

# SUNDAY WORSHIP

November 27, 2022

**PRELUDE** *Watchman, Tell Us of the Night* J. Mansfield

## WELCOME & PRAYER

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** (from Psalm 25)

L: *In You, Lord my God, I put my trust.*

**C: Show me Your ways, Lord, teach me Your paths.**

L: *Guide me in Your truth and teach me—*

**C: for You are God my Savior.**

**A: My hope is in You all day long.**

**ANTHEM** *The King is Coming Soon*

**ADVENT CANDLE** *Hope*

**\*CAROL** *Come, Thou Long-expected Jesus* Red #89

**SCRIPTURE** *Titus 2:11-14* (p. 1700)

**MESSAGE** *Our Savior Come*

**PRAYING WITH AND FOR ONE ANOTHER**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**OFFERING**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**\*HYMN** *My Hope is Built* Black #403; vv. 1,2,3

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** *Lift Up Your Heads* David Paxton

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To share a prayer request, or receive email updates about the church, please fill out a white 'Hi!' card (check the pew rack) and drop it in the plate by one of the doors.

## News & Notes

**Next Sunday:** The Choir brings the Pepper Choplin cantata, *Once Upon a Night* in the 9am service. The *Advent Festival* follows the service, with crafts & activities in Fellowship Hall. Enjoy a ham & turkey dinner at noon, so stay for that or come back (and please bring place settings for the meal, to help with our interest in 'going green'). There's also a Christmas concert by the St. Thomas Dulcimer Society at 1.30pm!

Indulge your inner pastry chef at a class (with hands-on practice!) on **holiday cake decorating**—offered by *Ella Bella Bakery* on Dec 11, 10.30am, in Fellowship Hall. Invite a friend, and please register on the hallway board so there are enough supplies.

Volunteers are still needed for the **Live Nativity** on Dec 10 during the Christkindlmarkt. See any Community Impact Team member for more info.

The **midweek study** meets 7-8pm via zoom on Nov 30, Dec 7 & 14, then will be on hiatus until mid-January. For info on connecting, check the website.

**November Mission:** Baskets of Thanks

The Christmas party for the **children from Aveanna Medical Daycare** will be held at the daycare center—and you can brighten Christmas for these kids by donating a gift. For info on doing this, check the website, or contact the office for a link.

**Christmas cookies for shut-ins**—you can help with baking and/or delivering cookies by contacting a member of the Community Impact Team.

Support **CCU this Christmas** with a gift of music (the 2022 entry of *Joy to the Burg*) or cards (displayed in Fellowship Hall). Claire Gallagher has more info.

## Celebrating Advent & Christmas with St. Thomas

**a**dvent begins Nov 27, and on each of its Sundays, we'll light candles and sing carols. There are other activities, events, and ways to help this season, too:

*Greening the sanctuary*—Friday, Dec 2, 10am

*Decorating the tree*—Saturday, Dec 3, 11am

*Christmas Cantata*—Sunday, Dec 4, in the 9am service

*Advent Festival*—Sunday, Dec 4

Christmas crafting with projects to choose (10.15 to noon)

Ham and turkey dinner with all the fixings (noon)

Concert by the St. Thomas Dulcimer Society (1.30pm)

Brighten Christmas for the *children from Aveanna Medical Daycare* by donating a gift for their party. There's a link for more info @website—or contact the church office to help.

*Donate food & clothing*—Drop 14-15oz cans of green beans & winter clothing in the foyer for people in our community.

*Living Nativity*—Saturday, Dec 10

*Holiday cake decorating*—Sunday, Dec 11, 10.30am

Tips and tricks from Ella Bella Bakery in a hands-on session open to all (please register by calling the office).

*Christmas Eve services*

Traditional candlelight service at 6pm

Lessons & carols (with candles & communion) at 7.30pm

*Christmas Day*—there's an online worship service

*New Year's Day*—the 9am service will be in person & online

## Advent at home

Try making an Advent wreath with some greens and 5 candles—4 on the perimeter of a circle, with a fifth candle in the circle's middle. A new candle gets lit each week, as each candle highlights a different aspect of Advent. Passages listed below can be read as part of the lighting; you can also read these portions during the week to spark thinking on each of the Advent themes. An Advent wreath will be part of Sunday worship at St. Thomas, and you may hear one or more of these passages read as part of those services, too.

First week: Hope

Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 149:1-11; Zechariah 9:9-13; Jeremiah 23:1-8; Jeremiah 33:14-22

Second week: Love

John 3:16-19; Psalm 24:1-10; Isaiah 7:10-14; Romans 8:35-39; 1 John 4:7-11; 1 Corinthians 13:4-8

Third week: Joy

Matthew 2:10-11; Psalm 146:5-10; Isaiah 35:1-10; Luke 2:8-14; Psalm 94:17-19

Fourth week: Peace

Isaiah 9:1-7; Luke 2:1-14; John 14:23-27; Isaiah 26:1-4

On Christmas Eve, the fifth candle—the Christ Candle—signifies how light has come into the world (John 1:1-9).