

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

8:25 A.M. & 11:05 A.M. — TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE

Children's Sermon (11:05 a.m.)

Choral Anthem *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* arr. John Rutter
Chancel Choir

*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 Rod of Jesse, free Thine own from Satan's tyranny.
From depths of hell thy people save and give them victory over the grave.
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, O come thou Lord of might, who to thy tribes, on Sinai's height.
In ancient times didst give the law in cloud, and majesty, and awe.
O come, thou Key of David, come, and open wide our heav'nly home.
Make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery.*

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Bell Anthem *O Come, Let Us Adore Him* arr. A. Sherman
Genesis Bells
Sarah Leach, director

LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

***Gospel Lesson** Luke 1:57-66 (Page 1523)
L. This is the Gospel of the Lord
P. **Thanks be to God!**

***Hymn** *Song of Zechariah* ENGLISH HYMNAL
(See Insert)

Sermon Prayer Changes Things Dr. Jim Davis
(Print or listen to each week's sermon by going to www.fpc-kingwood.org)

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*The 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; he descended into hell; 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 catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Offertory *A Winter Carol: In the Bleak Midwinter* Potterfield
Beth Higgins, mezzo soprano

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

***Hymn #97** *The First Noel* THE FIRST NOEL

*Benediction

(If you'd like prayer for any reason, come to the Chapel after 11:05 a.m. worship.
To join the church, please speak to one of the Pastors.)

***Congregational Prayer** NATIONAL HYMN

God of Our Fathers

God of our Fathers, whose Almighty Hand
Leads, guards and guides us when in foreign lands.
Our forces serve the cause of peace today.
Protect and bring our troops home safe we pray.

Refresh thy people on their toilsome way
Lead us from night to never ending day.
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine
And glory, laud, and praise be ever Thine.

Postlude J. Gearhart, (8:25)
J. Jinnette, (11:05)

Today's Music

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" is a fascinating example of the rich heritage found in music written for Christian worship. The basis for the text comes from the 9th century, when monks would sing a different "O" antiphon (chant) for each of the seven days leading to Christmas. By the 13th century several of these words had been pressed into versified form and set to the Latin hymn Veni Emmanuel, the first part of the hymn we sing. A refrain was added, probably a little later, to the words "Rejoice." Most scholars think the complete tune was in place by the 15th century, and was French. However, it was not until the 1850's when John Neale and Thomas Helmore translated and published several Advent hymns based on chant that this hymn came into use in Protestant churches. It first appeared in the Presbyterian Hymnal in 1933, and newer verses have also been added. So what you hear today is really a composite of over 1000 years of Christian worship.

**Those who are able, please stand.*

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SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Today's Sanctuary Flowers

- Given by Susan Marks giving thanks for this church, family and friends
- Given by the Delap Family in honor of Jaxon Collins on his 4th birthday

Music Participants

Dr. John Cornelius, II, Piano
John Gearhart III, Organ
Dr. James Jinnette, Organ

Lay Reader

8:25 a.m.— Don Armstrong
11:05 a.m.— Lori Miller

Elder of the Week

Pat Capriotti

Deacon of the Week

Jane Quebedeaux

Advent Wreath Readers

8:25 a.m.— Carol and Phil Allison
11:05 a.m.— Ruth and Gailor Justice

Greeters

8:25 a.m. - Linda Peterson
11:05 a.m. - Ruben, Rose and Mark Armendariz

Ushers

8:25 a.m.— Mike Townsend - Captain, Pat Murphy, Tom Mattox, Harvey Louderback, Jack Roth, Sandra Roth, Wilson Humphrey

11:05 a.m.— Roger Whitney - Captain, Bob Dorrill, Murray Fordree, Susan Groudle, Tim Groudle, Earl Hale, Laurie Jones, David Jones, Tom Schafer, Steve Stout, Mary Whitney

Coffee Hosts

8:25 a.m.— Pam & Kurt Dettmers
11:05 a.m.— *Hosts Needed!*