



Kenilworth Union Church
Service of Worship
December 5, 2021
Second Sunday of Advent
8:30 a.m. Outdoor Worship
10 a.m. Sanctuary Worship
CONNECT TO WORSHIP at 10 a.m.

Prelude	<i>Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring</i>	J.S. Bach	8:30 a.m.
	<i>Prelude on 'Greensleeves'</i>	R. Purvis	10 a.m.

Lighting the Advent Candles

The Candle of Peace

Lector: Keep watch for the inbreaking of God's love,

People: A child born where there was no room, wrapped in bands of cloth, and laid in a manger.

Lector: Light candles of hope, peace, joy, and love, remembering the promises of God.

People: We light this candle of peace.

Lector: Come, let us live in peace-filled expectation. Let us pray:

All: Holy God, Prince of Peace, in an often uncertain and sometimes violent world, your tender mercy touches us daily, reminding us that there is another way. Let the way of peace, spoken by the prophets and forged by generations before us who sought your kingdom, be our way. Guide our feet as the light from the dawn unfolds, illuminating the path of peace. Amen.

***Opening Hymn**

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

st. 1-3

1 Come, thou long - ex - spect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;
 2 Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art;
 3 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and yet a king,
 4 By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone;

from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.
 dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
 born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.
 by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

Ministry of Music*O Come, O Come Immanuel*

Natalie Sleeth

8:30 a.m.

O come, O come Immanuel,
 Come now to earth and with thy people dwell,
 The world awaits from heav'n a holy sign,
 O come and show to us the light divine.

O come, O come Immanuel,
 As age to age the prophets did foretell;
 Redeemer come to save us one and all,
 Be born again in Bethl'hem's manger stall.

For thy coming we prepare,
 Wisdom from on high,
 Gracious spirit, Lord most fair:
 Now to us draw nigh.

O come, O come Immanuel,
 And free thy children, Israel,
 Be now our hope, our comfort from above,
 And bless us all with everlasting love.
 O bless us all with everlasting love.

Ministry of Music*Light One Candle*

Natalie Sleeth, arr. Heather Sorenson

10 a.m.

Light one candle for hope, one bright candle for hope.
 He brings hope to ev'ry heart. He comes. He comes.

Light one candle for peace, one bright candle for peace.
 He brings peace to ev'ry heart. He comes. He comes.

Light one candle for joy, one bright candle for joy.
 Ev'ry nation will find salvation in Bethlehem's baby boy!

Light one candle for love, one bright candle for love.
 He brings love to ev'ry heart. He comes. He comes.

Prayers of the People

Thanksgivings and Intercessions

The 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 trespasses,****As we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation,****But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory,
 forever. Amen.****Welcome and Announcements****Tithes and Offerings**

Prayer of Dedication

10 a.m.

Ministry of Music*O Come, O Come Immanuel*

Natalie Sleeth

10 a.m. (see above)

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture and Sermon

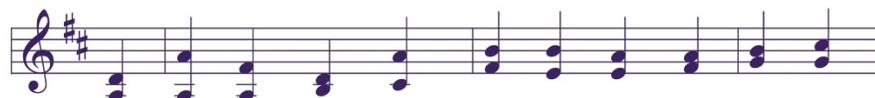
Certain Semi-Sacred Symbols of the Season

11/28	Isaiah 41:17-20	<i>Evergreen</i>
12/5	John 1:1-5, 14; Matthew 5:13-14	<i>Candles</i>
12/12	Psalm 23:1-4; John 10:11-18	<i>Candy Canes</i>
12/19	Job 38, Selected Verses	<i>Snow</i>
12/24	Isaiah 11:1-9	<i>London</i>
12/26	Luke 2:1-4; Matthew 2:13-15	<i>Donkey</i>
1/2	Matthew 2:1-12	<i>Gifts</i>

Closing Hymn

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright

10 a.m.



1 O Morn - ing Star, how fair and bright! You shine with
 2 Lord, when you look on us in love, at once there
 3 What joy to know, when life is past, the Lord we



God's own truth and light, a - glow with grace and mer - cy!
 falls from God a - bove a ray of pur - est plea - sure.
 love is first and last, the end and the be - gin - ning!



