



**MT OLIVE  
Church & Preschool**

December 6, 2020

**10:30 am** Worship

*Second Sunday in Advent*

**WELCOME!**

*"Hope In It"*

**Leading our Worship**

**Pastor:** Paul Meyer

**Student Pastor:** Jason Wallingsford

**Music:** Jose Garcia, piano;  
Karen Harris, guitar, vocals; Praise Team

**Lighting of the Candles**

**Preservice Music**

**"Emmanuel"**

*Hanna Kerr*

**Welcome**

**Affirmation of Faith – Apostle's 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 Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

**Opening Praise**

**"Great Are You Lord"**

*Jason Ingram, Leslie Jordan, & David Leonard*

**"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"**

*French Carol, adapted*

**Time of Confession**

Almighty and gracious God, this time of year we are reminded that You sent Your son Jesus into this world to redeem us—sinners—and to bring hope to our troubled souls. Yet it can also be a time when we have the least amount of hope, as stressful relationships, sadness, fears and worry seem to have no end in sight. Forgive us Lord, when our discouragement and doubts overshadow Your gift of hope. Help us to live every day trusting in Your promises—and trusting in the One who brings real hope. Amen.

*(A time of silent reflection)*

**Time of Forgiveness**

**Good News For God's Children**

(Online at <https://mtoliveaustin.org/athome>)

**Old Testament Reading**

**Isaiah 11:1-10**

A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit. The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him—the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of might, the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the LORD—and he will delight in the fear of the LORD. *(cont.)*

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He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes, or decide by what he hears with his ears; but with righteousness he will judge the needy, with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth. He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth; with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked. Righteousness will be his belt and faithfulness the sash around his waist.

The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat, the calf and the lion and the yearling together; and a little child will lead them. The cow will feed with the bear, their young will lie down together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox. The infant will play near the cobra's den, and the young child will put its hand into the viper's nest. They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples; the nations will rally to him, and his resting place will be glorious.

### **New Testament Reading**

**Romans 15:4-13**

For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope.

May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the Jews on behalf of God's truth, so that the promises made to the patriarchs might be confirmed and, moreover, that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written:

"Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles; I will sing the praises of your name."

Again, it says, "Rejoice, you Gentiles, with his people."

And again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles; let all the peoples extol him."

And again, Isaiah says, "The Root of Jesse will spring up, one who will arise to rule over the nations; in him the Gentiles will hope."

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

### **Holy Gospel**

**Matthew 3:1-12**

In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is he who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah:

"A voice of one calling in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.'"

John's clothes were made of camel's hair, and he had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. People went out to him from Jerusalem and all Judea and the whole region of the Jordan. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River.

But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to where he was baptizing, he said to them: "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not think you can say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.

"I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor, gathering his wheat into the barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire."

### **Message Song**

#### **"King of Kings"**

*Brooke Ligertwood, Jason Ingram, Scott Ligertwood*

### **Message**

#### **It's a Wonderful Life: [Hope In It](#)**

*(The candles of hope and peace are lit at close of drama.)*

## Prayer of the Church

### 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 and ever. Amen.

### Holy Communion

† Words of Institution and Receiving of Elements

† Prayer of Thanksgiving

### Closing Blessing

Leader: Go with hope, and with hearts prepared for the One who came down from heaven to rescue us, and who will lead us through all of this life into eternal life with Him; and the blessing of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit go with you. Amen.

### Closing Song

“Soon and Very Soon”

*Andrae Crouch*

### Announcements

### Postservice Music

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## *Upcoming Advent & Christmas Events and Services*

- **Sun. Dec. 6 @ 11:30 am** Voter's meeting in-person and online
- **Fri. Dec. 11, 6:00-8:00 pm** Live Nativity and Petting Zoo
- **Sun. Dec. 20, 10:00am only** - Service of Lessons & Carols
- **Wed. Dec. 23, Christmas Eve-Eve Service with Holy Communion:**  
Candlelight Service @ 6:00 (*Outdoor – Fountain Courtyard*)
- **Thurs. Dec. 24, Christmas Eve Services with Holy Communion:**  
Candlelight Services @ 2:00, 4:00, 6:00 (*In Sanctuary*)
- **Sun. Dec. 29 10:00 am** “One Voice” Worship with Holy Communion

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Sundays: 9:00 am Traditional Worship  
10:30 am Contemporary Worship



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