<u>VOCAL CHOIR RESTART</u>: In preparation for Christmas, the church choir will start rehearsals on Wednesday, December 7, 4:30 pm, upstairs in our new building. Anyone who has not been in the choir before and would like to participate is more than welcome to join us.

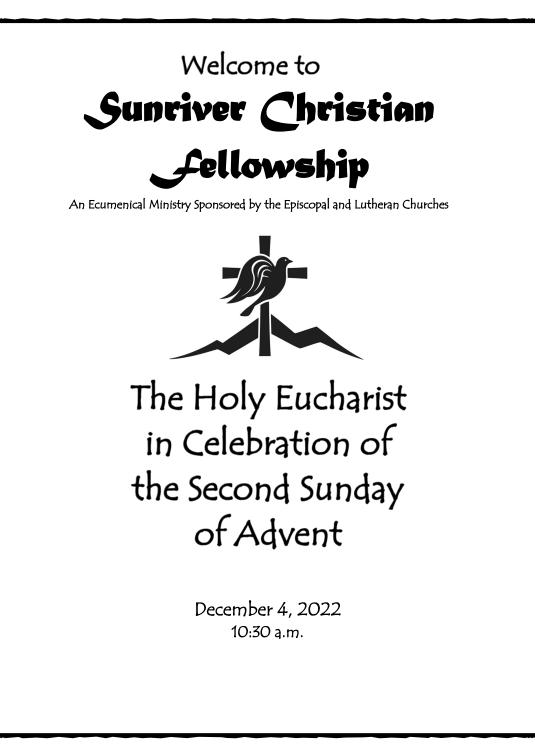
SCF ANNUAL MEETING & REPORTS DEADLINE The SCF Annual Business Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 22, following the worship service. Approval of the "Proposed 2023 Budget," election of proposed church officers, and approval of amendment changes to the church's By-Laws will be included in this important meeting. Ministry leaders are asked to submit their respective annual ministry reports to the church office by January 16 if they want them included in the "Annual Report."

REUSABLE WASHABLE COFFEE CUPS: SCF is looking for ways to reduce our impact on the environment. While we have switched from Styrofoam cups to paper cups for coffee time, we have a chance to take things one step further—reusable coffee cups. Johnson Brothers Appliances (who will be providing many of the appliances for Andi's Kitchen upstairs) has offered us a very reasonable price on a regular dishwasher that we could put in the utility room on the main floor. This would allow us to use regular coffee cups and wash them at the end of coffee service which would eliminate throwing away cups each week. If you would be interested in contributing to this effort, checks may be made out to SCF with "Dishwasher" on the memo line. Any and all contributions are welcome. We are hoping to raise \$700. Anything raised over that will go to purchasing reusable coffee cups. If this is an issue close to your heart we hope you will consider donating. Thank you for your consideration. Contact either Sally Heise (cell# 541-390-0027) or Barb Purcell (cell# 630-881-8225) if you have questions or would like additional information.

MASTERSINGERS IN CONCERT: Messiah and more! Live at The Tower Theatre: Saturday, December 10 at 7 p.m., Sunday, December 11 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Presented by the Tower Theater Foundation, the Central Oregon Mastersingers return to the Tower Theatre on December 10-11 with selections from Handel's *Messiah*, along with other holiday favorites. The 50-voice choir, led by Artistic Director Christian Clark, will be joined by a chamber orchestra composed of local musicians (many of whom are members of the Central Oregon Symphony), and first-rate professional soloists from Bend, Eugene, and Portland. Many tickets still available for Dec. 11, 7 p.m., with a few left for Dec. 10, 7 p.m., and the Dec. 11 matinee at 2 p.m. Don't wait!! Contact the Tower at tower theatre.org; Box Office: 541-317-0700.

Anuary Service Start Time: Effective January 1, worship service will begin at 10 a.m.

