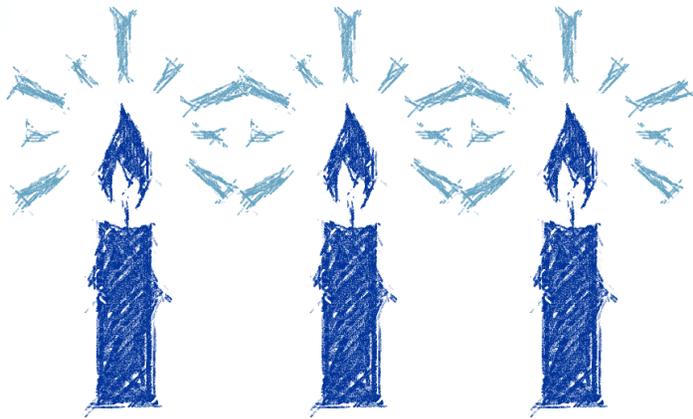


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“Whoever does not know the austere blessedness of waiting—that is, of hopefully doing without—will never experience the full blessing of fulfillment.”

-Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Happenings!

A few things to be aware of

Christmas Eve at Shaffer Ranch: Dec. 24th—After a hiatus last year due to Covid, we’re back on for Christmas Eve at the ranch this year! (3882 Keefer Rd.) Join us at 5:30pm for carol singing, scripture readings, food and fellowship. Bring finger foods to share if possible and warm clothes! See you there!

Family Service: Dec. 26th—It’s nearly that time again! As a church we want to continually grow as a worshipping body together and that includes teaching and discipling our children in worship as well! In addition to all of our normal worship elements, we’ll look forward to a Christmas themed children’s moment this Sunday as well, as our kiddoes show-off some of what they’ve been learning! Normal children’s ministry classes will be suspended. Extra wiggly, here we come!

Purchase Rwanda Gifts!—Support the mission work of our friends Hope and Godfrey in Rwanda by purchasing an item or two brought by Becky Wion today! These handcrafted items have given women good work to help them escape cycles of poverty and prostitution. All proceeds will go towards furthering that work and other ministry projects like it. Visit <https://www.hagari.rw/> for more!

Community Service Partnership: Project 127—Join other gospel minded folks from local church’s to serve our community, or be even to be served yourself! If you have any questions or interest in this ministry, email ministry leaders at this address: project127chico@gmail.com, or talk to our own Jordan Cox!



Deacon Helpers at Vespers—We’re continue to look for new faces to help bolster our volunteer teams at our new facility. There’s a particular need for people to help Deacons with setup/greeting/ushering! Let us know if you want more info or are ready to dive in by scanning the code.

See our website for online giving, sermon links and more! Also, ask a pastor about small groups or about joining our community’s “ListServ” email group!

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Scriptures & Readings

For December 12, 2021

Call to Worship - *Isaiah 9:2-6a*

“The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone.

**You have multiplied the nation;
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as they are glad when they divide the spoil. ...”**

For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

**For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult
and every garment rolled in blood
will be burned as fuel for the fire.**

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder...”

Scripture Reading for Advent: Hope - *Luke 1:26-38*

“In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, ‘Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!’ But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. And the angel said to her, ‘Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.’ And Mary said to the angel, ‘How will this be, since I am a virgin?’ And the angel answered her, ‘The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.’ And Mary said, ‘Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.’ And the angel departed from her.”

An Advent Prayer - *Third Week of Advent*

Faithful Father in Heaven – You are indeed the God of hope who keeps faith forever; who executes justice for the oppressed and sets prisoners free; You do the impossible.

**Thank You Father, for sending your Son
in faithfulness to Your promises. How deep
and wide is our hope in Christ!**

Reflecting today on your words to Mary, Elizabeth and King David, we are reminded that you are a God who keeps your promises and who stands by your word. Yet we at times still lose heart and doubt your steadfast love. Long waiting makes us wonder at times if you have forgotten your people or your promises. But you are always faithful.

**Although our hearts are prone
to wander as we wait for Christ,
please ground us again in our holy
hope. You are Immanuel.**

As we light the hope candle of our advent wreath, we pray together:

Come Lord Jesus. Put to flight death and despair. (*Lighting of Candle*)

“The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone.” Amen. (*Is. 9:2*)

Confession of Faith - *The Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth... (*See Screen!*)

Preaching of God's Word - *Romans 5:1-5*

Sermon Title: “Roman Candles: The **HOPE** of Christmas in Romans 5”
Pastor Josh Lee

¹Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ²Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

Benediction - Numbers 6:24-26 “The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make His face to shine upon you...”



How Great A King

You reached from the sky leaving Heaven's throne
I was meant to die You wouldn't let me go

The riches of Your grace I could not afford
My guilt has been erased now I'm forever Yours

Oh what a price You paid trading the highest place
Laid down Your crown for me how great a King

From death life has begun a garden from the grave
Bursting through the night Yours is the victory

Oh what a life You gave You gave up everything
That You would die for me how great a King

For all You are and all You've done
We lift You up (lift You up)

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O Holy Night

O holy night the stars are brightly shining
It is the night of the dear Savior's birth
Long lay the world in sin and error pining
Till He appeared and the soul felt its worth
A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn

Fall on your knees
O hear the angel voices
O night divine
O night when Christ was born
O night O holy night
O night divine

Led by the light of faith serenely beaming
With glowing hearts by His cradle we stand
So led by light of a star sweetly gleaming
Here came the wise men from Orient land
The King of kings lay thus in lowly manger
In all our trials born to be our Friend

He knows our need
To our weakness is no stranger
Behold your King
Before Him lowly bend
Behold your King
Before Him lowly bend

Truly He taught us to love one another
His law is love and His gospel is peace
Chains shall He break for the slave is our brother
And in His name all oppression shall cease
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we
Let all within us praise His holy name

Christ is the Lord
O praise His name forever
His power and glory
Evermore proclaim
His power and glory
Evermore proclaim

CCLI Song #32015 Adolphe Charles Adam | John Sullivan Dwight |
Placide Cappeau

Blessed Assurance (All My Attempts To Be Satisfied)

All my attempts to be satisfied
Were vain and empty
Until the moment You rescued me
And Your love filled me

My soul sings now my soul sings

What blessed assurance
I've found in You I've found in You
I won't be shaken I will not be moved
How steadfast Your strong hand
Is keeping me is keeping me
I won't be shaken I will not be moved
(O blessed assurance)

No other love that I've ever known
Compares to You God
No other love that I've ever found
Has done what You've done

Ever my anchor ever my strength
Ever my portion and all I need
Ever my healing ever my hope
Ever the truth that leads me home
That leads me home

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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 Dayspring come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night
And death's dark shadows put to flight

O come Thou Wisdom from on high
And order all things far and nigh
To us the path of knowledge show
And cause us in her ways to go

O come Desire of nations bind
All peoples in one heart and mind
Bid envy strife and quarrels cease
Fill the whole world with heaven's peace

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Our God And Our King

Come and rise on our worship
Ride on wings of praise
There is no one who's like You
Our God and our King (2X)

Creation displays Your Beauty
Your Power and Your Strength
The earth is filled with Your Glory
Our God and our King

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