

Worshiping the King of Heaven Come to Earth!

DECEMBER 3, 2017
10:30 AM

PRELUDE “Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme” (*Sleepers Wake, A Voice Is Calling*)

J. S. Bach

Dennis Bergin, organ

WELCOME

Reverend Russell St. John, Lead Pastor

ADVENT BELL TOLLING

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE - THE KING'S CANDLE

The Hannaford Family: Jim, Shelly, Anthony, Shiloh, Jude

Pastor: Today, we light the first candle of Advent – The King’s Candle
1 Samuel 8:4-7

All the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah and said to him, “Behold, you are old and your sons do not walk in your ways. Now appoint for us a king to judge us like all the nations.” But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, “Give us a king to judge us.” And Samuel prayed to the LORD. And the LORD said to Samuel, “Obey the voice of the people in all that they say to you, for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them.

Father: Acts 13:21-23

They asked for a king, and God gave them Saul the son of Kish, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, for forty years. And when he had removed him, he raised up David to be their king, of whom he testified and said, ‘I have found in David the son of Jesse a man after my heart, who will do all my will.’ Of this man’s offspring God has brought to Israel a Savior, Jesus, as he promised.

***WE REJOICE! WE REJOICE! No. 194** *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

***GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP** Psalm 2

Reverend Bill Myers

Pastor: Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain?.

People: The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together; against the LORD and against his Anointed, saying, "Let us burst their bonds apart and cast away their cords from us."

Pastor: He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord holds them in derision.

People: Then he will speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them in his fury, saying, "As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill." I will tell of the decree: The LORD said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you.

Pastor: Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession. You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."

People: Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned O rulers of the earth.

Pastor: Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling.

All: Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way, for his wrath is quickly kindled. Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

***WE SING ALLELUIA, LORD MOST HIGH! NO. 193** *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

***WE INVOKE HIS PRESENCE**

GOD EXPOSES OUR NEED John 8:34

Reverend Russell St. John, Lead Pastor

Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin."

WE CONFESS OUR SIN

CHRIST PROVIDES FOR OUR NEED John 8:35-36

"The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."

***WE SING TO THE LORD OF ALL! NO. 196** *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

Carrie Smith, piano

WE INVOKE HIS HELP Psalm 5:2

Elder Doug Loveall

Give attention to the sound of my cry, my King and my God, for to you do I pray.

GOD CALLS US TO STEWARDSHIP Hebrews 12:28

Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe.

WE GIVE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

WE PREPARE FOR GOD'S WORD! *Call to Advent*

Kyrstan Langer, soprano; Bryton Albright, tenor

O come, O come Emmanuel. And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lowly exile here until the Son of God appears.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, o Israel.

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly minded, for, with blessing in His hand,
Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.

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Children and Children's Church Teachers please come forward **AFTER** the Offertory
PreK & Kindergarten (Room 102 - downstairs) **1st -3rd grade** (Children's Chapel)

GOD PROCLAIMS HIS WORD Reverend Russell St. John, Lead Pastor

SERMON SERIES Advent

SCRIPTURE TEXT Luke 1:34-38; John 8:56-59 | page 855; 895

SERMON TITLE *Son of Man, Son of God*

GOD INVITES US TO HIS TABLE

1 Corinthians 11:23-29

I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself.

WE FEED ON CHRIST BY FAITH

BREAD *Comfort, Comfort Ye My People*

Comfort, comfort ye my people, speak ye peace, thus saith our God;
Comfort those who sit in darkness, mourning 'neath their sorrow's load.
Speak ye to Jerusalem of the peace that waits for them;
Tell her that her sins I cover, and her warfare now is over.

Yea, her sins our God will pardon, blotting out each dark misdeed;
All that well deserved his anger he no more will see or heed.
She hath suffered many a day now her griefs have passed away;
God will change her pining sadness into ever-springing gladness.

For the herald's voice is crying in the desert far and near,
Bidding all men to repentance, since the kingdom now is here.
O that warning cry obey! Now prepare for God a way;
Let the valleys rise to meet him, and the hills bow down to greet him.

Make ye straight what long was crooked, make the rougher places plain;
Let your hearts be true and humble, as befits his holy reign.
For the glory of the Lord now o'er earth is shed abroad;
And all flesh shall see the token, that his word is never broken.

