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Crossroads Presbyterian Church
First Sunday of Advent



December 3, 2023 11:00 A.M.

Rev. Dr. Richard Allen Farmer, Pastor-Teacher

Lay Leader: Bill Small, Worship Leader: Susan Small

Pianist: Kristi Helfen, Drums: Ben Wilkinson, Percussion: Sam Jones

COMMUNITY NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND WELCOME

ADVENT READING: HOPE **Cyril and Tryan Jermin***
My Hope is Built on Nothing Less **Hymn No. 313, vs. 1**

+CALL TO WORSHIP Psalms 33:20-22
Leader: We wait in hope for the Lord; He is our help and our shield.

People: In Him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in His holy name.

Leader: May Your unfailing love rest upon us, O Lord,

People: Even as we put our hope in You.

OPENING HYMN OF PRAISE **Hymn No. 100**
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Unison*)

Merciful God, we confess that we are the sheep who went astray, lost in our sin and utterly unable to free ourselves. Even our best intentions are not enough to keep us on the right path, to keep us from being selfish, to keep us from hurting people around us. We surrender ourselves to You, to receive Your redemption and to submit daily to Your guidance and training. **

+ASSURANCE OF PARDON **Lay Leader**

Do not be afraid; you will not suffer shame. Do not fear disgrace; you will not be humiliated. "With everlasting kindness I will have compassion on you," says the Lord your Redeemer. The Lord delights in those who fear Him, who put their hope in His unfailing love. *Isaiah 54:4a,8b; Psalms 147:11*

OFFERING OF PRAISE

O Come, All Ye Faithful (Hymn No. 103)
Alpha and Omega

+PASTORAL PRAYER

+APOSTLE'S CREED AND AFFIRMATIONS

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

GRATEFUL GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Please remember the Samaritan Fund Ministry to non-members in distress in your giving. See the website for text and online giving.

OFFERTORY **Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus** **Kristi Helfen**
Prichard / Keveren

OFFERTORY RESPONSE **Doxology**

MINISTRY OF MUSIC **Chancel Choir**
Finally, He's Here!
By Lari Goss

CHILDREN'S CHURCH
(*Children ages 4 & 5 and grades 1st-5th are dismissed to class*)

+SCRIPTURE READING

If you are able, please stand for the reading of the Word of God.

Matthew 28: 16-20

Reader: The Word of the Lord

Response: Thanks be to God

SERMON **Pastor Richard Allen Farmer**
"Templates of Transition", part 2

MOMENT OF REFLECTION/CALL TO COMMITMENT

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Consecration of the Bread and Cup

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

CLOSING HYMN **Hymn No. 128**
One Day When Heaven Was Filled

BENEDICTION **People: Amen**

POSTLUDE **Come Thou Almighty King with We Will Glorify**

Giardini / Paris / Tornquist

H Hymns for the Living Church. (All music/words approved by CCLI License No. 58738)

+No entry at this time. *Advent reading by Tryan Jermin ** Prayer by Susan Small

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and Earth; And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried*; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead; I believe in the Holy Ghost; the Holy Christian Church**, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.
Amen.

* In the original Creed "He descended into Hell" is inserted here.

** In the original Creed "the Holy catholic Church" is inserted here.

Our Vision

To build committed disciples who love Jesus Christ and live their lives to fulfill God's purposes.

OUR AFFIRMATIONS

Our Common Identity

Leader: Who Are We Crossroads?

All: **We're the People of God**

Our Common Purpose

Leader: Why Do We Exist As A Church?

All: **To love God and worship Him.**

To love and care for one another and to share the joys and the struggles of growing as a community seeking to bring glory to His name.

Our Common Mission and Witness

Leader: Why are we here?

All: **We are here to joyfully worship and serve the Lord: to share the message of Jesus and the Gospel with all who will hear, through lives that demonstrate His love, mercy and justice in all of our relationships, in our communities, in our nation and in our world.**

Leader: Crossroads, how can we be such a community?

All: **By deciding to follow Jesus and to make a daily decision to live for God today. By earnestly studying His word and seeking to value what God values and to practice the principles found in His word.**

Leader: Crossroads, for the Glory of God, let us live like this.

All: **Amen**

Our Mission

Our mission is to be a nurturing multicultural fellowship of growing Christians, committed to glorifying God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit – through worship, proclaiming Jesus Christ, witness and service in our communities, the nation and the world.

MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.
On Christ the solid rock I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.

Edward Mote

O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL

Hymn No. 100

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.

Refrain:

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free
Thine own from Satan's tyranny;
From depths of hell Thy people save,
And give them victory over the grave.
(Refrain)

O come, Thou Day-spring, come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here;
And drive away the shades of night
And pierce the clouds and bring us light!

(Refrain)

O come, Thou Key of David, come,
And open wide our heavenly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high,
And close the path to misery.

(Refrain)

O come, Desire of nations, bind
All peoples in one heart and mind;
Bid envy strife and quarrels cease;
Fill all the world with heaven's peace.

(Refrain)

Thomas Helmore

O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL *Hymn No. 103*

Oh, come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
Oh, come ye, oh, come ye, to Bethlehem.
Come and behold Him, born the King of angels;

Refrain:

Oh, come, let us adore Him,
Oh, come, let us adore Him,
Oh, come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

God of God, And Light of Light begotten,
Lo, He abhors not the virgin's womb;
Very God, begotten, not created;

Refrain

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation;
Oh, sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest;

Refrain

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy
morning;
Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;

Refrain

John F. Wade

ALPHA AND OMEGA

You are Alpha and Omega,
We worship You, our Lord,
You are worthy to be praised.
(REPEAT)

We give You all the glory,
We worship You, our Lord,
You are worthy to be praised.
(REPEAT)

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ONE DAY WHEN HEAVEN WAS FILLED

One day when heaven was filled with His praises,
One day when sin was as black as could be,
Jesus came forth to be born of a virgin –
Dwelt amongst men, my example is He!

Chorus:

Living, He loved me; dying, He saved me;
buried, He carried my sins far away;
rising, He justified freely forever:
one day He's coming – oh, glorious day!

One day they let Him up calvary's mountain,
One day they nailed Him to die on the tree;
Suffering anguish, despised and rejected:
Bearing our sins, my redeemer is He!

Chorus

One day they left Him alone in the garden,
One day He rested, from suffering free;
Angels came down o'er His tomb to keep vigil;
Hope of the hopeless, my Savior is He!

Chorus

One day the grave could conceal Him no longer,
One day the stone rolled away from the door;
Then He arose, over death He had conquered;
Now is ascended, my lord evermore!

Chorus

One day the trumpet will sound for His coming,
One day the skies with His glory will shine;
Wonderful day, my beloved ones bringing;
Glorious Savior, this Jesus is mine!