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Order of Service: Second Sunday of Advent—December 4, 2022 The Rev. Canon Nancy Green, *Celebrant* Dave Long, *Lector* Rob Pearson, Mitzi Putney, *Keyboards;* Gina Rosbrook, *Song Leader*

<u>Call to Worship/Prelude</u> A time to prepare your heart and thoughts for worship. O Come, O Come Emmanuel arr. L. Smith

Welcome & Announcements

Advent Presentation & Reading: PEACE

Please stand. Advent Song

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<u>Collect</u>

Celebrant O Root of Jesse, O Prince of Peace, stir up your power within us, that in this time we may await with abundant expectation the fulfillment of your eternal presence in creation, for you live and reign among us, Maker, Redeemer, and Giver of Life, one God, now and forever.

All Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY: Beginning **TODAY**, Sunday, December 4, Pastor Rob will offer a 3-week class entitled *"The Amazing Cousins: Beginnings."* It is an overview of the unique pre-birth and birth experiences of both Jesus and John the Baptist. It follows the worship service.

SCF OPEN HOUSE/HOLIDAY DECORATING PARTY: Saturday, December 17, 3 p.m., we will have an SCF Open House/Holiday Decorating Party to prepare our new sanctuary for the first worship services the next day. It is hoped that each household will donate a Christmas ornament or ornaments to decorate our SCF "Family Tree". If you are unable to attend in person, ornaments may be brought to a worship service and placed in a basket designated for that purpose. They can also be given to Chris Baldwin, Chris Hamilton, Liz Haberman or Gina Rosbrook. Please include a short message that shares the importance of the ornament to your family, as well as place your name on the ornament if possible. The plan is to create a book that contains the ornament pictures and stories that will keep the history of our SCF "Family Tree" as a treasure for all. We will gather in the new sanctuary at 3 p.m. to start our festivities. Please bring cookies or treats to share and the Hospitality Committee will provide beverages. Remember that no food or beverages will be allowed in the sanctuary except for water in a lidded container.

DECEMBER 18 SERVICE IN NEW SANTUARY: We will celebrate our first service in our new Sanctuary on December 18 at 10:30 a.m. It has taken almost two years to bring SCF into its new home and we look forward to greeting you as we celebrate the upcoming birth of Christ.

NEW SANCTUARY DEDICATION: On Sunday, January 15, 2023, the new SCF sanctuary will be dedicated as part of the worship service. This will be a great time of thanksgiving and praise for God's gift to SCF and a reminder of the new and wonderful opportunities as SCF looks to the future.

PASTORAL CALL COMMITTEE: As you are aware, Pastor Nancy has announced her retirement date as June 4, 2023. This requires the formation of a Pastoral Call Committee to begin the work of seeking a new senior pastor for SCF. It is a detailed process and, in the opinion of the Managing Board, must be the work of the congregation and not the Board. Each member has a voice that needs to be heard as we shape the future of SCF. If you have a desire to serve on the Call Committee, please let any member of the Managing Board know of your interest in participating in this important work.

SCF MANAGING BOARD: The SCF Managing Board meets monthly, on the fourth Tuesday of the month, at 1:30 p.m. The Board meets next on December 29 at 1:30 p.m. by Zoom, and you may join us by emailing Linda Smith (smitmack@pacbell.net) to receive the Zoom link.

ALTAR GUILD MEMBERS & CHALICE BEARERS NEEDED: We currently have a shortage of Altar Guild Members and additional Chalice Bearers will also be needed as we move into our new sanctuary. If you are interested in either area of service or in both, contact Susan at - 503-704-6826 or <u>smhuseonica@aol.com</u>.

Post Communion Praver

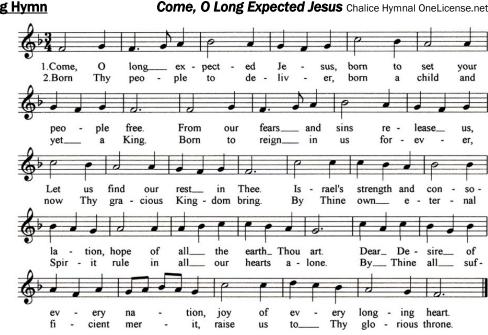
All Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of this Holy Eucharist. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

Celebrant May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope, and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you always.

