

Worship Bulletin for November 28, 2021

Welcome and Announcements ~ Linell Pike

There are bags in the vestry with candles and a devotional for each day of Advent. Please take one home and let me know if you'd like to bring one to someone who is not here today.

Wednesday ~ Seeking God Together group meets at 11 am at the Sommons' home.

Christian Ed. Meeting via zoom at 7:30 pm.

Thursday ~ Hanging of the Greens at 9 am,
Interfaith Council Annual Meeting via zoom at noon, and
Choir Practice at 7 pm in the vestry.

Saturday ~ Come and see the Tractor Parade through town at 5:30 pm, followed by a potluck supper at 6 pm and then a showing of a special Christmas episode of the Chosen.

If you are a baker or decorator who'd like to help with the cookie sale, please contact Dottie Sundquist (dotsun53@gmail.com) She could use some help with set up and decorating at 1 pm on Friday, December 10th and the sale in the vestry on Saturday, December 11th from 10 am – 1 pm.

Also on December 11th, we'll have our annual Christmas Coffee House. We look forward to hearing your stories, songs, and memories and enjoying some delicious homemade treats.

The Online Interfaith Holiday Auction benefiting the Emergency Needs Fund begins on November 29th at 6 pm and goes through December 9th at 6 pm. The website is : **32auctions.com/interfaith2021.**

If you would like to help with the Community Food Cupboard shifts in December, please give Lindy Mylott a call at 802-379-1921.

Happy Anniversary to Nancy and Elex Johnson tomorrow.
The flowers today are from Linda Hulett in honor of Irene Merritt.

Lighting the Advent Candle for Hope Linell and Jerry Pike

Song ~ "When God is a Child" #132 v. 1 (blue hymnal)

Prelude ~ The Worship Team will share "***Follow that Star.***"

You can listen or sing along as we prepare our hearts for worship.

*In the quiet of the night
Under the wide expanse of sky
I am alone and asking questions why
What's this longing in my heart
What's the reason for my life
And a solitary light is shining calling*

Chorus

***Follow that star follow that star
Uncover the mystery of who You are
I've searched for a lifetime
I've come from afar
And discovered my destiny
Is to follow that star (hmm oh)***

*Like the light of early dawn
I see the promise there beyond
And a hope within begins to rise
Love is calling to my heart
Reaching deep into my soul
And reveals to me the reason for living*

Chorus

*What joy what hope what good news
He brings to me and you, yeah*

Chorus two times

Follow that star, follow that star, follow that star

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Call to Worship ~ Selected verses from Psalm 104 (NIV)

(Please join in reading the bold lines.)

Praise the Lord, my soul.

**Lord my God, you are very great;
you are clothed with splendor and majesty.**

The Lord wraps himself in light as with a garment;

he stretches out the heavens like a tent.

He made the moon to mark the seasons,
and the sun knows when to go down.

How many are your works, Lord!

In wisdom you made them all;

I will sing to the Lord all my life;
I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

**May my meditation be pleasing to him,
as I rejoice in the Lord.**

Song ~ “Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn” (#138, blue)

*Awake! Awake, and greet the new morn
For angels herald its dawning
Sing out your joy, for soon he is born
Behold, the Child of our longing
Come as a baby weak and poor
To bring all hearts together
He opens wide the heavenly door
And lives now inside us for ever*

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*In deepest night, his coming shall be
When all the world is despairing
As morning light so quiet and free
So warm and gentle and caring
Then shall the silent join in the song
The tired shall leap in wonder
The weak be raised above the strong
And weapons be broken asunder*

*Rejoice, rejoice, take heart in the night
Though dark the winter and cheerless
The rising sun shall crown you with light
Be strong and loving and fearless
Love be our song and love our prayer
And love our endless story
May God fill every day we share
And bring us at last into glory*

Words and Music ~ Marty Haugen, 1983 | GIA Publications, Inc.

Praying Together ~

Space for prayer requests

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 debts as we forgive our debtors
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen

Song ~ “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*

Chorus

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 deep 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*

Words ~ Latin Hymn 12th century translated by John Neale and Henry Coffin

Music ~ French Melody 15th century arranged by Thomas Helmore

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Choir Song ~ “Will We Know Him?”

Introducing the Sermon ~ Pastor Rebecca Sommons

Scripture Text ~ Genesis 1:1-5, 14-18 (NIV) read by Linell Pike

¹ In the beginning

God created the heavens and the earth.

² Now the earth was formless and empty,
darkness was over the surface of the deep,
and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

³ And God said, “Let there be light,”
and there was light.

⁴ God saw that the light was good,
and he separated the light from the darkness.

⁵ God called the light “day,”
and the darkness he called “night.”

And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day.

¹⁴ And God said, “Let there be lights in the vault of the sky
to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs

to mark sacred times, and days and years,
¹⁵ and let them be lights in the vault of the sky
to give light on the earth.”

And it was so.

¹⁶ God made two great lights—
the greater light to govern the day
and the lesser light to govern the night.

He also made the stars.

¹⁷ God set them in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth,

¹⁸ to govern the day and the night,
and to separate light from darkness.

And God saw that it was good.

Sermon ~ Rev. Rebecca Sommons ~ “Looking for the Light”

Song ~ The Worship Team will lead us in singing

“Emmanuel ~ Hallowed Manger Ground”

*What hope we hold this starlit night
A King is born in Bethlehem
Our journey long we seek the light
That leads to the hallowed manger ground*

*What fear we felt in the silent age
Four-hundred years can He be found
But broken by a baby's cry
Rejoice in the hallowed manger ground*

Chorus

***Emmanuel, Emmanuel
God incarnate here to dwell
Emmanuel, Emmanuel
Praise His name Emmanuel
(Praise His name Emmanuel)***

*The Son of God here born to bleed
A crown of thorns would pierce His brow
And we beheld this offering
Exalted now the King of kings
Praise God for the hallowed manger ground*

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Benediction ~ Romans 15:13 (Phillips translation)

May the God of hope
fill you with joy and peace in your faith,
that by the power of the Holy Spirit,
your whole life and outlook may be radiant with hope.