CUP *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates!*

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates! Behold, the King of glory waits;
The King of kings is drawing near, the Savior of the world is here.

A helper just he comes to thee, his chariot is humility,
His kingly crown is holiness, his scepter, pity in distress.

O blest the land, the city blest, where Christ the Ruler is confessed!
O happy hearts and happy homes to whom this King in triumph comes!

Fling wide the portals of your heart; make it a temple, set apart
From earthly use for heav'n's employ, adorned with prayer and love and joy.

Redeemer, come! I open wide my heart to thee; here, Lord, abide!
Let me thy inner presence feel; thy grace and love in me reveal.

So come, my Sovereign, enter in! Let new and nobler life begin!
Thy Holy Spirit, guide us on, until the glorious crown be won.

***WE RECEIVE OUR KING! No. 195** *Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come*

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** *Hymn Whims: "Freu dich sehr, O meine Seele" (Rejoice Greatly, O My Soul)*
by Dennis Bergin

**Please stop in the Link by the Community Parlor and sign the hymnal for
Tom and Sherri Russell.**

We send them off with our love and prayers.

Son of Man, Son of God

Reverend Russell St. John, Lead Pastor

Luke 1:34-38; John 8:56-59 | page 855; 895

Who is this Jesus?

1. He is the Son of Man

2. He is the Son of God

*Congregation please rise

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Fall Adult Sunday School - 9 am

Reformation 500: A Brief History| John Myers| Room 213 A & B

October 30th, 2017 marked the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther sparking the Protestant Reformation by posting his 95 Theses on the church door in Wittenberg Germany. We'll discover the Who, the What, the Why and the Where of the Reformation. Who were the key players? How did politics come into play? Philosophy? Anabaptists, Huguenots, Puritans - where did they come from? We'll explore how the expansion of the Protestant Reformation came to impact the New World and how the Roman Catholic church reacted to all this.

Reformation: The Theology of John Calvin| Dr. Robert Peterson| Lecture Hall

What was special about the theology of the Reformation? As we survey the life and teachings of John Calvin, we'll discover what he believed concerning a host of doctrines (union with Christ, the Christian life, last things, and much more!). We'll study Calvin's Institutes of the Christian Religion; acknowledging Calvin's debt to Luther and highlighting where his teaching diverged from that great Father of the Reformation.

Pressing In & Reaching Out| Rev. Scott Kerens, Andy Iversen, Darren DeGroot| Community Parlor

Building on the Local Missions Conference, this class will cover the five specific "Pressing In, Reaching Out" challenges. Class leaders will guide the class through presentation, discussion, and application of material so that each participant leaves with specific ways to grow in God's mission locally. Grow your faith by "Pressing In & Reaching Out"!

Financial update through October 31, 2017 (18 weeks)

Interest	\$3,766
Campaign25 contributions to GF	\$55,667
TOCS Participation Fee	\$37,500
Special Gifts	\$194,785
General Fund Offerings	\$451,706
Total YTD General Fund Revenues	\$743,424
YTD General Fund Actual Expenses	\$580,102
YTD Budgeted Expenses	\$582,200
Average Attendance	447

Twin Oaks Church News and Events

Shining the spotlight on Jesus Christ through biblically grounded worship, discipleship, and outreach.