All Amen.

Please stand **Closing Hymn**



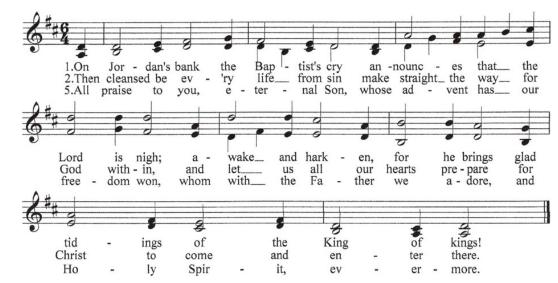
Dismissal

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia! All

Coffee is served today by Diana & Pete Gustavson Celebrant & Preacher next week: The Rev. Mary Anne Gard

Opening Hymn

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Please be seated

The Scripture Lessons



Lector There have been great kings in the story of humankind, mighty kings, wise and noble kings. Of course, there have been tyrants, and indolent kings, but the Prophet Isaiah describes here the ideal king, a monarch coming to Israel in the tradition of David. As we hear this ideal king described, there are visions of Jesus, a king of truly rare majesty.

A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah, Chapter 11, verses 1-10...

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious. The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

A Moment for Meditation

Psalm 72:1-7,18-19 Please read responsively.

- Give the King your justice, O God, * 1 and your righteousness to the King's Son;
- 2 That he may rule your people righteously * and the poor with justice:
- That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, * 3 and the little hills bring righteousness.
- He shall defend the needy among the people; * 4 he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.
- 5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, * from one generation to another.
- He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, * 6
- like showers that water the earth.
- In his time shall the righteous flourish; * 7 there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.
- 18 Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel, *
- who alone does wondrous deeds!
- And blessed be his glorious Name forever! * 19 and may all the earth be filled with his glory. Amen. Amen.
- Lector Matthew introduces a strong character this morning, that of John the Baptizer. He was a man of the wilderness, not the city. He was a prophet who spoke not in the tongues of men or angels, but of fire and judgment. He probably was not comfortable to be around. Yet this is the man Jesus said was the greatest of the prophets in Israel, yet least in the kingdom of God.

Please stand for the reading of the Gospel.

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew, Chapter 3, verses 1-12...

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Lector In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight." Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at

Celebrant On the night you were betrayed, Blessed Jesus, you took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to your friends, and said, "Take, eat: this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you this bread. Sanctify it by your Holy Spirit to be the Body of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Remembering now your work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving.

We celebrate your death and resurrection, as we await the day of your coming. People

Celebrant Lord God of our Forebearers, God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebecca, Jacob and Leah and Rachel, God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eves to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the bread. People

Celebrant Accept these prayers and praises, Eternal God, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

Amen. People

All

Celebrant As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

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 trespass 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 and ever. Amen.

The Fraction

Celebrant Alleluia, Christ our brother gives himself unto us in perfect Love.

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia! People

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Distribution

Please be seated until the usher indicates that it is time for your row to go forward. All are welcome to receive Christ's body .

If you prefer a blessing, come forward with your arms crossed in front of you. If you wish to receive Communion at your seat, please notify an usher.

You may respond with "Amen" as you receive Communion.

The Great Thanksgiving:

| Celebrant | The Lord be with you. |
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| People | And also with you. |
| Celebrant | Lift up your hearts. |
| People | We lift them up to the Lord. |
| Celebrant | Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. |
| People | It is right to give God thanks and praise. |
| Celebrant | God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise. |
| People | Glory to you forever and ever. |
| Celebrant | At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, |
| gal | axies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home. |
| People By | your will they were created and have their being. |
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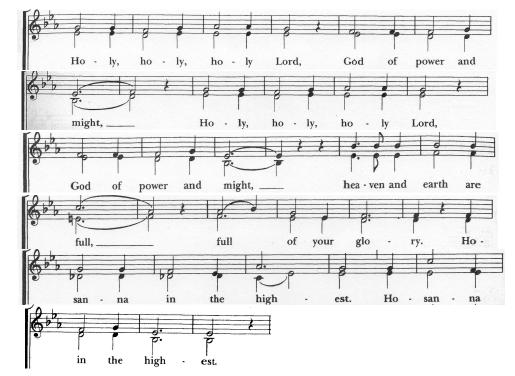
Celebrant From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Celebrant Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

