# ADVENT & CHRISTMAS AT SAVIOR





First Week of Advent
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2021



# Welcome to Church of the Savior

**If You are Visiting**: We'd love to meet you! Please connect with our clergy after the service, to introduce yourself and learn more about Church of the Savior. We use an Anglican liturgy. Liturgy simply means that everyone gets to participate, so please join in as you feel comfortable. You can't make a mistake.

**Current Covid Protocol:** Following CDC and state guidelines, we ask that all attenders wear masks during the service. Please pass the Peace with a smile and wave from your seat. After the service, before you move to shake someone's hand or give them a hug, ask first: "May I give you a hug?". We encourage you to greet others outdoors as well.

**Children's Worship:** Nursery is available for children 6 months through 4 years, and Children's Worship is for children Kindergarten through 2nd grade. You may choose to keep children with your family, and coloring pages will be available to all. The Fireside Room will be open for anyone who needs a little extra space, but please sit where you like.

**Today is the first week of Advent:** For roughly the last 1,500 years, Christians have taken the four Sundays before Christmas to prepare spiritually to celebrate the birth of Christ. We call this season "Advent," which means "Coming," and during Advent, we anticipate the two comings of Christ. We remember the long wait for his first coming, when he came to deliver the world from sin; we also look forward to his second coming, when he will come to create a new world. During this season we pray for deliverance from our sin and for our broken world.

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#### PRELUDE & WELCOME

Please enjoy a few moments of silence during the prelude as you quiet your mind and prepare your heart for worship.

# THE WORD OF GOD

## **PROCESSIONAL**

You may stand.

Officiant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
All: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.
Amen.

# 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

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 dark shadows put to flight

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

#### THE PRAYER FOR LIGHT

Celebrant: Our King and Savior now draws near.

All: Come let us adore him.

Celebrant: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world; whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

Let us pray.

Almighty God, we give you thanks for surrounding us, as daylight fades, with the brightness of the vesper light; and we implore you of your great mercy that, as you enfold us with the radiance of this light, so you would shine into our hearts the brightness of your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

# The Lord is My Light

During the song, Leaders will light candles in the Advent wreath.



# Waiting Here For You

If faith can move the mountains Let the mountains move We come with expectation Waiting here for You Waiting here for You

You're the Lord of all creation And still You know my heart The Author of salvation You've loved us from the start

Waiting here for You with our hands Lifted high in praise And it's You we adore Singing alleluia

You are ev'rything You've promised Your faithfulness is true We're desp'rate for Your presence All we need is You

We will wait for You Lord In step with You Lord we sing alleluia

Singing alleluia alleluia

Children in Kindergarten through 2nd grade are invited to follow the acolyte to Children's Worship.

#### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Please be seated.

#### THE FIRST LESSON

# 1 THESSALONIANS 3:9-13

<sup>9</sup> How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy we have in the presence of our God because of you? <sup>10</sup> Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you again and supply what is lacking in your faith.

<sup>11</sup> Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus clear the way for us to come to you. <sup>12</sup> May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you. <sup>13</sup> May he strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM PSALM 25: 1-9

- <sup>1</sup> To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- <sup>2</sup>Let none who look to you be put to shame; let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- <sup>3</sup> Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths.
- <sup>4</sup>Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.
- <sup>5</sup> Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.
- <sup>6</sup> Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.
- <sup>7</sup> Gracious and upright is the Lord; therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- <sup>8</sup> He guides the humble in doing right and teaches his way to the lowly.
- <sup>9</sup> All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

You may stand.



## THE GOSPEL

**LUKE 21:25-36** 

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

<sup>25</sup> "There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea. <sup>26</sup> People will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken. <sup>27</sup> At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. <sup>28</sup> When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

<sup>29</sup> He told them this parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees. <sup>30</sup> When they sprout leaves, you can see for yourselves and know that summer is near. <sup>31</sup> Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that the kingdom of God is near.

<sup>32</sup> "Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. <sup>33</sup> Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

<sup>34</sup> "Be careful, or your hearts will be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness and the anxieties of life, and that day will close on you suddenly like a trap. <sup>35</sup> For it will come on all those who live on the face of the whole earth. <sup>36</sup> Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.
All: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## **ALLELUIA**

Please be seated.

