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3 CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SERVICES—3:00, 5:00, 7:00 PM

Join us on Friday, December 24 for a beautiful, festive service led by the SBPC worship team and chancel choir. We've added another service, so there are now 3 services, 3:00 and 5:00 pm in the sanctuary and on the outside patio, and 7:00 pm in the sanctuary. All services will be livestreamed. Come for this joyous time of welcoming the Christ child, Immanuel, God with us!

ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS MARKET (ACM)

If you did not get a chance to shop at the Alternative Christmas Market last Sunday, you can shop at the ACM Mini-Market Sundays, before or after worship through December 19. And you can always shop anytime online! So check out all the great gifts that impact real lives in our community and around the world!

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IMMANUEL: GOD WITH US
WEEK 3: PEACE

IMMANUEL

GOD WITH US

Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel. **Isaiah 7:14**

At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, where she entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. In a loud voice she exclaimed: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear! But why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her!"

And Mary said:

"My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant. From now on all generations will call me blessed, for the Mighty One has done great things for me—holy is his name. His mercy extends to those who fear him, from generation to generation. He has performed mighty deeds with his arm; he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts. He has brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the humble. He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, remembering to be merciful to Abraham and his descendants forever, just as he promised our ancestors." Mary stayed with Elizabeth for about three months and then returned home. **Luke 1:39-55**

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A GROWING COMMUNITY OF FULLY
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SUNDAY SERVICE // 10:00AM

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Jesus (God with us) gives us peace as...

1. An act of faith and obedience

Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her!

There is nothing we should reckon odd in her seeking to confirm her faith by going to see the miracle which the angel had effectively brought to her notice. The faithful may be satisfied with the unadorned Word of God, and yet neglect none of his works which they realize provide support for their faith. —**John Calvin**

2. An experience of God's greatness and goodness.

...the Mighty One has done great things... mercy extends to those who fear him

The greatness of God rouses fear within us, but His goodness encourages us not to be afraid of Him. To fear and not be afraid—that is the paradox of faith. —**A. W. Tozer**

3. A blessing to share.

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Restore us, O God; make your face shine on us, that we may be saved. **Psalm 80:3**

ADVENT ART IN SANCTUARY

The art in our sanctuary this Advent season was chosen to honor and express gratitude for the rich tradition of creative and worshipful artists in our church. The paper angel banners that hang on the chancel proclaim the birth of the Newborn King and were designed and expertly crafted in the 1990s by a team from our congregation, led by Sheryl Durkin, Nancy Stansbury and Matilda McLaughlin. The delicate banners hung on the chancel for years during Advent, were often displayed for weddings, and have been lovingly preserved by our facilities team. The gold stars were handcrafted by Matilda McLaughlin and our facilities team member Kenny Nunnery, and hang over the cross every year during Advent, reminding us that Jesus came to be the Light of the World. The paintings in our lobby were created in our worship services many years ago by former members Kathy Harvey and Joan Drachman. We give thanks to God for the gifts he freely gives and to our church community for the willingness to share those gifts to the glory of God.