

SOUTH HILLS CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Worship

Room in the Inn

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First Sunday of Advent

PRELUDE

Emily Laney

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dottie Cook

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Payton Stamps and Margie Lawrence

*"Silent night! Holy night! All is calm, all is bright 'round yon virgin mother and child!
Holy infant, so tender and mild, sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace."*

MEANING OF THE CANDLE

People: This candle of hope shines light into our fears. We long for God to dramatically change the world for good. At the same time, we long for the embrace of a gentle, loving Savior. O Strength beyond resistance, there are no limits to what you can do and the ways in which you come to us. We ask this day to bring peace and save our world. Amen.

*CAROL

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

CH 119

RESPONSIVE READING

"Advent Antiphons"

CH 120

TIME OF SILENCE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PASTORAL PRAYER

SUNG RESPONSE

CH 306

*"Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer,
O Lord, incline thine ear to us, and grant us thy peace. Amen"*

SCRIPTURE

Luke 21:25-36

New Testament p.85

HOMILY

"If not now, when?"

Rev. Dottie Cook

*COMMUNION HYMN “Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face” CH 416 v. 1, 2, 3

OFFERTORY STATEMENT Mason Wagner

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Prayers for the offerings and bread** and cup Nancy Rowe

“The Lord’s Prayer” (sung, CH 310)

All who believe in Jesus Christ are invited by Christ to share in the Lord’s Supper. You may bring your offering and place it in the plate as you come forward for communion. We will be taking communion by the method of intinction. When you come forward take a piece of bread, dip it in the cup and then partake. If you are unable to come forward, the deacons will bring the bread and cup to you.

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

O God of Advent and Lent, it seems strange to speak of the end of Jesus’ human life in the midst of anticipating its beginning. Yes, here we are, sharing the basic elements of bread and cup surrounded by the truth of your gifts to us. May your forgiveness of us change our lives for the better. May your reconciling power mend all brokenness. May our gratitude for your continual love of us teach us to love each other. We pray in the name of Jesus, Child of Bethlehem and Resurrected One. Amen.

*CAROL “Creator of the Stars of Night” CH 127

BLESSING

**“May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you, wherever He may send you.
May He guide you through the wilderness, protect you through the storm.
May He bring you home rejoicing at the wonders he has shown you.
May He bring you home rejoicing once again into our doors. Amen.”**

POSTLUDE Emily Laney

*Please stand as you are able.

**Gluten-free bread is available.

Words in bold are said by the congregation.

CH abbreviation means Chalice Hymnal.

URWB abbreviation means Upper Room Worship Book

To welcome new members, CH 341.

Restroom facilities and Nursery Care for infants & preschoolers (Rm.4) are across the portico in the education building.

ADVENT WEEK ONE:

Room in the Inn Today

Taking its name from the story of Joseph and Mary seeking shelter when Jesus was about to be born, Room In the Inn is a cooperative ministry that provides food and a safe place for unsheltered/homeless persons in our community. SHCC is among nearly 20 congregations in Fort Worth that provide this ministry of hospitality one night a week, five months a year (July, August, December, January and February). We host 5 male guests on Wednesday nights. Together we share table fellowship, good conversation and a quiet safe place to rest.

If you are interested in learning more about this ministry and finding ways you can become involved, visit our website, [www.shccfw.org/Room In the Inn](http://www.shccfw.org/Room%20In%20the%20Inn) or contact the church office 817.926.5281

“...there will be signs. . . and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the seas and the waves. People will faith from fear and wonder what is coming upon the world... Then they will see the Son of Man coming with power and great glory.”

Mary and Joseph are tossed about in the beginning of this Christmas story. It is difficult for them to find any sort of welcome. Their challenges are great: a child born prior to marriage and a command to travel ‘home’ where there is no place for them. The irony is while they can find no welcome, their unborn child will forever shape our understanding of hospitality.

We too are tossed about in our travels and long for a place of certainty and rest in God’s presence. We wonder when and how it will come.

PRAYERS

Becky Oxendall, Kevin and Laurie Stillwell’s neice, complications during pregnancy

THIS WEEK’S CALENDAR

Congregational Meeting: Sunday, December 2nd, 9:15am

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Staff Meeting: Monday, December 3rd, 1:30pm

Disciples Women Ministry Circles: Tuesday, December 4th, 10am

Room in the Inn: Wednesday, December 5th, 5pm

Choir Rehearsal: Thursday, December 6th, 7pm

Refugee Services of Texas Style Show: Saturday, December 8th, 12pm

All Church Brunch: Sunday, December 9th, 9:30am

Elders Meeting: Sunday, December 9th, 11:30am

Meal Coordinator for December:
Sharon Beaucond

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