Of Ja - cob's line, King Da - vid's son, our Lord and Sav - ior,
 Your word and Spir - it, flesh and blood re - fresh our souls with
 He will one day, O glo - rious grace, trans - port us to that



you have won our hearts to serve you on - ly! Low - ly,
 heaven - ly food. You are our dear - est trea - sure! Let your
 hap - py place be - yond all tears and sin - ning! A - men!



ho - ly! Great and glo - rious, all vic - to - rious, rich in
 mer - cy warm and cheer us! O draw near us! For you
 A - men! Come, Lord Je - sus! Crown of glad - ness! We are



bles - sing! Rule and might o'er all pos - sess - ing!
 teach us God's own love through you has reached us.
 yearn - ing for the day of your re - turn - ing.

***Benediction**

Please be seated for the Postlude.

Postlude	<i>O Come, O Come, Emmanuel</i>	L. Larson	8:30 a.m.
	<i>Pat-a-pan</i>	French Carol Tune, arr. Lisa Bond	10 a.m.

Please stand as you are able

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PARTICIPANTS:

Ryan Belongie, Assistant Director of Rejoice and Bell Choirs 10 a.m.
Alyssa Bennett, Assistant Director of Choirs

Lisa Bond , Minister of Music, Pianist	
Chancel Choir	
Don Dale , Guitarist	10 a.m.
Julia Dale , Soloist	10 a.m.
William Evertsberg , Senior Minister, Preacher	
Barbara Falk , Pianist	10 a.m.
Christine Hides , Associate Minister for Discipleship, Liturgist	10 a.m.
Lilly Hunsader , Audio/Multi-media	
Joel Fox , Audio and Video	10 a.m.
Eun Joo Ju , Keyboardist and Organist	
Junior Bell Choir	10 a.m.
Kevin Kemp , Audio and Video	10 a.m.
Katie Snipes Lancaster , Senior Associate Minister, Liturgist	8:30 a.m.
Lisa Metzger-Mugg and family , Advent Candle Lighters	10 a.m.
Blake O'Donnell , Soloist	10 a.m.
Rejoice Singers and Ringers	10 a.m.
Justin Rothman , Audio and Video	10 a.m.
Section Leader Ensemble	10 a.m.
Eric Tran-Ton , Audio and Video	10 a.m.
Youth Percussion Ensemble	10 a.m.

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FRONT DESK

GREETER

Kristen Whisner

USHERS

8:30 a.m.

Jim Fritz

USHERS

10 a.m.

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WORSHIP NOTES

Philipp Nicolai (1556–1608), a Lutheran pastor in Unna, Westphalia, wrote *O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright* to honor his friend and student Wilhelm Ernst, who was just one of 1,300 victims of the 1597–1598 plague epidemic in this small village alone. The Reverend Nicolai's parsonage overlooked the church graveyard, where he could see about 30 burials a day. Naturally, his thoughts turned to the life of the world to come. I chose this hymn because the theme of the worship service this morning is *Light*, but perhaps it's doubly apt as we linger in our own deadly epidemic, milder to be sure, but a darkness nonetheless.

The Reverend Nicolai also wrote the tune WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET DER MORGENSTERN, the German title of the hymn. Hymnologist Carl Daw, Jr., calls this hymn "The Queen of Chorales" ("The King of Chorales" is *Wachet Auf—Sleepers, Wake!*) Each stanza of the text is in the shape of a chalice when it is centered in both German and English.

What joy to know, when life is past,
The Lord we love is first and last,
The end and the beginning!
He will one day, O glorious grace,
Transport us to that happy place
Beyond all tears and sinning!
Amen!
Amen!
Come, Lord Jesus!
Crown of gladness!
We are yearning
For the day of your returning.

FLOWERS

"Wishing you peace, love, and joy during this season of hope. The O'Neill family."

MILESTONES

We extend the sympathy of the congregation to the family of Ellie Nadherny upon her death on November 17. The white rose on the altar celebrates her life.

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[Click here for Plate Offering](#)
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NEWS AND ANOUNCEMENTS

Advent and Christmas Music Ministry Favorites: Praise God from whom all blessings flow! This year's Advent and Christmas worship will be in person, with fully vaccinated singers. Thank you God, we do not have to sing into cameras anymore. Not only was that an arduous technical process to edit virtual choir videos, it also left us without the joy of being together to share God's love. And while we are not quite ready for a full Lessons and Carols service with young children, we will be offering some Kenilworth Union Church Music Ministry favorites to help fill that place in our hearts.

