

THE WORSHIP OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD
AT SWIFT CHURCH
Second Sunday in Advent

ALL LITURGY IS CREDITED TO:

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GATHERING

WELCOME

PRELUDE “Angels From the Realms of Glory”

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Cathy Rogers

Leader: In a world that is lonely,

People: we will save a seat for you.

Leader: In a world that is anxious,

People: we will light candles against the gloom

Leader: In a world that is weary,

People: we will sing songs of joy and truth.

Leader: I am not alone.

People: We are not alone.

Leader: For here in this place, God is weaving us together.

People: Light the candles! Sing with joy!

We are a three-cord strand, not easily broken.

***HYMN** “O Come, All Ye Faithful” #145

LIGHTING OF THE ADDVENT WREATH:

THE CANDLE OF HOPE Barbara and Kevin Kelleher

RESPONSE HYMN “While We are Waiting, Come” Vs. 1

While we are waiting, come:

While we are waiting, come,

Jesut our Lord Emmanuel,

While we are waiting, come.

***CALL TO CONFESSION** Cathy Rogers

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Silent Prayer “Lord, Be Glorified”

Leader: I have tried to make my own way.

I have tried to lace my own shoes, to build my own house,
to kindle my own faith.

I have said a thousand time, “turn back,” as if I am fine
on my own.

But the days are long and I am forgetful.

I need your help. Can you remind me?

People: We will remind you of this everlasting truth:

You are not alone.

Where you go, God goes.

You are held in grace.

Leader: Trust in this good news.

Thanks be to God! I remember. I believe.

People: Now we need your help.

We, too, have tried to make our own way.

**We have tried to lace our own shoes, to build our own
houses, to kindle our own faiths.**

**We have said a thousand times, “turn back,” as if we
are fine on our own.**

But the days are long and we are forgetful.

We need your help. Can you remind us?

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: I will remind you of this everlasting truth:

You are not alone.

Where you go, God goes.

You are held in grace.

Trust in this good news.

People: Thanks be to God! We remember. We believe.

Alleluia! Amen.

***PASSING THE PEACE**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

**please stand as you are able*

***RESPONSE**

“Gloria Patri” #623

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the
Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever
shall be, world without end, Amen, Amen.

THE WORD

A Service of Scripture and Song

BIDDING PRAYER

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 9:2–7

Cathy Rogers

HYMN “It Came Upon the Midnight Clear” Vs. 1&4 #128

SECOND LESSON

Isaiah 11:1–9

Bill Garretson

HYMN “Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming” #160

THIRD LESSON

Luke 1:26–38

Monica Reilly

HYMN “What Child Is This?” Vs. 1 #137

FOURTH LESSON

Luke 2:1–7

Karen Langley

HYMN “Away in a Manger” #157

FIFTH LESSON

Luke 2:8–20

Sheree Waters

HYMN “Angels We Have Heard on High” Vs. 1&4 #132

SIXTH LESSON

Matthew 2:1–11

Chuck Carneal

HYMN “The First Noel” Vs. 1&6 #136

SEVENTH LESSON

John 1:1–14

Lynn Barnwell

HYMN “Joy to the World” Vs. 1&4 #125

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***HYMN** “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” Vs. 1&2” #123

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

(Excerpt from “A Brief Statement of Faith”) Susan Pichoff

In life and in death we belong to God.

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,

The love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit,

we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,

whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ.

Fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:

preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,

teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,

healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,

eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent

and believe the gospel.

In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage

to pray without ceasing,

to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior

to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,

to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work

with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the spirit, we strive to serve

Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even

as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying,

“Come, Lord Jesus!” Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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.

OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

“Joy to the World”

***RESPONSE**

“Doxology” #625

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him all

creatures here below; praise Him above ye heavenly host;

praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER AND DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING

SENDING

***HYMN**

“Go, Tell It on the Mountain” #138

***TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD**

***CHARGE**

Leader: Good people of Swift Church, who are you?

People: **Striving to bring God joy, we proclaim
Christ’s love and Grace through serving
and nurturing body, mind and soul.**

***BENEDICTION**

Susan Pichoff

***POSTLUDE**

“All Earth Is Waiting”

Music is licensed through CCLI.

*The flowers today are placed in loving memory
of Tatum Farmer by John and Linda Gilmore.*

Please join us in the fellowship
hall for refreshments immediately
following worship.



Welcome to Swift Church

December 1, 2024

Striving to bring God joy!



We proclaim Christ’s love and
grace through serving and nurturing
body, mind, and soul.

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