People By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

Celebrant And therefore we praise you, joining with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:



the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." *The Gospel of the Lord*.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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Please be seated

Musical Reflection

Advent Meditation arr. J. Krug Margaret Beard, Barbara Brocker, Donna Pensinger Jan Tuckerman, Jane Vakoc, Alison Weatherhead The Bells

Pastor Nancy

<u>Sermon</u>



The Nicene Creed

All

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit, he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son, he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. *Amen.*

Please be seated.

Prayers of the People

- Lector Let us pray to the Lord, saying: Hear us, O God; your mercy is great. We come to you this day, O God, with a deepening anticipation of your birth among us. We thank you for the gift of your love.
- All Hear us, O God; your mercy is great.
- *Lector* We pray for the Church throughout the world, and for all the ministries that build up the body of Christ, that in our many vocations we may serve to your glory.

All Hear us, O God; your mercy is great.

Lector We pray for this nation and for all nations, remembering especially those who are victims of political and social injustice: the people of Ukraine, the women of Iran, and the people of China in their right to protest. We stand against rising antisemitism in the U.S. We pray for elected officials and all leaders, that they will govern with courage, equity, and integrity. We pray for peace.

All Hear us, O God; your mercy is great.

Lector We pray for all in need: for the sick, the destitute, and the dying; for strangers in our land, for the invisible ones; for the elderly and children; for parents and grand-parents; for those who live alone and those who live lonely in the midst of family, and for those in the Southeast ravaged by tornadoes. This day we lift up those we love who are in need: Tobin & Michelle K., Debbie & John B., John S., Michal H., Carol F., Barbara H., Jennifer H., Patti K., Shirley S., Ann W., Sandi M., Peter R., Maya L., Joan S., Patty K., Jennie F., Alma M., Bob W., Erik E., Lynne E., Carla A.,

Kathleen B., Lynnette B., Betsy M., Amber F., Mal M., Peter G., Keith L., Rosie E., Paul M., Mike F., Dick and Marianne A., Elizabeth N. & John Scott, Beve K., Jenny F., Olivia L., Bergen B., Rich D., Marianna W., Aedan V., and William L., and in a moment of silence we lift up those yet unnamed. *[pause]* And so we say:

All Hear us, O God; your mercy is great.

Lector We remember with mercy those who sleep without shelter, cold and vulnerable, lacking food; those who are overworked and those who have no work. Continue to stir up in us the capacity to see ourselves in their struggles and to act so that others may have life abundant. May we continue to be inspired by firefighters, police, the military, and first responders, who sacrifice themselves to protect others. May they be kept out of harm's way.

All Hear us, O God; your mercy is great.

Lector We pray for this congregation, for our neighbors and friends, for those with whom we minister. Guide and strengthen all people in our common life to know the gifts of your grace and love. Strengthen caregivers as they shepherd those for whom they are responsible.

All Hear us, O God; your mercy is great.

Lector In a moment of silence, send up whatever petitions of praise you want to offer. *[pause]* We give thanks for the saints who have gone before us, asking that our gratitude for their witness be apparent in all that we do.

All Hear us, O God; your mercy is great.

- *Lector* May all that we ask, and all that you see is needed in our world, be given to your people; through Christ, our Lord.
- All **Amen.**

Please stand.

Sharing of the Peace

Celebrant God, who has the power to give us peace and fill our lives with glory, is with us now. The peace of the Lord be always with you.

Gina Rosbrook

All And also with you.

Please be seated.

| <u>Offertory</u> | A Voice Cries Out M. Joncas |
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| Offertory Response | The Doxology |
| | Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below; |

Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen