



Emmanuel Episcopal Church

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

December 18, 2011—10:30 a.m.

Organ Voluntary on *Savior of the Nations, Come*

J.S. Bach

Opening Hymn: No. 56, *O, Come, O Come, Emmanuel* vs. 1,2,3,7,8

Veni Emmanuel

THE WORD OF GOD

Book of Common Prayer, Page 355

Opening Acclamation

Presider: Bless the Lord, who forgives all our sins.

People: His mercy endures forever.

Kyrie Eleison: S 91

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY:

PURIFY OUR CONSCIENCE, ALMIGHTY GOD, BY YOUR DAILY VISITATION, THAT YOUR SON JESUS CHRIST, AT HIS COMING, MAY FIND IN US A MANSION PREPARED FOR HIMSELF; WHO LIVES AND REIGNS WITH YOU, IN THE UNITY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, ONE GOD, NOW AND FOR EVER. AMEN.

FIRST READING: 2 SAMUEL 7:1-11, 16

Now when the king was settled in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the LORD is with you."

But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the LORD: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever.

Lector: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26



Your love, O LORD, for ever will I / sing; *
from age to age my mouth will proclaim your / faithfulness.

For I am persuaded that your love is established for / ever; *
you have set your faithfulness firmly in the / heavens.

"I have made a covenant with my / chosen one; *
I have sworn an oath to David my / servant:

'I will establish your line for / ever, *
and preserve your throne for all gener/ations.'"

You spoke once in a vision and said to your faithful / peo-
ple: *

"I have set the crown upon a warrior
and have exalted one chosen out of the / people.

I have found David my / servant; *
with my holy oil have I a/nointed him.

My hand will hold him / fast *
and my arm will make him / strong.

No enemy shall de/ceive him, *
nor any wicked man bring him / down.

I will crush his foes before / him *
and strike down those who / hate him.

My faithfulness and love shall be / with him, *
and he shall be victorious through my / Name.

I shall make his dominion ex/tend *
from the Great Sea to the / River.

He will say to me, 'You are my / Father, *
my God, and the rock of my sal/vation.'"

The Second Reading: Romans 16:25-27

Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith-- to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever! Amen.

Lector: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn: No. 265 The Angel Gabriel From Heaven Came

Gabriel's Message

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him 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 ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to 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 holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon: The Reverend Gail E. Davis

The Nicene Creed

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The Prayers of the People: Form III

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Prayer for a new Rector

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

Confession of Sin

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The Peace

Birthdays, Anniversaries, Welcome, Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem: Unexpected & Mysterious

Calvin Hampton

At the Presentation: Hymn #380 (stanza 3)

Old Hundredth

The Great Thanksgiving: Prayer B

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Ho - ly, ho - ly,
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

The Lord's Prayer

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The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept

Presider: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

Fraction Anthem: Lamb of God S 164

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

**Communion Hymns: No. 266 *Nova, Nova. Ave Fit ex Eva*
No. 270 *Gabriel's Message Does Away***

***Nova nova
Angelus Emittitur***

The Sending Out Prayer

Deacon: In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts to *N* so that they may share with us in the food of our pilgrimage the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

All: **We, who are many, are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup. Amen**

Postcommunion Prayer

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Closing Hymn: No. 74 *Blest Be The King*

Valet will ich dir geben

Dismissal

Organ Voluntary on *Toccata In Seven*

John Rutter

Listening devices are available at the back of the church: Speak to one of the ushers for assistance.

Sunday Ministry

Lay Readers: Norma Faubion

Chalice Bearers: Rebecca Duncan, Heidi Brooks

Ushers: King Walker, Richard Spence

Eucharistic Visitors: Bob Keeling

Altar Guild: Team 3: Judy Lisewsky, Mary Tinsley, Billie Nell Eastland
Vivian James, Shelly Neighbors, Nancy Hemphill

Acolytes: 1st Crucifer – Rebecca Huteson

2nd Crucifer – Joshua White

Torch Bearer (Plates) - Julia White

Torch Bearer (Missal) - Calvin Brigman

Church Banner - Meredith White

Prayer List

Those in Need of Healing: Jennifer Camp, Rebecca Smith, Gary Oaks, Louise Tweedy, Kay Ellis, Angela Gray, Courtney Podschun, Elizabeth Martinez, Bill Armstrong, Clayton Taylor, Thomas Giley, Donna Boyd, Nancy Kloboucnik, Jeannie Sklenarik

Anniversaries of the Departed: Jean Millspaugh, Emmett Pack, Derrell C. Lummus, Jessie Chrisler

Wedding Anniversaries: Louis & Kay Rork, Al & Carol Morris, Crockett & Ann Light

Birthdays: Allyson Pfluger, Richard Easingwood, Ervin Silence, Danny Casillas, Beth Peterson, Ann Light

Pray for our Clergy: Katharine our Presiding Bishop; Scott our Bishop; Gail our Interim Rector, Bob our Pastoral Assistant; Gary our Deacon; Susanna our Seminarian, Jeff our Postulant for Holy Orders

Pray for our Government Officials: Barack our President, Rick our Governor, Alvin our Mayor.

And please remember those in need of our continued prayers: Louise Tweedy, Nancy James (friend of Gail Camp), Kay Ellis, Brandy and Robin Ellis (daughters of Kay Ellis), Turner Doggett, Jeremy Holbert, Bob Miller, Kathy Turner, Gene Smith, Jeremy Holbert, Debra Tankey, James Lummus, Mel and Marie Layne (parents of Jan Ulrich), Felicia Benavidez, Allen Cunningham, Gayle Hershberger, Buddy Ingram, Michael Hagan (son of Mike and Wanda Hagan), Geri Denny, Jeannine McKee (mother of Carolyn McKee), Greg Schooley (friend of Jetty Davis), Vada Reynolds (friend of Jess & Glenda Stanford), John Powell, Aaron Nixon (grandson of Charles & Barbara Owens), Mary Manitzas, Janet Harris, Monte Noelke (Brother of Gretchen Noelke), Glenda Willingham (niece of Bobbie Ludwick), Pat Maier, Elton Fewell (Uncle of Becky Smith), Meg Taylor Vick, Joan Menzies (friend of Gretchen Noelke), Daniel Luraschi (son-in-law of Ervin & Veronica Silence), Callie Cochran, James Pullen, Milt Johnson, Calvin McArty, Carolina, Pat Aiken (friend of Jess & Glenda Stanford), Charles Ludwick, John Wernke, Lorene Knox (mother of Glenda Stanford), Elvina Brady, Sharon Farber, Louise Dermody, C.C. & Mary Louise Veltmann, Alvin Nored (father of Jean Cornell), Charlie Campbell, Susan McDaniel, Lynn Blankman, Frances Shackelford, for the departed: Brent Spence

Pray for those serving in the Armed Forces at this time especially:

LCpl William Higgins, Shawn Bose, Jim Schatz

Announcements and Reminders

WELCOME TO EMMANUEL CHURCH! If you are visiting we hope that you will return again and often, and make this your church home. You are invited to fill out a visitor's card and place it in the alms basin. You may also sign the Guest Register. Informational brochures are found at the entrance of the church. We are glad you are here!

ADVENT WREATH is given by The John Caldwell family in memory of Jolyn Caldwell.

ALTAR FLOWERS: The flowers adorning the altar are given to the glory of God by Jane Lewis in Thanksgiving for June Rebecca Brundrett

STEWARDSHIP AND 2011 PLEDGE CAMPAIGN A reminder, extra pledge cards can be found at the back of the church. You may change or amend your Pledge at any time during the year simply by notifying the office. Have a question about your pledge? Mtr. Gail Davis or Dr. Wehner (Treasurer) can gladly and confidentially assist you.

SUNDAY ADULT CLASSES: Adult Forum, Rm. 126 of the Kreps building starting at 9:15 a.m. The class is reading and discussing *Strength for the Journey*, by Peter J. Gomes. **Faith Matters**, 9:30 in the library upstairs, open to all adults!

SR. HIGH YOUTH GROUP (9th-12th grade) meets in the undercroft from 4:00-5:30 Sunday evening.

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL— 9:30a.m. Sr. High will meet in the undercroft kitchen with Max, Jr. High will meet in the undercroft with Karl and Elaine.

WEDNESDAY EVENING PROGRAMS: 5:30 Holy Eucharist; Dinner at 6 pm. Programs for the adults and youth at 6:45. Adult Bible Study, led by Fr. Bob and Garnett Teakell that meets in the Parlor, is reading Luke, all are invited to join.

HANGING OF THE GREENS is the Adult & Youth Program for this Wednesday, Dec. 21. Jr. Choir will still meet with Ms. Jane.

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY led by Mother Gail is studying "Micah" at 10am every Thursday morning in the Great Room. We look forward to welcoming new and former members to become a part of this special group of inquiring minds as we travel on our spiritual journey together.

PROJECT DIGNIDAD: Fill the black basket at the front of the church with dry or canned goods to help the emergency food pantry. All donations are blessed at the altar before taking them to P.D. Tax deductible donations are of course welcome and checks may be made to "Project Dignidad". Speak to Rebecca Duncan for more information and volunteer opportunities.

EPIPHANY PAGEANT is Wednesday, January 11th at 6:00 p.m. followed by the **EPIPHANY FEAST**. All children and youth, ages 3 thru 12th grade are welcome to participate in this exciting event. **EPIPHANY PAGEANT REHEARSAL** is Sunday, January 8th from 3-5 p.m. To take part in the pageant, you must be at the Sunday rehearsal and be at church at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday to dress prior to the pageant.

END OF THE YEAR REPORTS DUE! It is that time of year again! All committees and organizations of Emmanuel are asked to submit an end of the year report for the Annual Parish Meeting taking place January 22. **REPORTS ARE DUE BY JANUARY 16** Submit your end of the year report as an email attachment to our secretary: receptionist@emmanuel-sa.org Reports submitted handwritten or in other forms will be included in the packet "as is". (Sorry, but we cannot retype your report for you.) If you have questions regarding your report please call the church office or speak with Mtr. Gail.

"GO GREEN & RECYCLE": thanks to a generous donation, Emmanuel Church is making more efforts to "GO GREEN". Please help us by putting any recyclables in the large black bins located near the Parish Hall. Go Green & Recycle does not require that we sort the recycling, so you can just drop it in one of the bins or the large green tote in the copy room. This is perfect for recycling Sunday bulletins, food wrappers and cans from meals, even the paper and plastic cups used during Courtyard Coffee. (Please note that they are not accepting styrofoam, yet.)

INCENSE ALERT Incense will be used during the Christmas Eve 10:30 p.m. service.

Please note the change for January **only**: **ST CATHERINES GUILD** will be meeting on January 10th, the second Tuesday of the month, in the parlor at 4:00 p.m..

CIDER AND SWEETS in the Giving Store. Looking for that perfect gift? We are here to help you with your gift giving needs! Happy Shopping!!!! Did you know that the profits from the Giving Store go toward outreach? Marilynn makes "Baskets of Caring" for those whose loved ones are in the hospital or for those who just need to be remembered. You can help by purchasing your gifts from our own Emmanuel book store.

CHRISTMAS ART

Calling all children and youth of Emmanuel who love to draw! We want to see your original Christmas pictures.

You are invited to submit **ONE** original drawing based on the theme

"While Shepherds Watched their Flocks by Night". (See the bulletin board for instructions.)

Please return your selection to Ms. Jane or place in the envelope located on the bulletin board. **All** drawings will be featured on one of our bulletin boards and **one** drawing will be the cover art for our Christmas Eve bulletin.

All pictures must be returned by today, Sunday, December 18!!

Sound like fun?? Check the bulletin boards in the main building for more details!

WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS

Christmas Eve, December 24, Saturday at 5:00 pm, nursery opens at 4:30 p.m.

Christmas Eve, December 24, Saturday at 10:30 pm, no nursery

Christmas Day, December 25, Sunday at 10:00 am, no nursery

*Please note: There is only one service Christmas Day, a "Said" service

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Betty Jones, Mary Tinsley, Heidi Brooks,

Adam Busenlehner, Elizabeth Grindstaff,

Susan Kinney, Joe Duncan

*These individuals are here to serve you and appreciate
your comments and support.*