



North Hill Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

December 13, 2020

Gathering of the Community of Faith

Welcome

Hymn

“My Soul Gives Glory to My God”

CH 130

*Call to Worship

Bill Jennison

We come to worship Christ

Who proclaims good news to the poor,
binds up the broken-hearted,
frees the prisoner
and comforts those who mourn.

We come to worship Christ

Who bestows a crown of beauty instead of ashes,
the oil of joy Instead of mourning,
and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair.

We come to worship Christ

Who rebuilds ancient ruins
and restores broken places.

— written by Phil Whyte, Holy City Planning Group, and posted on the Church of Scotland's [Starters for Sunday](#) website.

*Prayer of Invocation

Bill Jennison

Hymn

“Come, O Long Expected Jesus”

CH 125

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Bill Jennison

Litany of Light

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, We were like those who dream.

Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy;

Then it was said among the nations, “The Lord has done great things for them.”

The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.

Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses in the Negeb.

May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.

The Lord has done great things for us!

(Lighting of Previous Sundays Candles)

Meditation

In today's Hebrew Scripture reading, the prophet Isaiah tells us he had been anointed to do a number of tasks of social ministry—ministry among the people who have no hope: the prisoners, the

oppressed, those who are held captive, and those who are grieving. To them he will proclaim “the year of the Lord’s favor.”

What if we could proclaim this next year “the year of the Lord’s favor” or the century of the Lord’s favor? We are early in this millennium; there is still time for this declaration to come to pass. And what if we could not only proclaim it, but actually act on it? What would it mean for our lifestyle? How would we act differently? Where are the places where our belief and faith are really put into actions? Paul tells us, among other things, to seek to do good to one another and to all.

But even more important, what would it mean for those people whom Isaiah mentions? It sounds like an overwhelming task. But Christians joining together with other Christians of other races, denominations, and locations can, not just could, proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor. Advent is the time to prepare for just how we can do that!

(Lighting of the Third Advent Candle)

Unison Prayer

“Holy Spirit, Pow’r divine, fill and nerve this will of mind. Boldly may I always live, bravely serve and gladly give.” God, you have done so many great things for us. Let your Holy Spirit give us power to live out the Christian life so that others may know you. Amen.

(From Everlasting Light by Sandy Dixon (St. Louis: Chalice Press, 2000). Reproduced by permission.)

Sharing the Prayers of the Community

Rev. Chris Snow

Prayers of the People/ The Lord’s Prayer

Moment for Mission Christmas Special Offering

Hearing the Word

Scripture Reading

Psalm 126

Bill Jennison

One: The word of God, for the people of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn

“Emmanuel, Emmanuel”

CH 134

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

Sermon

“Bringing Hope”

Rev. Chris Snow

*Hymn

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

CH 119

Gathering around the Table

Offering Meditation

Rev. Chris Snow

Communion Meditation

Dan Stewart

Words of Institution

Partaking of the elements

Affirmation of Faith

Rev. Chris Snow

“I Believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God,
and proclaim him Lord and Savior of the world.”

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Rev. Chris Snow

Sending Forth the People of God
Ministry Happenings

Rev. Chris Snow

*Benediction

Rev. Chris Snow

The North Hill Weekly

December 13th, 2020

Scripture Text for Next Week

2 Samuel 7:1-11, Luke 1:47-55, Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26

Romans 16:25-27, Luke 1: 26-38

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

For many of us Christmas Eve is filled with a number of traditions that we hold dear. One of these is being able to sing together some of our favorite Christmas Carols. In order to facilitate this and make our Christmas Eve service available to all we will be hosting this service on Zoom at 7:00 PM and making service available on Facebook later in the evening. If you would like to assist in any of the recordings or leadership of our service please let Pastor Chris know as soon as possible.

Christmas Carol Sing

How many of us are missing out on singing hymns together and our times of fellowship? Well, I have good news for you. Since it is not currently advisable to get together to sing, we are planning on offering an opportunity to gather via Zoom, to sing Christmas Carols and share in a time of fellowship. We will be gathering at 6:30 on December 16th. Watch for additional information in your email box.

Christmas Baskets

Now is the time we begin gathering food items for up to 4 families in the community through December 13^h. This is a traditional outreach through the Salish School that makes a huge difference to families during this holiday.

Through this sharing, we are able to provide all the fixings for a holiday meal. Won't you consider adding a few of these items to your regular shopping list? Thank you for your caring support of this important mission work! For more information, please contact Bill Phipps or Kathy Riley.

Hams (4)	Rolls and Sandwich Bread	Scalloped/au Gratin Potatoes
Lg. Canned Yams	Carrots	Olives
Canned Baked Beans	Canned Fruit, Peaches, Pears	Brown Sugar
Frozen Fruit Pies	Hot Chocolate	Mini Marshmallows
Butter	Gal. Milk (4)	Christmas Candy
6 oz Jello	\$\$ for fresh produce and extra	

Looking Ahead

1st Ukrainian Baptist Church (UBC): Tuesday - Study & Choir 6-9 PM (Sanctuary) Sunday -
Worship 2-6 PM (Sanctuary & Hazen Hall)

Sunday, December 13	Worship 10:30AM Congregational Meeting After Worship
Monday, December 14	
Tuesday, December 15	
Wednesday, December 16	Christmas Carol Sing 6:30 PM
Thursday, December 17	Print Day
Sunday, December 20	Worship 10:30 AM

Serving Next Sunday, December 20th

Count: Sheila McCrea, Arlene Pandelis

Diaconate: Michele Fleck **Elder:** Sheila McCrea

Lay Leader: Dan Stewart

Power Point: Debbie Jennison **Sound:** Bill Jennison

Sanitation: Bobbie Belton, Sally Deranleau

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