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**NORTH HAVEN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

**Sunday, December 5, 2021**

**9:30 a.m.**

**Second Sunday of Advent  
The Sacrament of Communion**

**GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE:** Prelude on *Freu dich sehr*

Paul Manz

**\*OPENING HYMN:** “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

**V1**

**\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: A tiny jewel of light dances on the edge of the horizon:

**PEOPLE:** a solitary star before sunrise glimmers a promise of dawn at the end of the world’s blight.

Leader: It is the light of the World, “Emmanuel” (God-with-us), the Promised One.

**PEOPLE:** Come to us, Emmanuel!

**ALL:** We have seen your light and gather here awaiting the day of your coming.\*\*

**\*LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF PEACE ~unison**

Come Emmanuel, Come

Open our arms to the gift of the stranger

Come Emmanuel, Come

Open our ears to the cries and laughter of the stranger

Come Emmanuel, Come

Open our hearts to Your Presence that we may receive Your peace

Oh, precious and unexpected Guest.## Amen.

**\*HYMN OF ADVENT PRAISE:** “Prepare the Way”

**V882**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION:~unison**

God of the loving heart, we confess before you those places in our hearts where we have refused you entrance: people we have refused to love; habits we never got around to changing; good things we have left undone; and ways in which we hurt you, ourselves, and others. Come to us in the light of your Christ. Shine on those places we have hidden from you. Show us new ways to live. Sweep clean the rooms of our hearts, that Christ may find a home among us. Be known among us now and forever! Amen. \*\* ~ silence ~

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**ALL:** Thanks be to God

# THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

Scripture: Luke 2:15-20 p 1203

The Jennings Family

When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." And they went with haste, and found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

And when they saw it they made known the saying which had been told them concerning this child; and all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. But Mary kept all these things, pondering them in her heart.

And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

## Lighting the Candle of **Peace**

### Prayer-*unison*

Thank you, Lord, for giving us hope and peace even when life is difficult sometimes.  
Amen

Sung Response: "Hope Is a Star" V7

Peace is a ribbon that circles the earth,  
Giving a promise of safety and worth  
When God is a child there's joy in our song.  
The last shall be first and the weak shall be strong,  
And none shall be afraid.

## THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Luke 1:68-79

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"Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,  
for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them.  
He has raised up a mighty savior for us  
in the house of his servant David,  
as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,  
that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us.  
Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors,  
and has remembered his holy covenant,  
the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham,  
to grant us that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies,  
might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness  
before him all our days.  
And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High;  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,  
to give knowledge of salvation to his people  
by the forgiveness of their sins.  
By the tender mercy of our God,  
the dawn from on high will break upon us,  
to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,  
to guide our feet into the way of peace."

HERE ENDS THE READING. **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.

Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’”

**HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.**

**GIFT OF MUSIC:** *In Remembrance of Me*

Ragan Courtney and Buryl Red

Sung by the Chancel Choir

Virtual Choir version from 2020 with voices collected from  
Zoom, computers, and smartphones.

**SERMON:** “Holy, Righteous, and Without Fear”

Scott Morrow

**PASTORAL CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

Organ Response

**THE OFFERTORY**

\*Doxology

Tune: Old Hundredth

Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise God all creatures here below  
Praise God above ye heavenly hosts  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

\*Prayer of Dedication

**THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION**

Invitation and Consecration

The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Distribution

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**GREETING OF PEACE** ~unison

*May the peace of God in Jesus Christ be with you always!*

**\*THE BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE:** *Freu dich sehr, o meine Seele*

Setting by Max Reger

\*Those who are able, please stand.

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**The flowers** are given by Doris Ferner. “I hope the blessings, wonder, and joy of the season will be with us all this wonderful Advent Season.”

**In Our Prayers This Week are:** Linda Shannon, Betsey Gumbart, Marcia Foulds, Martha Swarney. Marlene Bellonio, and Herb Schneider.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY:** Gerard Adinolfi 12/05, Robbie Juliano 12/07, James Studley 12/08, Merrilee Gladkosky 12/11.

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY:** Edward & Mary Ellen Collett 12/06.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Angel Tree:** Gift Cards are due today. If you forgot to drop them off, please call the office to coordinate a time to drop them off Monday morning (12-6-21).

