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Pre-Service Music by the Lord’s Crew

Welcome and News of the Church Pastor David

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Opening Praise

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Scripture Reading Isaiah 9:6—7 In Unison

For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given,
and the government will be on his shoulders.
And he will be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
Of the greatness of his government and peace
there will be no end.
He will reign on David's throne
and over his kingdom,
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with justice and righteousness
from that time on and forever.
The zeal of the Lord Almighty
will accomplish this.

Praise Spirit Song
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Prayer of Adoration Susan Coho

Prayer for the Giving and Receiving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

We Share In God's Peace - please be seated when you hear the music.

Joys and Concerns & Pastoral Prayer

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Holy Communion Liturgy (on screen)

Communion Song Your Love O Lord

✠ Benediction The Lord Bless Thee Pastor David


Recessional I'll Fly Away

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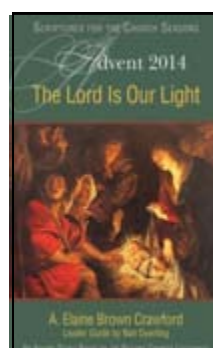
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Organ Prelude See *Amid The Winter’s Snow* (D. Wagner)

Choral Introit

† **Hymn No. 211** O Come, O Come Emmanuel (verses 1—4 only)

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Call to Confession

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Prayer of Confession

Pastor David

* Please join me in our Prayer of Confession:

One: When we find ourselves irritable and preoccupied with the pulsating and demanding rhythms of the seasons,

Many: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

One: When we talk peace, but do not walk peace,

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One: When we lose sight of the Child whose coming has transformed the world,

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One: When we push away and keep out others who are different and needy,

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One: When kindness and generosity fail us,

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One: Grant, that we may be conscious of your presence during this season, so that in spite of the secularism of the holidays, we may stay centered in the sacredness of each moment.

ALL: Amen.

* Please remain standing for the opening hymn.

Children's Moment

Carolyn Russell

Nursery care is available. Children ages K-6 are dismissed with the teachers at this time to room 211. Junior & Senior High will stay in worship with their families.

Choral Anthem *Glorious Impossible*

Chancel Choir

Sharing of Our Joys & Concerns with Pastoral Prayers & Thanksgiving

Prayer for Giving & Receiving of Our Tithes & Offerings

Offertory *Still, Still, Still* (D. Edwards)

✠ **Doxology**

Prayer For Illumination

Pastor David

One: Please join me in our Prayer for Illumination:

ALL: Thoughts. Ideas. Tasks we have to do. People we need to see. Things we meant to say. All this and more swirls around in our minds as we sit in this place. As we sit quietly, so quiet our minds, O God. Help us to let go of all that floats around in our heads, and let us, instead, grab hold of what your word has to say to us this day. Amen.

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The Great Thanksgiving for Advent — see insert

Taking of the Bread and Giving of the Cup - We Sing the Lord's Prayer

Affirmation of Faith—see insert

✠ **Hymn No. 234** *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

✠ **Benediction and Choral Response**

Postlude *Prepare Thyself, Zion* (J.S. Bach)

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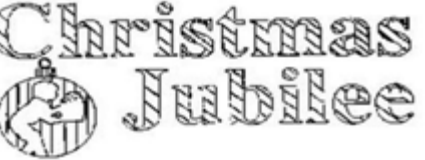


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Lift Up These People In Recent Need of Prayer:

- Health and healing for those who are ill, battling depression, isolation and the loss of loved ones.
- The People's Kitchen needs a serving space that is permanent.
- That we all would reach out to our community; show the love of Christ.
- Lorie Ford—Shane who severed his spine and needs a miracle.
- Harvey's caretaker—Malia went to Tonga to visit family.
- The Prestemon's—mom and family as she is having health issues.
- The Gerrish's—Samantha undergoing chemo after giving birth to a healthy baby.
- Mike Jacob for headaches and stress relief; Lucy Jacob & Joel Anderson's parents were in church visiting with us last week.
- Susan Coho's cousin—Paul is still in need of prayer for his memory, mobility and health.
- Victoria Gandy's son Wil—continues to struggle with Wegener's Granuloma and other severe health auto immune diseases.
- Prayer for Tina Moore and family with the passing of Helen last Sunday.
- Leonard Mansell is in ICU with a blood infection and mass in his head.
- Tom Egan had another treatment this past week.
- Ron Miller had colon cancer surgery.

Praise the Lord - Mercies Are New Every Morning!

- A warm welcome to our visiting friends. Welcome home to those who we have not seen for a while. It is good to have you with us!
- Praise God! Thomas Gandy got a job after being out of work for a few years as he battles with PTSD. Continue prayers for healing.
- Joel Anderson's daughter Grace is doing well in the Air Force. We are grateful for her service; He and Lucy Jacob's parents were visiting with us last week.
- Bernie Hawkins—nephew was grateful for the warm reception he received when visiting the church.

Continued Prayer: Fenton McClure, Ken Coombs, Isabella Sloan, Ayleen Melsheimer, Les Bradley, Mike Douglas, Richard & Adam Gainer, Wil Ogden, the Gandys, Rick Ventura, the Harveys, Lisa Graham, the Mark Moore Family, Cristy Van Hook, Ellie Asprion, Juji Boyle, Tom Egan, Guy Oates and Jim Duffin.

Those In Care Facilities/Shut-ins: Bob Atwood, Bob Serby, Wayne Frisby, Doris Rice, Ruby Weddell, Madge Young, Jeanne Jenkins, Donna Truman, the Bucktons, Sadie Krovious, Jerry Smith, Glen Hughes, Doug Craig, & Doris Leddy.

Covenant Missionary: Tim & Juji Boyle (Japan)

Remember in Prayer: Our pastor and his family; church family and friends; those with the unspoken prayer; the ministries of this church; our church leaders; those serving God around the world; the hungry, displaced, sick and/or impoverished; the many who are suffering after natural or man-made disasters and for the workers who minister to them; for God's peace & justice for the world; our nation; current leaders; salvation for the world through Jesus Christ; the military & their families; the Middle East & Syria; the unrest in the nation.

Cal-Pac Field Missionaries: Charley Brower (Alaska), John Elmore (Chile), The Persons (Congo), Carmen Aracelis Meléndez & Alejandro Rodriguez (Mexico).

North District Weekly Prayer Covenant

- Clergy Spouse & Families
- Camp Arroyo Grande—Steve Talent

Global Mission Focus for the Week

- **Dec. 7:** Rust College, Holly springs, MS;
- **Dec. 8:** World Hunger and Poverty Programs addressing root causes of hunger and Poverty;
- **Dec. 9:** Individual Volunteers: Helping individuals finance mission service;
- **Dec. 10:** Recycling Through Redistribution: Donated health care equipment and supplies for medical relief;
- **Dec. 11:** United Methodist Community House, Grand Rapids, MI;
- **Dec. 12:** United Community Cntr, Birmingham, AL;
- **Dec. 13:** United Community Centers, Fort Worth, TX