

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD (EPISCOPAL)



THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

NOVEMBER 29, 2020 AT 8:00 AM ON ZOOM

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Prelude

“Helmsley”

Wilbur Held

Opening Acclamation

Watch, for you know not when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning; lest he come suddenly and find you asleep.

Mark 13:35, 36

The Invitatory and Psalter

Lord, open our lips.

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Alleluia.

Our King and Savior now draws near: **Come, let us adore him.**

Jubilate *Psalm 100*

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; **serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song.**

Know this: The Lord himself is God; he himself has made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise; give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: Come let us adore him.

Our King and Savior now draws near: Come, let us adore him.

Anthem

“People, look East”

Craig Phillips, arr.

People, look East, The time is near of the crowning of the year. Make your house fair as you are able, trim the hearth, and set the table. People, look East, and sing today: Love, the guest is on the way. Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is planted there: Give up your strength the seed to nourish, that in course the flower may flourish. People, look East, and sing today: Love, the rose, is on the way. Birds, though ye long have ceased to build, guard the nest that must be filled. Even the hour when wings are frozen, He for fledgling time has chosen. People, look East, and sing today. Love, the bird is on the way. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim one more light the bowl shall brim, shining beyond the frosty weather, bright as sun and moon together. People, look East, and sing today: Love, the star, is on the way. Angels, announce with shouts of mirth, Christ who brings new life to earth. Set every peak and valley humming with the word, the Lord is coming. People, look East, and sing today: Love, the Lord, is on the way. –Eleanor Farjeon

Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18 *Qui regis Israel*

Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, stir up your strength and come to help us.

Restore us, O God of hosts; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

O Lord God of hosts, how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people?

You have fed them with the bread of tears; you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

You have made us the derision of our neighbors, and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

Restore us, O God of hosts; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.

And so will we never turn away from you; give us life, that we may call upon your Name.

Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

The First Lesson *1 Corinthians 1:3-9*

A Reading from the first letter of Paul the Apostle to the church in Corinth.

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Canticle: A Song of the Wilderness

Isaiah 35.1,2b-4a,4c-6,10

The wilderness and the dry land shall rejoice, **the desert shall blossom and burst into song.**

They shall see the glory of the Lord, he majesty of our God.

Strengthen the weary hands, and make firm the feeble knees.

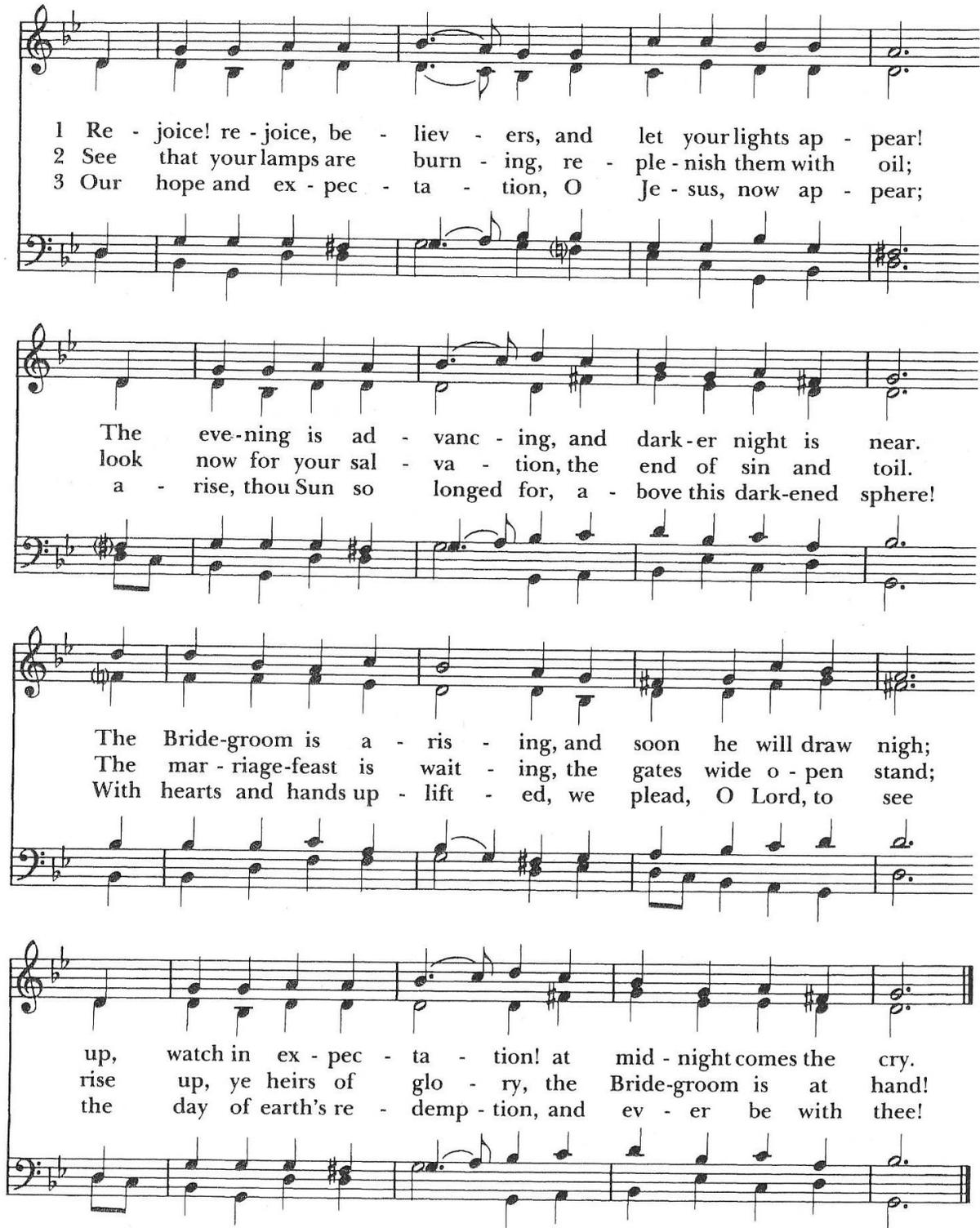
Say to the anxious, 'Be strong, fear not, your God is coming with judgement, coming with judgement to save you.'

