

WORSHIP SERVICE

November 27, 2022

Prelude

Welcome and Lighting of the Advent Candle

Fred and Beverly Funk

Opening Christmas Carols

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (#245)

One Small Child (#280)

Opening Prayer

Worship through Giving

Offertory: Mike Chatigny

Worship Songs

Amen! Amen!

Light of the Stable

Here I Am to Worship

Message

Pastor Thom Christian

Closing Song

Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne (#292)

Benediction

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Following our service, someone will be available at the front of the sanctuary to pray with you or to just simply hear your heart, should you wish.

OUR VISION AND MISSION

To be a biblically mature, grace-based church.

We will accomplish our vision by:

Reaching Up

through worship, exaltation, and prayer;

Reaching In

through preaching, teaching, and fellowship;

Reaching Out

through evangelism, missions, and social outreach, that we may present everyone perfect in Christ.

ALWAYS HAS, ALWAYS WILL

Thanks so much for worshipping with us today. As you leave, please go with the knowledge that God loves you! He always has; He always will. No matter what's gone wrong in your life, He'll accept you just as you are—no questions asked. He loves you, period! All He asks is your love in return. So today—right now—why not tell Jesus in your own words that you love Him. When you do, He promises to give you His peace, begin a beautiful change in you, and that He'll always be there for you—always has; always will!

CHURCH PERSONNEL

AV..Ben Shaner, Peter Pijoan, Sam Frazier, Sam Taber

Council Fred Funk, Richard Frazier, Jan Hawes, Susan Kifer, Bruce MacGregor, Ben Shaner,

Pastor Thom, Pastor Dave

Auditors..... Bruce MacGregor, Len Peterson

Benevolence Fund..... Bruce MacGregor

Communion Preparation..... Nancy Watkins

Compassion Ministry Jerri Dempster

Facilities Richard Frazier

Kitchen Ministry..... Sarah Charles, Sue Bennett

Phyllis Forsythe, Cynthia Torosian

Library .. Sarah Charles (Adults), Bev Funk (Children)

Missions Shirley Lymburner

Offering Table Church Office

Operation Christmas Child Sam Frazier

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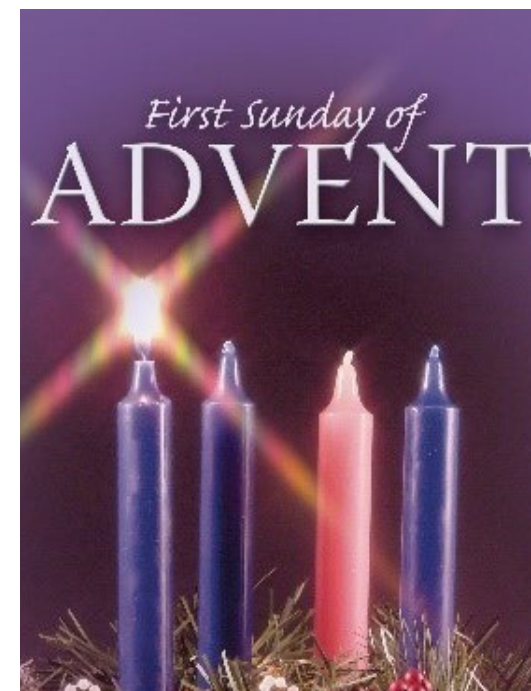
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***“A Passion for God,
Compassion for People”***

A WORD TO OUR VISITORS

We are so happy you have joined us this morning. Our hope and prayer is that you will feel welcomed and encouraged as we worship our God, learn from His Word, and experience His love to begin a wonderful week.

If we can help you in any way, please let us know. We are here to serve you.

If you fill out an Information Card, located in the pew holders or on the chairs, and drop it in the offering plate, we can send you additional information of our church.

Thank you so much for being our guest!

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Today	10:00 AM	Worship Service Live Streaming Nursery available ages 0-3 Kidz' Zone
	11:00 AM	Fellowship Hour
Mon	12-1:00 PM	AA
Tues	10:00 AM	Acts Bible Study (4 Gov Wentworth Highway)
	12-1:00 PM	AA
Wed	10:30 AM	Women's Bible Study
	12-1:00 PM	AA
	6:30 PM	Worship Team Rehearsal
Thurs	10:00 AM	In the Round
	12-1:00 PM	AA
	7:00 PM	Sermon Discussion Group
Fri	12-1:00 PM	AA
Sat	7:30 AM	Men's Bible Study

SERMON NOTES

"THE CHARACTERS OF CHRISTMAS" (*Matthew 2:1-12; Luke 2:1-20*) Pastor Thom Christian

As Christmas quickly approaches, have you ever wondered, "If I were alive at that time, would I have been welcomed at the stable?" I ask that question because I've known many people who are absolutely convinced that there is no place for them at the stable. **Is that true? Are some not fit to come to the stable?** Let me answer that question for you this first Sunday in Advent, as we look at **who** was invited on that first Christmas night.

- The Committed Core (Mary and Joseph)
- The Common Person or Social Outcasts (the Shepherds)
- The Religious and Socially Elite (The Magi)

BOTTOM LINE: ALL ARE WELCOME, BUT ALL MUST COME THE SAME WAY.

- All came in response to a call
- All came humbly
- All that came were changed

NEXT WEEK: "Peace in Troubled Times"
(*Isaiah 9:6; John 14:25-27*)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOE BOXES: The Fraziers delivered 70 Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes to Ossipee last Wednesday. The coordinator offered them 100 empty boxes for 2023. This was an unexpected blessing, because FCC annually pays \$100 when we order 100 boxes! Therefore, if anyone is motivated to shop "sales" any time in the next year, the shoe boxes are available! As a reminder, there is a list on the bulletin board of acceptable and unacceptable items for you to keep in mind when you shop. Thank you for being part of this wonderful ministry!

THE WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: On Wednesday, November 30th, we will begin an "Introduction to Isaiah." This major prophet was also an unmatched poet and statesman. Isaiah spoke God's Word to steer a nation through sixty years of crisis. He was a messenger of the Messiah, announcing His coming 700 years before Christ's birth! His book offers a window into the mind of God—His patience, His mercy, His promises and His unchanging love. Join us if you can! Led by Jan Hawes, the study meets Wednesdays at 10:30 AM in the fellowship hall.

THE FCC LIBRARY is offering a new crossword puzzle entitled "Joyful Noises." The puzzle is created by the New York Times' crossword creator. Under these puzzles are some Bible-based word searches. Both may be found in the blue basket in the back part of the library.