daughter, who adopted him as her son. She named him Moses, ‘because,’ she said, ‘I pulled him out of the water.’ ”

## **Hymn of Praise**

Veni Emmanuel

“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!

O come, thou day-spring, 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!

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!"

## **Prayers of the People**

### **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.”

## **Time with the Children (11 a.m.)**

### **Gathering Song: “Jesus Loves Me”**

“Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so;  
Little ones to him belong; they are weak but he is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!

Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.”

*Children up to 3 years old may go to the Nursery (Nursery Rm)*

*Children 3 years old through Kindergarten are excused for Bible Bunch (Bible Bunch Rm)*

*Children in grades 1 through 5 are excused for Sunday School (Sunday School Rm)*

*Children ages 11 and up are excused for Sunday School (Youth Rm)*

## **Special Music**

Aaron Copland

### **“The Promise of Living”**

“The promise of living with hope and thanksgiving

Is born of our loving our friends and our labor.

The promise of growing with faith and with knowing

Is born of our sharing our love with our neighbor.

The promise of living, the promise of growing,

Is born of our singing in joy and thanksgiving.

For many a year we've known these fields  
And known all the work that makes them yield,  
Are you ready to lend a hand?  
We're ready to work, we're ready to lend a hand.  
By working together we'll bring in the harvest,  
The blessings of harvest.

We plant each row with seeds of grain,  
And Providence sends us the sun and the rain.  
By lending a hand, by lending an arm  
Bring in from the land, bring out from the farm,  
Bring out the blessings, the blessings of harvest.

Give thanks there was sunshine, give thanks there was rain,  
Give thanks we have hands to deliver the grain,

O let us be joyful, O let us be grateful to the Lord for His blessing.

O let us sing our song, and let our song be heard.

Let's sing our song with our hearts, and find a promise in that song.

The promise of ending in right understanding  
Is peace in our own hearts and peace with our neighbor.

The promise of living, the promise of growing,  
The promise of ending, is labor and sharing and loving.”

## **Ministry of the Church**

### **Doxology and Prayer of Dedication**

“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.”

### **Special Music**

Arthur Jennings

“Springs in the Desert”

“Say to them that are of a fearful heart, be strong, fear not:  
Behold, your God will come and save you.

The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad.  
And the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose.  
For in the wilderness shall waters break out,  
And streams flow in the desert.  
And the parched ground shall become a pool,  
And the thirsty land springs of water.

A highway shall be there,  
And it shall be called the way of holiness;  
The redeemed shall walk there.  
And the ransomed of the Lord  
Shall return with songs and everlasting joy.  
And sorrow and sighing shall flee away.”

**Second Scripture**

Exodus 1:12a

“But the more they were oppressed, the more they grew and spread...”

**Sermon**

Rev. Rapier

“What’s Next?”

## **Benediction**

## **Postlude**



For more information about connecting with our church, please complete the card in the pews and hand to an usher wearing a red badge.

The flowers that beautify the Chancel this morning are given by the Heilakka family, in loving memory of Ann's father, Goldwin Smith Pollard, and her stepmother, Rita Barbera Pollard.

Our condolences are extended to Dolly Smith upon the death of her husband, Robert Smith, on November 4, 2021.

Join us in Fellowship Hall this evening at 6 p.m. as we Celebrate Advent together. The children of the church will lend a hand in presenting the Christmas story.

Today is our Pennies from Heaven Offering. Your donation in one of the collection cans helps feed hungry people in our community.

Visit our website ([www.firstdelray.com](http://www.firstdelray.com)) for more information about our ministries.

**Paid Ministry Opportunity:** The church nursery is a wonderful place to minister to the youngest members of our church on Sunday morning. If you are interested, either as a paid nursery helper or as a volunteer, please contact Grace Hood ([gracehood@firstdelray.com](mailto:gracehood@firstdelray.com)).