



Outreach Focus: Outreach Focus for November through December 11 is holiday gifts for STEP and Perspectives and there are a number of ways you can contribute to this worthy cause:

For STEP

1. You can purchase a toy for 0 – 8 year-olds valuing \$20 - \$40 and drop them off at Aldersgate by Sunday, December 11
2. You can purchase Target gift cards in \$10 denominations that will be given to 9 year-olds and older, again turning them in by December 11. You can also donate directly to Aldersgate with STEP Holiday in the memo line and gift cards will be purchased.
3. Or, from the comfort of your own living room, you can visit STEPslp.org to view the Amazon and Target wish lists and purchase gifts that will be sent directly to STEP **by** December 16.

Any loose coins (donated on Sunday morning) or money donated to Aldersgate, designated to Perspectives, will be used to purchase gifts for the kids at Perspectives.

Aldersgate Church is a Creator-centered, Jesus-shaped, Spirit-led community seeking to create atmospheres of spiritual connection, healing, and growth. We are an inclusive community, believing that God loves, honors, and celebrates all people regardless of age, race, nation, gender identity, background, sexual orientation, abilities, or socio-economic position. We believe that God calls us to embody God's radical love by cultivating a space free from harassment, judgment, hate, or discrimination. We hope you find spiritual connection, healing, and growth in worship today. Thanks for joining us!



Sunday, December 4, 2022

Second Sunday of Advent

Order of Worship

Gathering

Welcome & Announcements

Advent Candle Lighting

Katie, Michael & Zachary

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

(UMH #211, verse 1)

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn: "Angels from the Realms of Glory" (UMH #220)

Children's Message

Marjie Brodersen

Prayer Requests (raise your hand if you have a prayer request)

Prayer Song: "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

(UMH #216)

"Christmas Is Coming"

Pop-Up Choir

Kids dismissed to Kids' Time

Scripture: Esther 4:1-17

Message

Pastor Paul Baudhuin

Closing Hymn: "For the Healing of the Nations"

(UMH #428)

Blessing

Postlude

Advent Candle Lighting

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

Verse 1: 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.

Call to Worship

ONE: Beloved of God, we gather this morning stepping into the space of waiting, a spiritual waiting room of the faithful.

ALL: Like a night shift guard waits for the morning, so we wait for our Lord.

ONE: Beloved of God, we are here. Not looking around the next corner, nor over the next hill. We are here now. And that's enough.

ALL: Like a baby in golden slumber, we are at rest in God's dream for the world.

ONE: Beloved of God, breathe deep and come alive to God within you. We light the candle of peace today, whose flame lulls our restless hearts into slow rhythms of God's grace.

ALL: Come, Spirit, come, Come, Lord Almighty, come. Come, sweet Jesus, come.

Opening Hymn: "Angels from the Realms of Glory"

Verse 1: Angels from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth; ye who sang creation's story now proclaim Messiah's birth:

Refrain: Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.

Verse 2: Shepherds, in the field abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night, God with us is now residing; yonder shines the infant light:

Verse 3: Sages, leave your contemplations, brighter visions beam afar; seek the great Desire of nations; ye have seen his natal star:

Verse 4: Saints, before the altar bending, watching long in hope and fear; suddenly the Lord, descending, in his temple shall appear:

Kids' Time Song: "This, This is Where Children Belong"

This, this is where children belong welcomed as part of the worshiping throng. Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song. This is where children belong.

Prayer Song: "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

Verse 1: Lo, how a rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung! Of Jesse's lineage coming, as those of old have sung. It came, a floweret bright, amid the cold of winter, when half spent was the night.

Verse 2: Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the rose I have in mind; with Mary we behold it, the Virgin Mother kind. To show God's love aright, she bore to us a Savior, when half spent was the night.

Verse 3: O Flower, whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air, dispel in glorious splendor the darkness everywhere. True man yet very God, from sin and death now save us, and share our every load.

Closing Hymn: "For the Healing of the Nations"

Verse 1: For the healing of the nations, Lord, we pray with one accord; for a just and equal sharing of the things that earth affords; to a life of love in action help us rise and pledge our word, help us rise and pledge our word.

Verse 2: Lead us forward into freedom; from despair your world release, that, redeemed from war and hatred, all may come and go in peace. Show us how through care and goodness fear will die and hope increase, fear will die and hope increase.

Verse 3: All that kills abundant living, let it from the earth be banned; pride of status, race, or schooling, dogmas that obscure your plan. In our common quest for justice may we hallow life's brief span, may we hallow life's brief span.

Verse 4: You, Creator God, have written your great name on humankind; for our growing in your likeness bring the life of Christ to mind, that by our response and service earth its destiny may find, earth its destiny may find.

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Happening This Week: December 4-10

Monday: 6:35pm, Life Group, Sanctuary

Tuesday: 10:00am, Life Group, Sanctuary

Thursday: 6:30pm, Band rehearsal, Sanctuary

Friday: Office Closed