- Sunday, December 12, 10 a.m. Worship Service—Chancel Choir and Chamber String Orchestra
- Sunday, December 19, 10 a.m. Worship Service—KUC Youth Choir, Chancel Choir, and Adult Bell Choir will be singing and ringing *Night of Silence* and other Carols.

Ushers Needed: After nearly 20 months in the pandemic, in-person attendance is trending higher, and it's time to rebuild the usher corps. As an usher you are one of the first official representatives that people meet upon arriving at Church. If you feel a calling to volunteer or have questions about the position please email [Jim Fritz](#) or call him using the number found in your directory.

Day by Day Calendar Sales: A cherished tradition at Kenilworth Union since 1979, our desktop flip calendars contain 365 days of spiritual, humorous, and inspirational quotes. The calendars make great gifts and are available after 10 a.m. Worship during Fellowship December 5, 12, and 19. Please make checks payable to Kenilworth Union Church. All proceeds from the calendars' sale benefit our Outreach Agencies.

Nativity as Prayer: A Christmas Devotional: Rev. Dr. Katie Lancaster new devotional begins tomorrow. If your new to devotionals and would like a Monday through Friday morning devotional from Katie [please register here](#).

Birthday Cards for Dr. Bowen: To honor our minister emeritus's 90th birthday on December 30, please bring a card to the front desk by Sunday, December 19 that we can deliver, or send one directly to him at his address listed in the directory. Contact [Marie-Pierre LeBris](#) with questions.

Journey to Bethlehem Live Nativity: Today Kenilworth Union Church will host a walk-through live nativity from 4–6 p.m. Please reserve your time slot. Your donation, made at registration, supports this exciting and safe retelling of the birth of the Christ child.

Outreach Liaisons Needed: We are still in need of a couple more volunteers to serve as liaisons to two of our Outreach agencies. Being an agency liaison is not a big time commitment, but it is critical to our process of awarding grants to these agencies. Agencies still needing a liaison are: The Cradle and SamaraCare Counseling. For more information, please contact [Mike Revord](#).

IMPACT—Spirit of Christmas Party—An Evening of Service: Sunday, December 12 from 4–7 p.m. All high school youth are invited to join us in the Culbertson room for festivities with music, a hot chocolate bar, and volunteer projects making Christmas gifts for Crushers Club, St Leonard's House, and Waterford Nursing Home. Please register. Donations requested.

[Link to Advent and Christmas Calendar](#)

STEWARDSHIP

Your Pledge can take us to the finish! The **All of Me, All of Us** Stewardship Campaign is only \$332,895 shy of the \$2.2M goal. **It's important we meet our goal to maintain the ministries and programs planned for the year,** from the new children's choir to the ongoing Adult Ed classes and stalwart Stephen Ministry group. These elements of Kenilworth Union exist only because **All of Us** commit to supporting the church financially. We would like to extend a special thanks to the 153 families that increased their pledges this year. Thank you for your vital contributions! If you have not yet pledged, or if you have already pledged but would like to increase your commitment to help close the gap, please complete the online form at kuc.org/give/stewardship or contact Business Manager [John Sharp](#).

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Care Guild: Team Members and Leaders are still needed in the months of March, May, July, and August, and May needs a team lead. Please contact [Katie Nahrwold](#) or [Marie-Pierre LeBris](#) to volunteer or for more information.

RACIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

The national conversation on race can feel overwhelming and divisive, but the upcoming **Sacred Ground Dialogue Series** aims to create a more personal, respectful space to respond to race challenges. Join Holy Comforter and Kenilworth Union Church in this five-part faith-based series from January–May 2022. We will meet once a month for conversations in small groups either in person or online. [For more information and to register, click here.](#)

OUTREACH

Family to Family Delivery Truck: Thanks to the generosity of Kenilworth Union Church families, 85 Christopher House families have been sponsored this Christmas! Please drop off labeled and bagged gifts with Jessica LeFebvre and Liz Dischner in front of the church this Saturday, December 11 between 9–11 a.m.

Lawrence Hall Holiday “Wish List” Drive: This year in partnership with A Joyful Noise Preschool, our community fulfilled 94 Wish Lists. A special thank you to all who supported this initiative to make some Christmas wishes come true!

