



For what we proclaim is not ourselves,  
but Jesus Christ as Lord,  
with ourselves as your servants  
for Jesus' sake.

2 Corinthians 4:5

Life in a prison cell may well be compared to Advent; one waits, hopes, and does this, that, or the other- things that are of no real consequence- the door is shut, and can be opened only from the outside.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *Letters from Prison* - November 21, 1943

Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door,  
I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me.

Revelation 3:20

# The Lord's Day — November 28, 2021

Welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus! Thank you for joining us today and may the Lord richly bless you.

## Song of Assembly<sup>1</sup>

## O Holy Night

Adolphe Adam

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! Oh, 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 wisemen 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!  
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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 ever more proclaim! His power and glory ever more proclaim!

## Welcome and Announcements

## Responsive Call to Worship

Psalm 124:6, 8

Pastor: Blessed be the Lord, who has not given us as prey...

People: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth!

## Prayer of Adoration & Praise

based on Psalm 124

## Hymn of Praise

## How Great our Joy

Traditional

While by the sheep we watched at night, Glad tidings brought an angel bright.

*How great our joy! Great our joy! Joy, joy, joy! Joy, joy, joy!*

*Praise we the Lord in heaven on high! Praise we the Lord in heaven on high!*

There shall be born, so He did say, In Bethlehem a Child today.

This gift of God we'll cherish well, That ever joy our hearts shall fill.

## The Reading for the First Sunday of Advent: Matthew 1:18-25

The Jake Larson Family

Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. But as he considered these things, behold, an angel

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of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel" (which means, God with us). When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

### **Confession of Sin**

**Almighty Immanuel, your coming to dwell with us is our daily wonder; but in such nearness grant that we remember how often we push you away. Your forbearance of the punishments we deserved is our daily draw; but in such free mercy grant that we consider how often we have provoked your wrath. Your work, rescuing us from our sins, is our daily strength; but in such hope poured out into our hearts grant that we learn to humbly present ourselves to you for pardon, and with true repentance endeavor again for true holiness ...Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin... Amen!**

### **The Gospel Pardon**

**Romans 5:1-2**

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through 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.

### **Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs**

#### **We Have A Savior**

**Glover/Morgan**

A child has been given, The King of our freedom. Sing for the light has come, This is Christmas.  
Come and adore Him, and bring gifts before Him. Joy to the world, worship the Son, This is Christmas.

*Jesus, Emmanuel here with us, tell all the world, We have a Savior, We have a Savior.  
We are no longer lost, 'cause He has come down for us, We have a Savior, We have a Savior.*

Sing with angels, and lift up your voices, Join in the song of hope, This is Christmas.

His love will reign forever. His love will reign forever. His love will reign forever.

#### **Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus**

**Wesley**

Come, Thou long-expected Jesus, born to set Thy people free;  
From our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in Thee.  
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth Thou art;  
Dear Desire of ev'ry nation, joy of ev'ry longing heart.  
Joy to those who long to see Thee, Day-spring from on high, appear;  
Come, Thou promised Rod of Jesse, of Thy birth we long to hear.  
O'er the hills the angels singing news, glad tidings of a birth;  
"Go to Him, your praises bringing; Christ the Lord has come to earth."

Born Thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a king;  
Born to reign in us forever, now Thy gracious kingdom bring.  
By Thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;  
By Thine all sufficient merit, raise us to Thy glorious throne.

### **Immanuel**

**Card**

A sign shall be given, a virgin will conceive, A human baby bearing undiminished Deity.  
The glory of the nations, a light for all to see; And hope for all who will embrace His warm reality.

*Immanuel, Our God is with us. And if God is with us, who could stand against us? Our God is with us, Immanuel.*

You shall be my people, I will be your God, Said He who did not spare His Son, but gave Him for us all.  
On earth there is no power, there is no depth or height, Could ever separate us from the love of God in Christ.

For all those who live in the shadow of death, A glorious light has dawned.

For all those who stumble in the darkness, Behold, your light has come.

