

Christmas Pageant (11 a.m.)

“The Littlest Angel Choir”

*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)*

Commissioning of New Members

Presentation

9 a.m.: Dick and Do Ann Falk

11 a.m.: David and Emma Flautt

Covenant Questions and Promises

To the new members: Who is your Lord and Savior?

Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.

Will you, as a believer in Jesus Christ and as a member of this church, act out your faith in the world, in your work and in your family?

I will.

Do you covenant to be an active member of this church through your life in the world and support of this church?

I do.

To the congregation: As a congregation, will you support these new members with your encouragement and your prayers, as together we seek to call upon and praise God?

We will, God being our help. May God give us all grace to share ministry together that Christ may be glorified in this place.

Charge by the Pastor

Welcoming Prayer

Hymn of Welcome

“Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.”

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.”

The Ministry of The Church

(Please sign and pass the red friendship book.)

Offering . . . *“Freely we have received, freely let us give.”*

Offertory Anthem

“Veni, Veni, Emmanuel”
“O Come, O Come Emmanuel” from *A Feast of Carols*

Randol Bass

“Veni, veni Emmanuel, captivum solve Israel.
Qui gemit in exilio privatus Dei filio.
Gaude, Emmanuel nascetur pro te Israel.

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.

O come, O come Emmanuel and ransom captive Israel.
That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice, Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.”

***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.”

***Affirmation of Faith**

Titus 3:4-8

But “when God our savior’s kindness and love appeared, he saved us because of his mercy, not because of righteous things we had done. He did it through the washing of new birth and the renewing by the Holy Spirit, which God poured out upon us generously through Jesus Christ our savior. So, since we have been made righteous by his grace, we can inherit the hope for eternal life.” This saying is reliable. And I want you to insist on these things, so that those who have come to believe in God might give careful attention to doing good. These things are good and useful for everyone.

Special Music

“In the Bleak Mid-Winter” Gustav Holst, arr., Ruth Schram
Women’s Ensemble

Second Scripture Reading (p. 696)

Psalm 42:1-2

Just like a deer that craves streams of water, my whole being craves you, God. My whole being thirsts for God, for the living God. When will I come and see God’s face?

Message

“The Simple Gospel”

Dr. Hood

***Hymn of Dedication No. 8**

Truro

“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”

“Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates, behold, the King of glory waits;
The King of kings is drawing near; the savior of the world is here!

Fling wide the portals of your heart; make it a temple, set apart
From earthly use for heaven’s employ, adorned with prayer, and love, and joy.

Redeemer, come! I open wide my heart to thee; here, Lord, abide.
Let me thy inner presence feel; thy grace and love in me reveal.”

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

“Let All Moral Flesh”

arr., Gustav Holst

*The congregation is invited to stand, if able.