# THE SERMON

# How to Stand When Everything Around Us Is Shaking

Kevin Miller Rector

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You may stand.

All: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Intercessor: Come, Lord Jesus. Come, light of the world! All:



#### THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Please sit or kneel for a time of silence.

All: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

#### THE PEACE

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

Please "bloom where you're planted": stand, smile, and wave.

Parents should pick up children from the nursery and children's worship during the peace so that they can participate in Communion with their families.

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

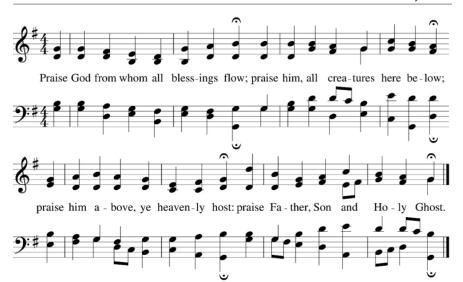
Please be seated.

## THE OFFERTORY

Piano solo by Hanna Park.

# THE DOXOLOGY

You may stand.



## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

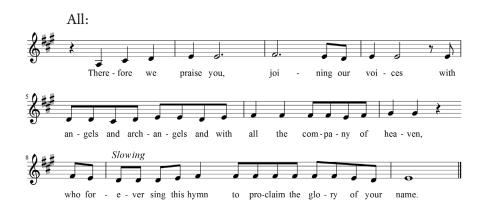
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.



## Sanctus



Celebrant: Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

Celebrant: He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:



Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ:

All: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. Amen.

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:



#### THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

All: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in

remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in

your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Please join us for Communion: all who are baptized and seeking to follow Jesus are welcome. If that doesn't describe you, simply say "Blessing," or cross your arms, and the minister distributing bread will pray a short prayer for God's favor on your life. The first tray contains wine; the second contains grape juice. Ushers will release you row by row, finishing with the Fireside Room. Please place your empty cup in the basket at the end of the line.

Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

# Come You People of the Promise

Come you people of the promise Sing for joy
The time is near
God the covenant fulfilling
Soon among us will appear
As proclaimed in prophet's story
Christ will come in humble glory
God with us Emmanuel
God with us Emmanuel

Long in darkness we have waited Through the shadows made our way Gloom and sorrow our companions As we longed for signs of day Great our need for hope and healing Some great light our God revealing God with us Emmanuel God with us Emmanuel

God's own Son shall dwell among us Shadows vanish in that Light Earth shall know His peace and justice Christ who comes shall rule in might Let our joy dispel all sadness He who comes turns tears to gladness God with us Emmanuel God with us Emmanuel

# Here I Am to Worship

Light of the world You stepped down into darkness Opened my eyes let me see Beauty that made This heart adore You Hope of a life spent with You

So here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
And You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me

King of all days Oh so highly exalted Glorious in heaven above Humbly You came To the earth You created All for love's sake became poor

And I'll never know how much it cost To see my sin upon that cross And I'll never know how much it cost To see my sin upon that cross

## How Great Thou Art

O Lord my God
When I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds
Thy hands have made
I see the stars
I hear the rolling thunder
Thy pow'r thru'out
The universe displayed

Then sings my soul
My Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art
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Then sings my soul
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How great Thou art
How great Thou art

And when I think
That God His Son not sparing
Sent Him to die
I scarce can take it in
That on the cross
My burden gladly bearing
He bled and died
To take away my sin

When Christ shall come
With shout of acclamation
And take me home
What joy shall fill my heart
Then I shall bow
In humble adoration
And there proclaim
My God how great Thou art

# **Everlasting God**

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord We will wait upon the Lord We will wait upon the Lord Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord We will wait upon the Lord We will wait upon the Lord

Our God You reign forever Our Hope our strong Deliv'rer

You are the everlasting God
The everlasting God
You do not faint
You won't grow weary
You're the defender of the weak
You comfort those in need
You lift us up on wings like eagles

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### THE BLESSING

Celebrant: May he whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever.

All: Amen

You may be seated.

#### RECESSIONAL

## **Celtic Benediction**

May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you,

Wherever he may send you.

May he guide you through the wilderness,

Protect you through the storm.

May he bring you home rejoicing at the wonders he has shown you, May he bring you home rejoicing once again into our doors.