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- **Christmas Concert: King ... in a Manger?** Tonight, December 3, 7:00 PM, doors open at 6:30 PM. The concert is free, no tickets are needed. Nursery provided for children ages 4 and under. Please register your children online at www.twinoakschurch.org/Christmas. Invitation cards are available in the narthex & by the church office to invite family, friends and neighbors!
- **Christmas Angel Mission** LAST WEEK for Christmas Angels for Mission Gate. We still have a few 'angels' on the trees that need to be filled. Gifts collected will be given to children who have one or more parents incarcerated. Select an angel from one of the two trees (outside community parlor; at top of grand staircase), purchase and wrap an age appropriate gift, tape the angel to the outside of the package. **Gifts must be returned by this Wednesday, December 6th!**
- **Women's Christmas Advent Tea** December 9th, from 10 - 12:00 PM, we will fellowship with a light brunch and prepare our hearts together by listening to Beth Barrington share the meaning of Advent. Sign up in the narthex on Sunday mornings or on the church website. Cost is \$6.00 per person. Contact Chandra for questions 314.650.7701 or chandrafessler@att.net.
- **Student Ministry Job Opening** The Student Ministry is looking to hire a part-time Associate Director of Student Ministry. The position will focus on girls' discipleship along with the administrative tasks of the ministry. If you are interested contact David Barnes at 901.207.0835 or dbarnes@twinoakschurch.org.
- **Food Pantry** is currently in need of the following: paper towels, tissues, toilet paper, canned fruit, toothpaste, toothbrushes, razors and laundry detergent. These items can be dropped off at the bench outside of the church office anytime.
- **Student Ministry Volunteers needed!** Visit the Student Center on Wednesday nights, & you will find 30 to 50 6th-12th graders studying the Bible, worshiping in song & playing games. What's missing? YOU! We need adult volunteers! Come hang out & display the love of Christ! Contact David Barnes at 901.207.0835 or dbarnes@twinoakschurch.org.

- **Secretary Desk for Sale** is currently located in the upstairs Fellowship Hall. Please send all bids to the church office. For further information, call the church office at 636.861.1870 or email Stephanie Reynolds at sreynolds@twinoakschurch.org.
- **Awana** Wednesday nights from 6:30-8:00 pm. Register at twinoakschurch.org or come to the registration table on Wednesday night. Invite your friends, classmates, neighbors & family to join us! Contact Iva Vogan or Brian Ter Maat at 314.808.4740 with questions.
- **Pete & Dagi Smuts** (Bible Institute of South Africa) will be in the states for a brief furlough December 19 - February 20, 2018. They would like to borrow a car while they are here. If you can help, contact the mission office.
- **Women's Tuesday Morning Bible Study** January 16th through April 17th, 9:15am to 11:30am. We will study the book of Exodus. Study cost is \$10. A Children's Program is offered for infants thru Pre-K.
- **Women's Tuesday Evening Bible Study** begins January 16th through from 6:15 pm to 7:30pm. We will delve into the book of Ephesians with a study written by Dr. Bob Stuart. Study cost is \$10.

Address and phone update:

Bob & Deena Stuart:

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Fairhope, AL 36532

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Twin Oaks Christian School News

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BLOG twinoakschristianschool.wordpress.com

➤ **Prayer requests:**

Please pray for the planned school renovations to go forward smoothly. The architectural plans are complete so the builder will be applying for necessary permits and putting together more specific cost estimates. The school will improving the current office and adding offices, a small conference room and a secure entrance area.

The Search Committee for the new Head of School is actively engaged in the process. Please pray for there to be clear leading for the person God wants to lead the school and for the Committee to be fully convinced that the Lord has chosen this individual. Your faithful prayers will produce a harvest of praise in the future.

There is a real need for funds to provide our teachers with educational aids and technology that would enhance the learning experience for students exponentially. Please pray for our end-of-year giving to be substantial enough to allow for the purchase of these materials.

- **You can help the school...** The DITTO store at 10027 Manchester Road (in Warson Woods) provides significant scholarship funds to our school each school year, however, we are required to fill a full week with volunteers. Our next week is January 8 through 13. The work is fun and you could go with a friend. The day you volunteer, you also receive a 20% discount on merchandise. This is a beautiful store and this new plan for staffing the workroom has allowed them to put more on the sales floor resulting in an 80% increase in revenue. Please help us out by serving one of the shifts that week and signing so Twin Oaks Christian School gets credit for your service. Please log on to <https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/2056504/false#/invitation> You may also call the store and ask for assistance - (314) 394-2026
- **Eagle Flyer Blog** is the blog published by TOCS. Please sign up to receive the blog where you will find interesting things that are going on at school, ways the students are serving the community, special educational activities, articles on families who are new to the school, and much more. The link where you can enter your email address is: <https://twinoakschristianschool.wordpress.com/>