Then shall the eyes of the blind be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; Then shall the lame leap like a hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; The ransomed of the Lord shall return with singing, with everlasting joy upon their heads.

Joy and gladness shall be theirs, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now and will be forever. Amen.



1 Re - joice! re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear!
 2 See that your lamps are burn - ing, re - ple - nish them with oil;
 3 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;

The eve-ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark-er night is near.
 look now for your sal - va - tion, the end of sin and toil.
 a - rise, thou Sun so longed for, a - bove this dark-ened sphere!

The Bride-groom is a - ris - ing, and soon he will draw nigh;
 The mar - riage-feast is wait - ing, the gates wide o - pen stand;
 With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see

up, watch in ex - pec - ta - tion! at mid - night comes the cry.
 rise up, ye heirs of glo - ry, the Bride-groom is at hand!
 the day of earth's re - demp - tion, and ev - er be with thee!

The Gospel *Mark 13:24-37*

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark
Glory to you Lord Christ

Jesus said, "In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. "From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its

branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. “But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You Lord Christ

Canticle #16 The Song of Zechariah *Benedictus Dominus Deus*

Luke 1: 68-79

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; he has come to his people and set them free.

He has raised up for us a mighty savior, born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old, that he would save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us.

He promised to show mercy to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

Free to worship him without fear, holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

To give his people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Sermon

Pastor Greg

Musical Reflection Solo

“But who may abide the day of his coming?” from *Messiah*

G.F. Handel

But who may abide the day of his coming? And who shall stand when he appeareth? For he is like a refiner's fire, who shall stand when he appeareth? –Malachi 3:2-3

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Our Father...

Suffrages

V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.

V. Day by day we bless you;

R. We praise your name for ever.

V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;

R. Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.

V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;

R. For we put our trust in you.

V. In you, Lord, is our hope;

R. And we shall never hope in vain.

The Collect of the Day

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.**

A Collect for Sundays

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Prayer for Mission

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Hymn 438

“Tell out, my soul”



1 Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of the Lord!
2 Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of his Name!
3 Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of his might!
4 Tell out, my soul, the glo - ries of his word!