### **Prayers of Thanksgiving & Petition**

**Elder Connor Ross**

### **Sermon**

**Pastor Nathan White**

**Advent Series: I. Through A Door Called Hope**  
**Zechariah 6:9-15** (page 795)

### **We Respond By Receiving New Members**

#### **The Lord Adds to His Church**

*Remington Gary Larson*

#### **The Membership Vows** (PCA Book of Church Order §57-5)

*Do you acknowledge yourself to be a sinner in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope except through His sovereign mercy?*

*Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?*

*Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as a become follower of Christ?*

*Do you promise to support the Church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?*

*Do you submit yourself to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to study its purity and peace?*

#### **The Sacrament of Holy Baptism**

*Brooks Henry Larson*  
*Covenant Child of Jake & Mackenzie Larson*

## **Solemn Vows - Parents**

*Do you acknowledge your child's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?*

*Do you claim God's covenant promises on his behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for his salvation, as you do for your own?*

*Do you now present this child to be baptized into the Christian Faith, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before him a godly example, that you will pray with him and for him, that you will teach him the doctrines of our holy faith, and that you will strive, by all means of God's appointment, to bring him up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?*

## **Solemn Vows - Congregation**

*Do you, members of this congregation and also members of the Body of Christ outside of this local church, undertake this responsibility - assisting the parents in the Christian nurture of this child?*

## **Solemn Words to the Child**

*Little child, Jesus Christ has come, he has fought, he has suffered. He has entered into the shadows of Gethsemane and the terrors of Calvary; he has uttered the cry "It is finished!" He has risen from the dead and ascended into heaven, and there he intercedes for his church. Today we have pledged to teach you all of these things, and our prayer for you is that you will always mature and grow in the grace and in the knowledge of our great Lord and Savior - Jesus Christ.*

## **Prayer for Remington & Brooks**

**Elder Jeff Keith**

## **Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

Communion, also called The Lord's Supper or Eucharist, is the family meal of Christians. We invite all committed followers of Jesus Christ to share in this sacrament: those who are baptized members of a congregation that proclaims the gospel, who are at peace with God and their neighbor, and who seek strength to live in a deeper communion with Jesus. If you are not a Christian, or you are not prepared to share in this meal, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer. We hope that this time is helpful to you as you consider your relationship with Jesus Christ and with his people, the Church.

*(Gluten free communion bread is available upon request; please let the pastor know at the table. The silver trays at the back of the table contain wine. The gold trays at the front of the table contain juice. Please hold the elements until all have been served so that we may partake together.)*

## **Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming**

**Praetorius**

Lo, how a rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung, of Jesse's lineage coming, as men of old have sung.

It came, a flow'ret bright, amid the cold of winter, when half-spent was the night.

Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the rose I have in mind; With Mary we behold it, the virgin mother kind.

To show God's love aright she bore to men a Savior, when half-spent was the night.

The shepherds heard the story, proclaimed by angels bright, How Christ, the Lord of glory, was born on earth this night.

To Bethlehem they sped and in the manger found him, as angel heralds said.

This flow'r, whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air, Dispels with glorious splendor the darkness ev'rywhere.

True man, yet very God; from sin and death he saves us and lightens ev'ry load.

O Savior, child of Mary, who felt our human woe; O Savior, King of glory, who dost our weakness know,

Bring us at length, we pray, to the bright courts of heaven and to the endless day.

**Benediction<sup>2</sup>**  
May during this Advent season you hear His knocking; and know the eternal Word become flesh; and perceive his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father; and receive from His fullness, grace upon grace. Amen.

