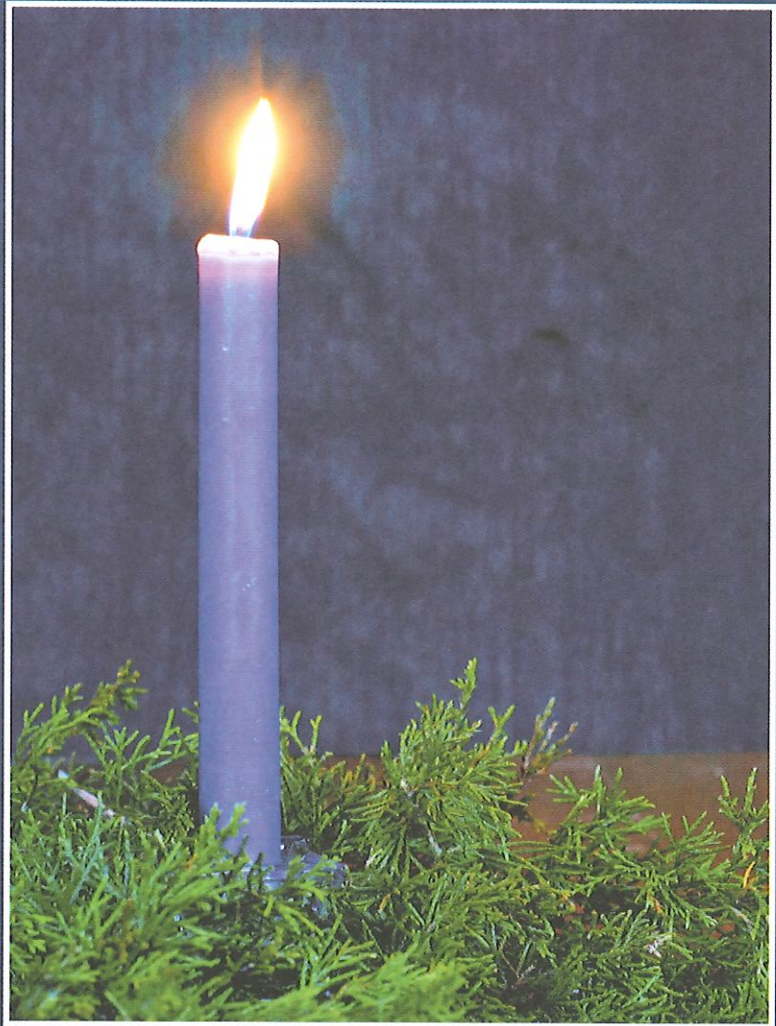


HOPE



*I will cause a righteous Branch
to spring up for David*

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

November 28, 2021

We welcome all who are visiting with us today.

It is good to have you in worship with us. Please introduce yourself to
Pastor Phil this morning and let us know if there is any way
we might be of service to you or your family.

Silent Reflection:

“What you do with your attention is, in the end, what you do with your life.”
- John Green

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELLS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: The days are surely coming, says our God,
When justice and righteousness will appear.

**ALL: God’s promises will be made known to us,
And we will declare God’s goodness and salvation.**

ONE: Lift up your souls in trust and praise;
Open your hearts and minds to God’s teaching.

**ALL: God’s ways will be demonstrated to us,
And we will seek to walk in them all our days.**

ONE: Render thanksgiving to God for all life’s benefits.
Watch and pray, in holiness and abiding faith.

**ALL: God’s mercy and steadfast love will surround us,
And we will abound in love for one another.**

*HYMN

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

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LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE - HOPE

Andy Schreiber

Advent Song

*Light the Advent candle, one: Now the waiting has begun;
We have started on our way, time to think of Christmas day.
Candle, candle, burning bright, shining in the cold winter night;
Candle, candle, burning bright, fill our hearts with Christmas light.*

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

God of promises and possibilities, we admit that we color the world according to our own limited vision. We are often unjust in our judgments and faithless in our relationships. We are haunted by sins we have not confessed. Hear us as we entrust them to your forgiving care. Help us to let go of our transgressions, to renew our covenant with you, and to live constructively with one another. In the spirit of Jesus Christ, whose coming among us we await with great expectation. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

GLORIA PATRI

A TIME FOR THE CHILD IN ALL OF US

Prayer for the children (*unison*): We send blessings upon our children for all God's love, all Christ's friendship and all the caring of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Song Response

Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
Send us love, send us power, send us grace.

SCRIPTURES:

Jeremiah 33: 14-16

1 Thessalonians 3: 9-13

Luke 21: 25-36

HYMN

Because He Lives

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SERMON

HYMN

Blessed Be the God of Israel

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INVITATION TO OFFERING

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GIVE THANKS:

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One, Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son. And now let the weak say "I am strong," Let the poor say "I am rich," because of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*unison*)

Thank you, God, for this family of faith, which enriches our lives and enables us to share. Thank you for making us aware that some faint with fear and others dwell in hopelessness. We are grateful that you show us ways to lift the burdens of our sisters and brothers. May our offerings further this ministry among us and beyond our community. Amen.

PRAYERS OF OUR CHURCH/SILENT PRAYERS/LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in his wonderful face; and the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of his glory and grace.

* HYMN

Let There Be Peace on Earth

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

SERVING YOU TODAY

Council Person
Accompanist

Beth Hanser
Melissa Taylor

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

St. John's: Ella Boggy

St. Jacob: Peggy Bohnenstiehl, Ross Busher, Carol Casperson, Gail Miller, Ronald Rujawitz, and Carol Zweck

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

Loretta Tague, December 3

CHURCH ATTENDANCE Sunday, November 21, 2021

St. John's – 19

St. Jacob – 36

CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

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Each week the churches of the Illinois South Conference are asked to pray for congregations and their pastors and other ministries of the UCC. This week we are asked to pray for:

Churches & Pastors

-Belleville Christ UCC, Pastor Jon (Lisa) Tinge

-Belleville Concordia UCC, Rev. Joan (John) Mier

Retired Pastors

- Rev. Ivan and Vivian Horn, Waterloo, IL



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CALENDAR/ANNOUNCEMENTS

December 18: Breakfast with Santa, 8-10 a.m., donations accepted.

December 24: Christmas Eve services 4 p.m. and 10 p.m., St. Jacob

December 24: Christmas Eve service 7 p.m., St. John's

ST. JACOB CHURCH COUNCIL NEEDS TWO NEW MEMBERS

Two members of the St. Jacob Church Council will have their terms expire as of Dec. 31. Please consider volunteering to serve on the church council. For more information call the office at 618-644-2142.

GIFTS FOR HOYLETON DUE TODAY

For anyone participating in Hoyleton's Christmas gift program, the wrapped gifts need to be brought to the church by today for delivery to Hoyleton. A big THANK YOU, to all of you participating in this very worthwhile program!

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING CHICKEN DINNER

Funds raised for our chicken dinner fundraiser held Oct. 3, totaled \$560. Thank you to everyone who supported this event, especially the volunteers who worked the event, the generous people who donated the tasty desserts, and of course everyone who came out and enjoyed a great meal.

FINANCIALS

For congregation members interested in the current St. Jacob financial reports, there are printed copies available for you to pick up on the table in the Narthx.



SNOW SHOVELING

Winter weather will be here before you know it. Please volunteer to shovel the church sidewalks. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the Narthx. Thank you!

NOVEMBER 28, 2021

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FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

FIRST LESSON. Jeremiah 33:14-16

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

SECOND LESSON. 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

GOSPEL. Luke 21:25-36

"There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. "Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

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