



December 18, 2022

Advent Love

From Generation to Generation: *We See God in Each Other*

Mantua Center Christian Church
Open Minds, Open Hearts, Open Arms
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If you choose to attend in person, please be aware of the following:

- Please use your discretion on **masking, handshakes, and hugs as each person feels comfortable**. Thank you for your patience, prayers, and feedback.
- This worship service is being live streamed. If you have any concern about you or your child being live on YouTube, please stay behind the 5th row of pews.
- The nursery has been cleaned and sanitized and is available if needed for your children. There are also coloring sheets at the entrance of the church.
- **After the Children's Moment, all kids through 4th grade are welcome to attend Sunday School class which will run until the end of worship.**
- We have resumed the passing of communion. If you prefer, we have sealed "personal" communion cups available at the entrance. Offering baskets will be passed around the sanctuary at the start of the "Invitation to Generosity" during worship. (You may also *Give Online* at: mantuacentercc.org).

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP
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PRELUDE "Oh Come, All Ye Faithful" Sarah Park
[by J. F. Wade]

WELCOME Rev. Chad Delaney

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING Katie Baird
A.J. Calapa, Charlotte Hooker, Carli Calapa, Laura Parker

***OPENING HYMN** "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" #119, v. 4

4 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.

Refrain:
Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Pam Auble

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

Invitation
Offertory

Katie Baird

Music: "Silent Night, Holy Night" [by F. X. Gruber]

The Doxology

#46

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Offering Prayer

Katie Baird

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Rev. Chad Delaney
"Emmanuel, Emmanuel" #134

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel
God with us, revealed in us, his name is called Emmanuel
[Repeat]

SONG OF PREPARATION Beth Schabel & Peggy Painley
"An Ode to A Silent Night"
[Words by Joanna Gaines]

***COMMUNION**

Meditation
Communion Hymn

“I Wonder as I Wander”

Steve Hurd
#161, v.1

1 I wonder as I wander, out under the sky
how Jesus the Savior did come for to die
for poor ordinary people like you and like I;
I wonder as I wander, out under the sky.

Prayer & Lord’s Prayer
Words of Institution

Steve Hurd
Rev. Chad Delaney

Music: “Have You Been to Jesus” [*Music by E. A. Hoffman*]

THE AMAZING STORY OF CHRISTMAS

A Multi-Generational Christmas Pageant by Carolyn Peters

Mary and Joseph

“Away in a Manger”

#147, v. 1

1 Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The Animals

“O Come All Ye Faithful”

#148, v.1

1 O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
come and behold him, born the King of angels:

Refrain

**O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!**

The Angels

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

#150, v.1

1 Hark! the herald-angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King;
peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;
with the angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem."
Hark, the herald-angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King!"

The Shepherds

“Go Tell It on the Mountain”

#167, v.1

Refrain:

**Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere.
Go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.**

1 While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,
behold throughout the heavens, there shone a holy light. [***Refrain***]

The Wise Guys

“We Three Kings”

#172, v.1

1 We three kings of Orient are, bearing gifts we traverse afar
field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.

Refrain

**O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.**

The Finale

“Joy to the World”

#143, v.1

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

BENEDICTION

Rev. Chad Delaney

POSTLUDE

“I Come to the Garden Alone”

Sarah Park

[by C. A. Miles]

*Thank you for joining us at
Mantua Center Christian Church.*

- **Today is “Delaney Merry Christmas Cookie Sunday!”** The Delaney Family prepares LOTS of cookies and treats for all the congregation and visitors alike! **You are ALL welcome** to join us downstairs in the Fellowship Hall for refreshments! On behalf of the congregation, we extend our gratitude to Pastor Chad, Christin, C.J., Josh, and Avery for your extraordinary kindness!
- **All are welcome to join in any of our Sunday classes following worship:**
 - (1) “Seeking Enlightenment” led by Rev. Nancy Humes,
 - (2) “Life 101” led by Carol Buzbee
 - (3) Sunday School for grades 5th-12 led by Rev. Chad Delaney.
- **Please note that every Sunday during the month of December, we will be collecting staple food items for Kids Weekend Meals.** (ie. Mac & Cheese, Canned Pasta, Spaghetti Sauce, Alfredo Sauce, Peanut Butter, Green Beans or Corn, Puddings in cups – non refrigerated, Sugar Free Dole fruit cups ***in 100% juice – non refrigerated***, and any individually wrapped treats or cookies) **We will resume food collection for the 4C’s on Sunday, January 22nd, 2023.**
- **All Chi-Rho & CYF Youth** – don’t forget our **White Elephant Gift Exchange and Christmas party from 3-6pm today (12/18) at Hiram Christian Church!** Feel free to invite some friends! Bring a wrapped gift – something silly/goofy/ridiculous! No purchase necessary! Also bring a snack or drink to share!



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