**Revelation 3:20; John 1:14, 16**

**Song of Faith**

**Behold Him**  
Jesus, Son of God, Messiah  
The Lamb, the roaring Lion  
Oh, be still and behold Him.

**This Week**

<b>Monday 6:30pm</b> Women’s Bible Study @ Nelson home (James)	<b>Wednesday 6:00-7:30pm</b> DPC Youth! (6 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> Grade)
<b>Tuesday 6:30am</b> Men’s Bible Study @ Java Jaay (Hebrews)	<b>Wednesday 6:15-7:30pm</b> Worship Choir Practice
<b>Tuesday 10:00-11:30am</b> Women’s Bible Study @ DPC (James)	<b>Wednesday 6:15-7:15pm</b> Open Door Study (Galatians)
<b>Tuesday @ Noon</b> Men’s Bible Study @ Kent’s Office (1 Samuel)	<b>Wednesday 6:15-7:30pm</b> Life Groups
<b>Wednesday 1:00pm</b> (2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday) Singled Out for Christ	<b>Wednesday 6:30-7:30pm</b> 4 Year Olds - 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade / Kid’s Quest
<b>Wednesday 5:00pm</b> Youth Choir / Soli Deo Gloria	<b>Wednesday 7:30pm</b> Praise Worship Band Practice
<b>Wednesday 5:30pm</b> Church Family Meal	<b>Thursday 6:00pm</b> College Student Study @ White’s home (Truths We Confess)
<b>Wednesday 6:00-6:30pm</b> Kids Choirs: 4 Year Old - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade / Kids of the King 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade - 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade / Dare 2 Declare	<b>Friday 6:30am</b> Men’s Bible Study @ Temple, Inc. (1 Peter)

<sup>2</sup> Just as God called us into His presence at the beginning, so now He commands His blessing upon us as we depart. We look up and extend our hands in a posture of thanksgiving as we receive this great gift. Our final response to God’s assurance of His peace and presence upon those who are in Christ is a chorus of joyful song.

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## Church Family Reminders

**Upcoming Guest Preachers:** Rick Stark (12/5, 12, 19); Nathan White (12/24, 12/26).

**Advent Sermon Series: “Through A Door Called...”** The traditional Advent Wreath unfolds the story of the “coming” of the Son of God into our world and to us. During the 4 Sundays of Advent, we’ll hear the message of each candle and consider the “door” (Rev.3:20) by which Jesus comes to us: the Prophets' Door Called Hope, Bethlehem’s Door Called Faith, the Shepherds' Door Called Joy, and the Angels’ Door Called Peace.

**Worship Aids for Children & Families:** We have a few different resources available in the back of the sanctuary to help you "parent in the pew." We are overjoyed to have children in the sanctuary with us for worship and desire to serve those of you with young children in any way we can. If you have any questions, please ask Lainee Oliver (rosslaine@gmail.com).

**Bridal Shower:** Join us for a bridal shower for Erin Silvestri (fiancé is Glenn Foote) next Sunday, December 5 at 2 pm at Temple, Inc. (320 Bank Street). Erin is registered at theknot.com.

**Annual Christmas Cantata & Reception:** Mark your calendars in advance for a spectacular event, "The Carols of Christmas," which Stu Schieler has planned for us. The event is scheduled for Sunday evening, December 12 from 5:00 - 6:00pm. Immediately following there will be a delicious reception to honor the Cantata and to celebrate the Christmas season.

**Cupcakes for Camp:** Boxes of six homemade vanilla cupcakes with buttercream icing may be ordered now and during the month of December. Each box costs \$12, with 100% going to Hope Heals Camp, a Christian ministry for disabled children, adults and families. Cupcake boxes make perfect gifts for neighbors and friends! Pick up is at DPC on Sundays or delivered to your home. Contact Kim Ingram: (256)654-0162, kimbo.ingram@charter.net

**Sermon Outline Notes:** for adults and children are available on the back table.

# ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES

FALL 2021

9:30 am

**Zechariah:** Come join us as we study the book of Zechariah, in the classroom across the hall from the church offices. The book of Zechariah addresses God's people who are discouraged and in need of renewal. In doing so, it provides a captivating vision of God and his work in the world, leading us into a deeper longing for God and the coming of his kingdom, which finds its realization in Christ. Please join us in this study.

**Sedona Class:** A study of 1 Peter: A Living Hope Amidst Life's Great Challenges. Using material written by Dr. Frank Barker, we will unwrap practical ways Peter's message can guide us through our dilemmas and day-to-day living. The class meets in the classroom down the back hallway from the sanctuary, across from the choir room. Guests are always welcome!

## Session

Jeff Keith  
Mike McMahan  
Kent Quinn  
Brian Rodgers  
Connor Ross  
Allen Schmidt

Jason Seale  
Greg Smith  
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Blake Temple  
Chip Walraven

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## Service Times

9:30am      Sunday School  
10:45am      Worship

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