Un - num - bered bless - ings give my spi - rit voice;
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
Powers and do - min - ions lay their glo - ry by.
Firm is his prom - ise, and his mer - cy sure.

ten - der to me the prom - ise of his word;
 his mer - cy sure, from age to age the same;
 Proud hearts and stub - born wills are put to flight,
 Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of the Lord

in God my Sa - vior shall my heart re - jice.
 his ho - ly Name— the Lord, the Might - y One.
 the hun - gry fed, the hum - ble lift - ed high.
 to chil - dren's chil - dren and for ev - er - more!

The Prayers of the People

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. *Isaiah 9:2*

You who dwell in darkness and light, in silence and sound, dwell in the hearts of your people. In hope, peace, and joy may we await with anticipation the coming of Christ the Morning Star.

Silence

Christ, be our light
Shine in our hearts.

You who framed the brightness of the first light in creation, dispel the arrogance, animosity, and anger that shatter the unity of your holy Church. Fill your faithful people with the radiant light of truth.

Silence

Christ, be our light
Shine in our hearts.

You who delivered your people from the misery of bondage in slavery to the land of promise, set us free from enslavement to division, disunity, and distrust in our public life and labor. Illumine those in authority with the light of vision.

Silence

Christ, be our light
Shine in our hearts.

You who patterned the stars and called the sun into being, who appointed the moon and chartered the cosmos, pattern the hearts of people everywhere to see in each other the beauty of the universe and the splendor of creation, that divisions of race, class, gender, and ethnicity may be recreated into one common humanity.

Silence

Christ, be our light
Shine in our hearts.

You who shower comfort and hope to the lowest, the lost, and the least, shower the light of compassion on the sick, the sorrowful, and the suffering [especially _____]. Help us to be your compassion and hope in the world.

Silence

Christ, be our light
Shine in our hearts.

You who welcome into the brilliant light of eternity those who have died, welcome those whose lives have been cut short by violence, warfare, and strife [especially _____]. Shine the light of hope.

Silence

Christ, be our light
Shine in our hearts.

You who delight in the complexity and splendor of creation, help us to delight in the diversity of this earth, our island home. Inspire your people to care for all you have made.

Silence

Christ, be our light
Shine in our hearts.

May Christ, the Morning Star who knows no setting, find us ever burning with the light of love, the spirit of truth, and the wellspring of hope. **Amen.**

For Healing and Special Concerns

Diane Adams	Paul Cormier	Charles Freiburger	Sandra Long	Aimee Pelletier
Bob Adolt	Ann Dadak	Kirt Gillum	SHM	Kathie Russeau
Jan & Jerry Armstrong	Henry Dailey	Maureen Haak	Nancy Martin	Samantha Russeau
Lori Azevedo	Charlotte Davis	Joan Hout	Claire McGraw	Kate Schaller
Wesley Barrett	Thomas Dorgan	Wendy Huckins	Elissa Morin	Don Shepard
Louise Bessler	Jennifer Duff	Marie Hurley	Craig Morton	Cody Sleeper
Bob Bloemer	Roxanne Dwyer	Evelyn Jensen	Susan Nadeau	Jeff Snow
Paige Bourassa	Debbie Eckers	Jimmy & Peggy Kantargis	Teiyana Nolan	Phil Temple
Margaret Sheehan Brown	Kathy Eckles	Meredith King	Michelle Normandin	Donna Voveris
Rose Emma Caisse	John Epstein	Pauline Lawrence	Ella Ogonowski	Chris Walsh
Jerry Carnavale	Charlotte Flint	Dawn Marie Long	Tina Terry Peel	John Waugh
Rosemary Carnavale	Helen Francini		Jane Pereira	Edi-Lu Wartella

An Altar Remembrance is given in loving memory of **Garret Cormier** by Kathy and Paul Cormier.

An Altar Remembrance is given in memory of the deceased members of the Good Shepherd chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew-**Tom Degges, Pete Roebuck, Don Kenny, John Metcalf, Bob Bicknell, Ben Stanton, Bill Ferguson, and Bernie Madeira.**

Let us confess our sins against God and one another.

Almighty God, **Source of all that is, Giver of every good gift: You create all people in your image and call us to love one another as you love us. We confess that we have failed to honor you in the great diversity of the human family. We have desired to live in freedom, while building walls between ourselves and others. We have longed to be known and accepted for who we are, while making judgements of others based on the color of skin, or the shape of features, or the varieties of human experience. We have tried to love our neighbors individually while yet benefitting from systems that hold those same neighbors in oppression. Forgive us, Holy God. Give us eyes to see you as you are revealed in all people. Strengthen us for the work of reconciliation rooted in love. Restore us in your image, to be beloved community, united in our diversity, even as you are one with Christ and the Spirit, Holy and undivided Trinity, now and forever. Amen.**

Absolution

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

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with You.