Holiday Gift Fund: Contributions will go to one of our benevolence agencies to help as they make Christmas brighter for the individuals and families they serve. Donate online here or mail your donation to 211 Kenilworth Avenue, Kenilworth, IL 60043 Attn: Holiday Gift Fund.

WORSHIP

Sunday Worship: 8:30 a.m. Outdoor Worship (in the Sanctuary during inclement weather) and 10 a.m. in person and livestream Worship in the Sanctuary.

Certain Semi-Sacred Symbols of the Season: Rev. Dr. Bill Evertsberg introduces a new sermon series. Many of the Symbols of the Season become precious and sacred for us because they’re central to the Biblical Nativity Narratives—a manger, a creche, shepherds, angels, and kings from the east.

Mid-Day Prayer: Each week a new liturgy is offered in the Sanctuary at 12:15 p.m. We meet for 15 minutes to read scriptures and hear a brief reflection. On Tuesday, December 7 we will pray for the following Kenilworth Union families: Andrew and Tonje Snow, John Snyder and Mignon Dupepe, Scott and Laura Snyder, Pete Bott and Sigrid Sola-Bott, Tor and Jen Solberg, Marguerite-Tommy Solberg, Paul Sortal, Dave and Christie Southern, Chuck and Nancy Southwick, Tom and Martha Spalding, Jeff and Mary Ann Spencer, Diane Stalmack, J and Sallie Stanley, Jason Stavros, Charlie and Carolyn Stearns, Steve and Allison Steinbeck, Cal and Brooke Steinhoff, Bill and Gail Steinmetz, John and Julene Stallato, Helen Stephens.

Quiet Christmas: Gather in the Sanctuary on Tuesday, December 14 at 7:30 p.m. Come as you are, from work or in casual dress, and leave the busyness outside for a quieter Christmas Worship of readings, music, and lights that will shine in the darkness.

Blessing of the Animals: Sunday, December 26 in the Sanctuary at 10 a.m. only. It is that glorious time of year when all God’s creatures pause to celebrate the birth of the Christ Child. Four-legged friends and other well-behaved pets or stuffed animals with people are invited to this unique worship service and pets will receive an individual blessing for a full and happy life with their families. There will be no 8:30 a.m. worship and no childcare or Sunday School provided this day.

Livestream: Two ways to view worship from home and away! We now have options for ad-free viewing: please use the livestream link at kuc.org or the **WATCH** tab at the top of the page. The **Church YouTube Channel** is still also available with ads.

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY*

An Advent prayer for parents from the Reverend Christine Hides: *Holy God, in the chaos and the bustle of December bring your peace to our hearts and homes and to this world. Draw us close. Where there is loss and hurt, bring healing and Advent hope. Draw near to us, God, draw near. Slow our pace this Advent that we might find true joy in your love born anew on Christmas Day. Amen.*

Sunday School Winter Break: December 19, 26, and January 2, no Sunday School.

Advent Sunday School December 12: Normal Drop-off Sunday school for children in preschool–sixth grade. 9:45–10:45 a.m. Check in at Schmidt Chapel. We’ll be “Preparing the Way” for Jesus using our devotional booklets by the same name.

Family Nativity Worship on Christmas Eve: Join us in the Sanctuary at 11 a.m. for this interactive retelling of the Christmas story. Worship will be in person and livestream.

*contact [Greta Connor](#) for more information on Children and Family Ministry

ADULT EDUCATION

The Christmas Story Unmashed—Advent Bible Read Along: All are welcome Wednesdays, December 8, 15, 22, 9:15 a.m. for the story of Jesus' birth we know by heart is often a "mashup" of the gospels of Luke and Matthew. During Advent we will "unmash" the narrative by reading the beginning of one of the four gospels each week. No preparation is required as we will read together and then discuss. Please let [Christine Hides](#) know you are interested.

FELLOWSHIP

We invite the Christmas Elves to take down decorations in the Culbertson Room Thursday, January 6 from 10 a.m. to noon. Drop in as you are able and stay for Mid-Day Prayer. Please contact [Sallie Smith](#) with your RSVP or any questions.

MUSIC MINISTRY

On the First Sunday of Advent the Chancel Choir sang Hal Hopson's "Advent Supplication, Creator of the Stars of Night". Eun Joo, pianist and Miya Higashiyama, soloist performed G.F. Handel's "Behold! A Virgin Shall Conceive and O Thou That Tellest Good Tidings to Zion" from *Messiah*. Thank you for the gift of music!