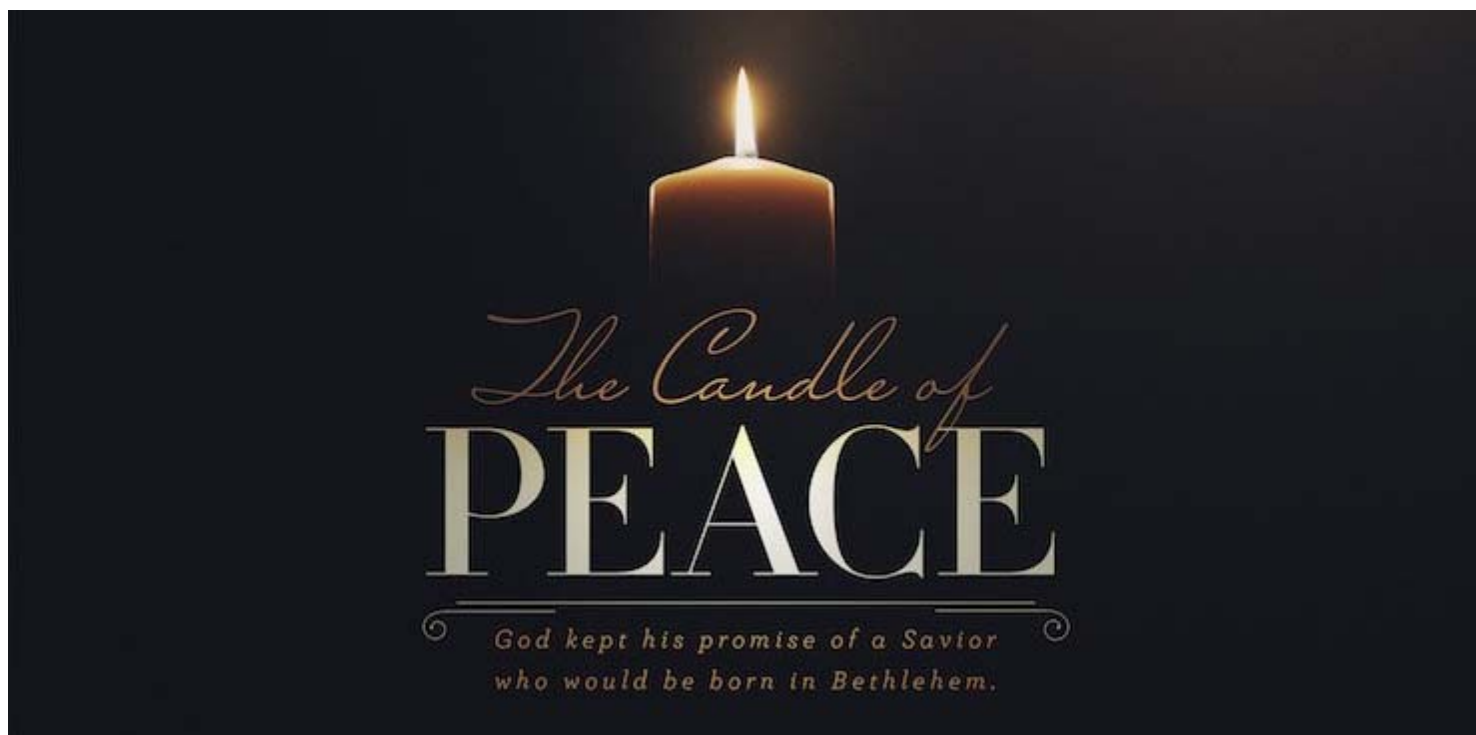
**Women’s Fellowship Virtual Fair is now open until December 8th!** Items are on the church website, with pictures and prices. Included this year are hand-made items, Christmas decorations, nearly new treasures and, of course, our fabulous assortment of baked goods—cakes, pies, breads, and cookies! Orders should be placed as soon as possible, since quantities are limited. Orders for baked goods were taken until December 4th! Payment may be made online or by check payable to Women’s Fellowship. No refunds! Pick up date is December 12th from 11:30 to 1:30. Please wear a mask! Thank you for supporting Women’s Fellowship.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS\*