#### THE DISMISSAL

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

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#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Advent Cover Art:** Our cover art during Advent is created by the youth of Savior! Lucy Luhmann (4th grade) is our artist this week for Advent 1. Lucy focused on verses 27 and 28 of Luke 21, wanting to represent hope (the sun) appearing after a clearing storm.

**Wear Your Nametag:** Did you make a nametag last week at the Feast of All Nametags? Then please wear it throughout Advent. Didn't make one yet? Not to worry, materials are available for you at church today!

Advent Material: Savior has Advent materials available for you to take home! Pick up a devotional, an Advent sticker calendar and countdown candle. If you would like these materials but are not able to pick them up in person, please contact Sarah@friendsofthesavior.org or Mary@friendsofthesavior.org to arrange a delivery. And if you are able, we're asking for a \$10 donation for the candle and sticker calendar.

**Gingerbread Nativities - Sign-up:** This year we are doing things a little differently and are planning to build the nativities on Sunday, December 12 from 3-5pm at PHCC. To order a kit (or kits), please sign up using the link in our weekly newsletter. If you are unable to attend in person we will have your kit available on the evening of Saturday, December 11.

**Year-End Giving:** Next year's budget has two "firsts": (1) our first full year of sending off 20 Savior people to Christ Our Peace and their giving transferring there; and (2) the first year of providing our own youth pastor for our growing number of young people. Are you able to give something extra by year-end? That will put us in a stronger position as we finalize a budget for 2022. And a reminder: For your gift to count as part of your 2021 giving, it must be postmarked by midnight on Friday, December 31. Visit friendsofthesavior.org/giving to get started. Contact jeanann@friendsofthesavior.org, if you have questions.

**Donations to Church of the Savior:** There are two ways to give to Church of the Savior in this season: MAIL: Church of the Savior, PO Box 507, Wheaton, IL 60187 and ONLINE: Visit friendsofthesavior.org/giving.

**Give to Our Oak Park Church Plant:** Simply go to friendsofthesavior. org/giving and where it says, "Choose a Fund," select "Christ Our Peace - Oak Park".

#### CHILDREN AND YOUTH

**Nursery & Children's Worship:** Nursery is available for children 6 months through 4 years. Children's worship is available for children K-2nd grade. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Pastor Mary at mary@friendsofthesavior.org.

**Youth Events:** We invite youth from 6th-12th grade to a time of food and fellowship tonight after the service, on December 4, from 6:30-8:30pm. Face masks will be worn, except when eating our meal. If you have any food allergies or can support in future events - contact Karen Liebold (mail2karenliebold@gmail.com).

#### FINANCIAL UPDATE

Have a question about your donation? Or about something in the budget? Email our bookkeeper, Jean Ann Parker: jeanann@friendsofthesavior.org

This Year's Giving Goal: \$340,567

As of November 20:

Budgeted Giving Goal = \$304,640 Actual Giving = \$288,434 Over/(Under) = (\$16,206)

Benevolence Giving = \$855 Christ Our Peace = \$39,779

## **CURRENT SERMON SERIES**

Advent & Christmas at Savior

1st Advent, November 27: Kevin Miller, Luke 21:25-36 "How to Stand When Everything Around Us Is Shaking"

2nd Advent, December 4: Kevin Miller, Luke 3:1-18 "Proof-of-Repentance Card"

3rd Advent, December 11: Sarah Lindsay, Matthew 3:1-17 "The Women in Parentheses"

4th Advent, December 18: Kevin Miller, Luke 1:39-55
"#Blessed"

The Holy Name, January 1: Rochelle Scheuermann, Luke 2:15-21

## **ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE**

All events are located at Pleasant Hill Community Church (PHCC).

Gingerbread Nativities Sunday, December 12: 3:00-5:00pm

Lessons & Carols - Christmas Eve Friday, December 24: 7:00pm

Evening Prayer - Christmas Day Saturday, December 25: 5:00pm

Holy Name Service Saturday, January 1: 5:00-6:30pm (No Children's Worship)

#### MINISTRY TEAM LEADERS

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To ask about a ministry or volunteer to get involved, please talk with its leader (emails are found at friendsofthesavior.org/serve) or with Pastor Sarah Lindsay (sarah@friendsofthesavior.org).

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