Bambino Choir: This bells and percussion group of Jr. Kindergartner and Kindergartners begin in January, and are part of Music Ministry and AJN Preschool, and will eventually feed into Cherub/Rejoice Choir. They meet on Tuesdays, 4:30 to 5:10 p.m. The director is [Lisa Bond](#).

YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Winter Break: No Youth programing from December 19–January 4.

Junior High Youth Group Christmas Party: Wednesday, December 15 from 6:30–8 p.m. in the Warwick Manse is our last meeting for 2021 and our Christmas party. Come wearing your Santa hat and bring a wrapped gift for our annual "Dirty Santa" Gift Exchange, max value \$10.

College Reunion Christmas Lunch: Returning and at-home college students are invited to catch up over lunch on Friday, December 17 from 1–2:30 p.m. at Napolita Pizzeria in Wilmette. Please RSVP to [Silvi Pirn](#).

IMPACT Hawai'i: Registration is open through Saturday, January 15. IMPACT program meetings begin Sunday, January 23.

Service & Leadership Certification Open to all youth grades 9–12: Apply and work toward certification year-round.

Celebration of Service Class: Grades 9–12 are invited to dig into Christian Service & Leadership in this two-class series that examines the chapter on "Service" in Richard Foster's "Celebration of Discipline". This class **series are on Sundays, noon–1 p.m. Class 1—December 5; Class 2—Dec 12. No registration required.**

Celebration of Submission Class: Grades 9–12 are invited to dig deeper into Christian Service & Leadership in this two-class series that examines the chapter on "Submission" in Richard Foster's "Celebration of Discipline". December classes at 11 a.m.–noon: Class 1—December 5; Class 2—December 12. There is no registration required.

We are a Stephen Ministry Congregation.

If you would like to learn more, please contact
Reverend Dr. Katie Lancaster or a Stephen Leader as listed in the Church Directory

Care Guild Leader for December is [Sallie Smith](#).
To let us know where help is needed, call the church at (847)251-4272

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Second Sunday of Advent

10 a.m. Junior Bell Choir, Cherub/Rejoice Singers and Ringers, and the Percussion Ensemble

December 5, 2021

Day by Day Sales begin in Culbertson Room at 10:45 a.m.

- Sun., Dec. 5
- 8:30 a.m. Outdoor Worship—Memorial Garden
 - 9:45 a.m. Sunday School—Schmidt Chapel Check-in (9:30 a.m.)
 - 9:45 a.m. Breakfast Club—Warwick Manse Check-in (9:30 a.m.)
 - 10 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary—In person and Livestream
 - 11 a.m. KUC Youth Choir Rehearsal—Transept/Sanctuary/Music Room
 - 11 a.m. Celebration of Submission Class 1—Library
 - noon Celebration of Service Class 1—Library
 - 4 p.m. Journey to Bethlehem—Church Grounds
- Mon., Dec. 6
- Tues., Dec. 7
- 9:30 a.m. Mah Jongg—Warwick Manse
 - 12:15 p.m. Mid-Day Prayer—Livestream and Sanctuary
 - 7 p.m. Hybrid Stephen Ministry Christmas Party—Culbertson Room
- Wed., Dec. 8
- 9:15 a.m. Hybrid Christmas Story Unmashed—Centennial Room and Online
 - 10 a.m. Hybrid Men's Coffee—Library/Online
 - 4 p.m. Faith234—Warwick Manse Front Yard
 - 4 p.m. Percussion Music Ensemble Choir—Classroom 3/Sanctuary
 - 4:45 p.m. Cherub and Rejoice Singers and Ringers Choir Rehearsal—
Classroom 3/Sanctuary
 - 5 p.m. Middle School Youth Group—Warwick Manse
 - 6 p.m. Junior Bell Choir—MusicRoom/Sanctuary
 - 6:30 p.m. Junior High Youth Group—Warwick Manse
 - 7 p.m. Adult Bell Choir—MusicRoom/Sanctuary
- Thur., Dec. 9
- 9:30 a.m. Women's Reading Group—Culbertson Room
 - 7 p.m. Exploring Grief Group—Online
 - 7 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal—Transept
- Fri., Dec. 10
- 12 p.m. Kenilworth Union Bridge—Culbertson Room
- Sat., Dec. 11
- 9 a.m. Family to Family Drop Off—Front of Church