

SERMON SERIES
“ADVENT IN PLAIN SIGHT”

In this season of hope and anticipation as we eagerly await Christ’s birth and Christ’s return, God is still at work in and through the ordinary stuff of life.

Continuing through Sunday, January 9, we are journeying through a sermon series titled “Advent in Plain Sight.” Roughly based on a devotional written by Jill Duffield, we will connect everyday objects with biblical texts and find holy meaning and holy moments. We hope this Advent and Christmas season will be an extraordinary one that allows us all to see God in and through ordinary things.

JOIN US THIS LENT FOR KAIROS WORSHIP SERVICES AND REFLECTIONS

MARCH 2, 7:30-9:30 A.M.

“Ashes and Prayer To-Go,” Parking Lot

MARCH 2, 6:00 P.M.

Ash Wednesday Worship, Kirk Hall

MARCH 9-APRIL 6

Kairos Reflections via YouTube
and Facebook

APRIL 14, 6:00 P.M.

Maundy Thursday Worship, Kirk Hall

*For more info, see the January 2022
edition of the Second Sheet.*

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Christmas Eve Noon Service

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The Rev. Benjamin S. Brannan, Associate Pastor for Youth and Young Adults

Christmas Eve Worship Service

DECEMBER 24, 2021 · 12:00 P.M. · SANCTUARY

Gathering Music *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly* (Polish) Weldon Whipple

Welcome

Prelude *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* (French) arr., James Pethel

*Call to Worship and Candle Lighting (based on Luke 2) Darin, Christal, and Lila Pearson

Soon the Light will shine in the darkness,

Soon the baby will be born.

Soon God will once again break into our lives,

Coming in a way that is expected yet unusual.

God of Birth, God of Light,

Reawaken us to your Holy Gift.

As we hear again the story of old,

Remind us of the promise it holds.

With hope, peace, joy, and love, we light the Christ candle, for Christ is here!

*Hymn No. 146 *Gentle Mary Laid Her Child*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we often miss your presence in the ordinary stuff of life. We say a towel is only a towel, but we forget the extraordinary moments of a simple cloth: wiping tears from someone's cheek; binding the wounds of a patient; washing hands clean before a meal; patting the sweat off a dear friend's face; Mary wrapping a cloth around our Lord Jesus Christ on the night of his birth. Open our eyes to see the extraordinary moments of ordinary cloth so we, too, may be wrapped in God's love and cradled in God's grace.

We seek holy forgiveness in silence.

Assurance of Pardon

Prayer for Illumination

The Sacrament of Infant Baptism - Nora Evelyn Bond

Presiding Elder: Broaddus Fitzpatrick

*Hymn of Preparation No. 145 *What Child is This* (v. 1)

*Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed

Glory to God, p. 35

Scripture

Luke 2:1-20

New Testament p. 828

Sermon

The Child in Plain Sight
Part V of the sermon series "Advent in Plain Sight"

Dr. George C. Anderson

The Manger Offering

We dedicate our 13th annual Manger Offering today to benefit Family Promise of Greater Roanoke, which serves those who temporarily find no room at the inn. Family Promise helps families struggling to overcome homelessness by providing them temporary housing and skills development.

Offertory

Silent Night, Holy Night (German)

Dale Wood

Prayer of Dedication

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

*Hymn of Preparation No. 110 *Love Has Come* (v. 1)

*Hymn No. 134

Joy to the World

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Wonder Tidings (English)

Norberto Guinaldo

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

***All communion elements are gluten free.*

We welcome Dr. George C. Anderson, Senior Pastor, to the pulpit today.

Liturgist: The Rev. Benjamin S. Brannan, Associate Pastor for Youth and Young Adults.

Organist: Marianne Sandborg.

Ushers: Pat Houghton (Head Usher), CW Houghton, Angie and Jim Pittendrigh.

Live Stream Technicians: Andrea Boone, Doug Settles.

Baptism: Jayne Lewis Bond and Dustin Aldridge Bond bring their daughter, Nora Evelyn Bond for the Sacrament of Infant Baptism. The presiding elder for the baptism is Broaddus Fitzpatrick.

Copies of the 2021 Poinsettia Memorials and Celebrations list may be requested from an usher or found at the front desk. The red poinsettias will remain in the sanctuary for the worship service this Sunday, December 26 at 11:00 a.m.

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