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>12/5</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> 9:30 3:00 p.m. 4:00	<b>WORSHIP (In Person &amp; Live Stream)</b> CHURCH SCHOOL (In Person) ADVENT NIGHT (CH) OASIS & Tidepool (Spring Glen Church)
<b>Monday</b>	<b>12/6</b>		
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>12/7</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>BIBLE STUDY (Zoom)</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>12/8</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b> 1:30pm 5:30 7:00	<b>FOOD PANTRY OPEN</b> STAFF MEETING (Zoom) Girl Scout (CH) MLB (CH)
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>12/9</b>	<b>5:00 p.m.</b> 7:00 7:00	<b>Girl Scouts (RR)</b> CHANCEL CHOIR (Zoom) Garden Club (CH)
<b>Friday</b>	<b>12/10</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b> 5:30pm 7:00	<b>FOOD PANTRY OPEN</b> Girl Scout (RR) Danish Brotherhood (K)
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>12/11</b>		
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>12/12</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> 9:30 4:00 p.m.	<b>WORSHIP (In Person &amp; Live Stream)</b> CHURCH SCHOOL (In Person) OASIS & Tidepool (Spring Glen Church)

\*Small print indicates non-Church function

**Bold print starts new day.**







## Let's Celebrate Advent!!

Sunday, Dec. 5	Worship	9:30am
	Advent Night	3-5 pm
Sunday, Dec. 12	Worship	9:30am
Sunday, Dec. 19	Worship & Pageant	9:30 am
Christmas Eve	Blended Family & Lessons & Carols	5:00 pm

# \*OPENING HYMN: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

V1

Unison Em Am Em

1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el,  
 2 O come, O Wis - dom from on high,  
 ♦ 3 O come, O come, great God of might,  
 4 O come, O Rod of Jes - se's stem,  
 5 O come, O Key of Da - vid, come,

D Bm C Bm Em

and ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el  
 who or - ders all things might - i - ly,  
 ♦ who to your tribes on Si - nai's height  
 from ev - ery foe de - liv - er them  
 and o - pen wide our heav - enly home,

Am Em Bm

that mourns in low - ly ex - ile here  
 to us the path of know - ledge show,  
 ♦ in an - cient times once gave the law  
 that trust your might - y power to save,  
 make safe the way that leads on high,

Em D G Am Em

un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
 and teach us in her ways to go.  
 ♦ in cloud, and ma - jes - ty, and awe.  
 and give them vic - tory o'er the grave.  
 and close the path to mis - er - y.

Refrain G D Em Bm G Am Bm Em G Em Am Bm Em

Re-joice! Re-joice! Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.





1 Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near!  
 2 Christ brings God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heaven a - bove.  
 3 Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; your Sav - iour's rule em - brace.



Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear.  
 His rule is peace and free - dom, and jus - tice, truth, and love.  
 And tid - ings of sal - va - tion pro - claim in ev - ery place.



Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.  
 Lift high your praise re - sound - ing, for grace and joy a - bound - ing.  
 All lands will bow re - joic - ing, their ad - o - ra - tion voic - ing.



O blest is Christ that came in God's most ho - ly name.



Descant

5 All praise e - ter - nal Son, whose

1 On Jor - dan's bank, the Bap - tist's cry an -  
 2 Then cleansed be ev - ery life from sin; make  
 3 In you, we find a - bun - dant life, our  
 4 Stretch forth your hand, our health re - store, and  
 5 All praise to you, e - ter - nal Son, whose

ad - vent has our free - dom won; and praise to God whom

noun - ces that the Lamb is nigh; a - wake and hear - ken,  
 straight the way for God with - in; and let each heart pre -  
 ◆ ref - uge in the midst of strife; with - out your grace we  
 help us rise to fall no more. O let your face up -  
 ad - vent has our free - dom won; and praise to God whom

we a - dore for - ev - er - more.

for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of Kings.  
 pare a home where such a might - y guest may come.  
 ◆ waste a - way, like flowers that with - er and de - cay.  
 on us shine, and fill the world with love di - vine.  
 we a - dore, with Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more.

## Church Office Staff:

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### **MISSION**

Our church's mission is to bind ourselves with Jesus Christ in:

- Worship together;
- Nurture of Christian discipleship; and
- Compassionate service to our community and beyond.

### **VISION**

We are a hub for the larger community as a church of action:

- Conducting regular, robust worship in a responsible and relevant way in an ever changing and challenging world;
- Welcoming all people from different and diverse backgrounds to become a community of disciples together; and
- Involved in purposeful action and activities through the structure of self-directed Mission Teams.

### **VALUES**

We:

- Pray together, encourage each other, and trust one another;
- Take personal responsibility for fellowship and our community; and
- Celebrate with honored traditions.