

Prayer of Consecration

*(All believing Christians are invited to share in the Lord's Supper, regardless of church affiliation.)*

Communion Music

One: The bread which we break is our communion in the Body of Christ.

**All: The cup of blessing for which we give thanks is our Communion  
in the blood of Christ. Amen.**

Benediction

Postlude

***French Carol***

Marc-Antoine Charpentier

Dee Dee Gain, organ



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(Disciples of Christ)

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***Sunday, December 13, 2020***



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**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**Third Sunday of Advent**  
*Sharing Christ. Changing Lives. Delivering Hope*

**GATHERING**

Prelude **Noël** Louis-Claude Daquin  
Dee Dee Gain, organ

Introit

Opening Music **Hail to the Lord's Anointed (vs. 1, 2)** No. 140

\*Responsive Reading

Leader: Arise, shine; for your light has come;

**People: The glory of the Lord has risen upon you!**

Leader: Darkness shall cover the earth, and the peoples;

**People: The glory of the Lord has risen upon you!**

Leader: Nations will come to the light;

**People: The glory of the Lord has risen upon you!**

Leader: Kings will come to the brightness of the dawn.

**People: The glory of the Lord has risen upon you!**

\*Invocation

\*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 debts as we forgive our debtors.**

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever,**

**Amen.**

\*Gloria Patri No. 35

Advent Wreath Liturgy

**O Come, O Come Emmanuel (vs. 3)** No. 119

Children's Message

**PRAYER**

Prayer Hymn **O Come, O Come Immanuel** Natalie Sleeth  
Women's Ensemble

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer Response

**PROCLAMATION**

Offertory Invitation

Special Music **The Morning Trumpet**  
arr. Michael Richardson  
Men's Ensemble

Scripture Reading Isaiah 60:1-3; John 1:6-8, 19-23

One: The Word of God for the People of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon **The Light Will Find You**

**RESPONSE**

Invitation to Discipleship

Communion Music

**Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn (vs. 1, 3)** No. 138  
*(In Christ's name we welcome all persons into membership into the church by confession of faith and baptism or by transfer of membership. Please step to the front pew during the singing of this Hymn of Communion.)*

Meditation Judy Ford/Charlotte Ballance

Words of Institution

## Questions for Reflection

*John the Baptist's role was to **alert** people to the coming of Christ and to help them **align** to Christ when he came. Who in your life has encouraged you in a similar way; by alerting you to, and aligning you with, God's presence?*

*Read John 1:19-23. Why do you think there was so much confusion about who John the Baptist was?*

*John the Baptist exhibits several compelling characteristics:*

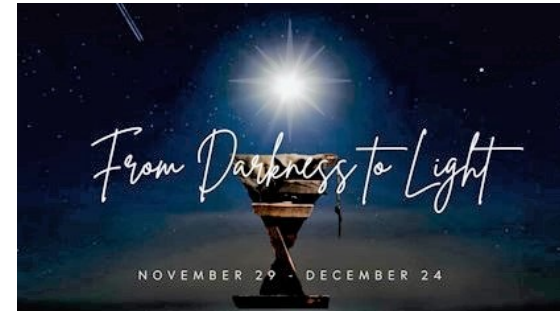
- *Honesty (he knows himself – who he is and who is not)*
- *Humility (he repeatedly points to Jesus and says "I am not the one.")*
- *Consistent (he is consistent to his calling)*

*Which of these would you like to emulate more in your own life? (or is there another one?)*

*Who is someone you could encourage in their faith walk (as John the Baptist came to encourage us)?*

*What is one thing you can do this week that would be in keeping with the person God intends you to be?*

**Notes:**



### Isaiah 60:1-3 (NRSV)

<sup>1</sup> Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

<sup>2</sup> For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you.

<sup>3</sup> Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

### John 1:6-8, 19-23 NRSV

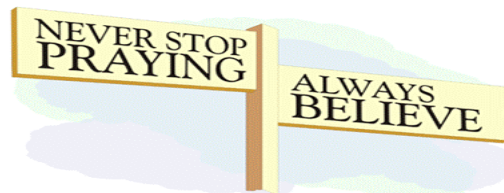
<sup>6</sup> There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup> He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup> He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

<sup>19</sup> This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" <sup>20</sup> He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah."<sup>[a]</sup> <sup>21</sup> And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." <sup>22</sup> Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" <sup>23</sup> He said,

"I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,'"

as the prophet Isaiah said.

# Prayer List



## Members

Howard Cravens  
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Shirlee Johnson (Hickory Pt Christian Village)  
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## We Pray for Those in the Military:

Rob Aikman, Bobbie Backes, Noah Burkham,  
Phillip Johnston, Jeremiah & Rachel Singletary,  
Brandon Trail, Trysten Hall, Lucas Ward,  
Katy Taylor, Mitchell Lucas

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## Friends & Family

Misty Mochel (friend of Marci Baumann)  
Gary & Diane Lockwood (Friends of Nancy Ellen Taylor)  
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Bryanna Shaw (Friend of Maria Jacobs)  
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Brook Stewart (Parents friend of Jim & Pamela Bednar)  
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Keith Bess (friend of Gregg & Linda Foltz)  
Anne Hostetler (friend of many CCC members)  
Jeff Pritts (son of Eleanor Pritts)  
Michael Moran (son in law of Larry & Marla Winkleblack)  
Catherine Bower (friend of Jerry Bean)  
Carter Goodman (nephew of Greg & Gale Barnes)  
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Carrol Virt (father of Diana Ritter)  
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Paul Barnes (father of Greg Barnes)  
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