The Announcements

The General Thanksgiving

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

The Closing Blessing

May Christ, the Sun of Righteousness, shine upon you, scattering the darkness from your path, and guiding you in all the ways that you should go, and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you forever. **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Romans 15:13

Postlude

“Fugue in D minor”

Johann Pachelbel

Assisting in this Service as Readers: Chris Chadbourne, Susan Nutting, Sarah Patton.

THE PARISH NOTICES

Thank you to the members of this morning’s quartet of singers: Wayne Blair, April Duncan, Don Fluckinger, Melissa Piantedosi.

A Pledge Drive Like No Other: Pledge card packages were mailed to parishioners’ homes. There are several ways for you to return the information: 1) Mail the pledge card to church in the enclosed envelope; 2) You can bring the pledge card to communion with you on Sunday; 3) Call or email the church office and indicate your pledge for next year. We need pledges returned so we can create our budget for next year. Thank you to all that have already returned your pledge cards.

Advent Lessons and Carols: Sunday, December 6th, 4:00 pm. As we welcome the season of Advent, CGS will be marking the time with a broadcasted service of Advent Lessons and Carols on December 6th. The service will debut at 4pm on our YouTube page: <https://www.youtube.com/user/CGSNashua>. Join us then to hear the prophets foretell the coming of Christ and to sing some of your favorite hymns from the comfort of your own home.

CGS’ Front Door Agency Outreach Committee’s- Adopt a Child for Christmas: The annual CGS Adopt a Child Christmas sign up begins **Sunday, November 22nd**. Parishioners will have the opportunity to adopt a child in need from the Norwell House this Holy Season. Due to COVID-19, sign up will be handled differently. Please

sign up on the link below for the age and gender for the child you would like to adopt. Once you have chosen a child, a personal email will be sent to you with the child's name and wish list. Directions for drop off will also be included in the email. As always, thank you for your support and continued generosity. Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0c44afae2aa3fa7-adopt>

Nashua Soup Kitchen & Shelter Questionnaire: In continuing with CGS's commitment to service in our community, we are excited to be working closely with Nashua Soup Kitchen and Shelter as they prepare to open their expanded shelter next door in 2021. If you would be interested in volunteering once it opens or exploring ways to serve your community sooner than that, please fill out this survey and we will be in contact with you. Click on this link to access the Survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PVMKH8L>

Various Worship Sign-Ups: Parishioners wishing to receive communion outside are welcome to come to the church immediately following the 10:30 am service, which requires a sign up. To sign up click on this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0E4CAFAF29AAFB6-sunday>. Or you may call the Office, Monday through Friday, 9 am to 2 pm to sign up as well.

Sunday Worship via Zoom Link: Sunday Mornings at 8:00 am. & 10:30 am. Here is the link to join in each week:

Topic: Sunday Worship Online

Time: This is a recurring meeting Meet anytime

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/92625169665> Meeting ID: 926 2516 9665

Sunday Adult Forum: Sunday Mornings at 9:00 am. The topic this Sunday is "The Gospel of Mark: A Sneak Peek at the Year Ahead". Here is the link to join in each week:

Topic: Sunday Adult Forum

Time: This is a recurring meeting Meet anytime

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/96730301609> Meeting ID: 967 3030 1609

Midweek Coffee & Conversation: Please join Pastor Mike & Pastor Greg on Wednesday Mornings at 10:00am for Mid-week Fellowship. Here is the link to join in each week:

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/96168342581> Meeting ID: 961 6834 2581

Thursday Evening Christian Formation: This Advent, join us for "Setting the Stage: The Prologues of Matthew, Luke, and John." We will be studying the opening chapters of the Gospels as we set the stage for Christ's arrival at Christmas. Thursdays from 6:30pm on Zoom. Here is the zoom link to join in each week:

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/92725342575?pwd=MIhLSkpDdnBiNTlld21jQ1lxS004Zz09>

Meeting ID: 927 2534 2575 Passcode: 383726

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