Twin Oaks Weekly Calendar

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION	CONTACT
SUN. DEC. 3	8:00–8:45 AM	Sunday Morning Prayer	Community Parlor	Church Office
	9:00 AM	Sunday School	Various Locations	Church Office
	9:45-10:15 AM	Sing! Jr.	Children’s Chapel	Wendy Myers
	10:00-10:30 AM	Coffee and Fellowship	Fellowship Hall	Church Office
	10:30 AM	Worship/Children’s Church	Sanctuary	Church Office
	7:00 PM	King...in a Manger? Christmas Concert	Sanctuary	Church Office
TUES. DEC. 5	9:15-11:30 AM	Women’s Bible Study	Lecture Hall	Church Office
	6:30-8:30 PM	College Community Group	Community Parlor	Andy Iversen
WED. DEC. 6	10:30 AM	Worship at Brookdale	Brookdale Assisted Living	Dwayne Ter Maat 314.313.7086
	5:15-6:30 PM	Fellowship Dinner	Reception Hall	Church Office
	6:00-6:30 PM	Sing! Jr	Lecture Hall	Wendy Myers
	6:30-8:00 PM	Awana - PreK - 5th Grade	Gym	Iva Vogan
	6:30-8:00 PM	ESL Tutoring	Room 213	Kyrstan Langer
	6:30-8:30 PM	Sanctuary Choir	Choir Room	Wendy Myers
	6:30-8:00 PM	Student Ministry - 6th-12th Grade	Student Center	David Barnes
FRI. DEC. 8	7:00-8:00 AM	Men’s Bible Study	Uncle Bill’s 14201 Manchester	Bill Myers 636.579.1173
	Resumes Jan. 5	Men’s Bible Study	The Shack 13465 Big Bend Rd.	Scott Kerens
SAT. DEC. 9	10:00 AM	Women’s Christmas Advent Tea	Reception Hall	Church Office

Important Upcoming Events

DATE	EVENT	CONTACT
DEC. 3	King...in a Manger? Christmas Concert 7:00 pm	Church Office
DEC. 9	Women’s Christmas Advent Tea 10:00 am	Church Office
DEC 24	Christmas Eve Service 5:30 pm	Church Office

Deac of the Week: Today 12/4/17: **Jay Fox 314.378.8183**
 Beginning 12/5/17: **Brian Moellenhoff 314.575.0301**

Prayers & Praises

DECEMBER 3, 2017

For the Congregation—

Molly Losch “church member of the day.”

Ruth Sprague broken arm; recovering at Surrey Place.

Robert Peterson wisdom and time for writing book on assurance of salvation.

Don Larson for health issues.

Alexander Provinse is recovering well; will have surgery this month to remove his appendix.

Betty McCracken complete healing from heart attack.

TJ Robertson for gainful employment.

Congregation In Cancer Care—

Lori Simms, Earl Wells, Kathy Steinert, Marge Jurgenson, Dayna Osborne, Ron Drapalik

Home Care, Skilled Care—

Carol Fruits (Delmar Gardens North)

For Friends and Loved Ones—

Mark Razien (father of Amanda Compton) diagnosed with rare lung disease. Pray for salvation and healing.

Carroll (father of Ed Cassidy) for salvation.

Geoff Camp (son of Janine Frogge) for salvation.

Mike Jones (friend of Gary Talley) will have immunotherapy for one year. Pray for successful treatment and for salvation.

Tom Brillhart (brother of Susan Taeger) diagnosed with stage 4 lymphoma; had high risk surgery on November 15 to remove his enlarged spleen.

MaryAnn Sthair (friend of Jim & Kathy Edwards) has developed amyloidosis and is on dialysis. She has now fallen and broken her hip.

Carey Hammett (son in law of the Brueggers) for the growth & health of Lagniappe Presbyterian Church in Bay St. Louis, MS.

Ronald Hemman (extended family of the Bentley’s) suffered multiple broken bones and is in a coma following an accident in Texas.

DEC. 6, 2017

Menu

Chicken in Sour Cream, Bacon & Mushroom Sauce, Baked Rice

California Salad, Yeast Rolls

Ice Cream n’ Chocolate Cake Roll

Name: _____

Number Attending: _____

PRAYER REQUEST

NAME _____

FOR PASTORS/ELDERS ONLY FOR SUNDAY PRAYER CARD

PLEASE REGISTER YOUR ATTENDANCE

DECEMBER 3, 2017: 10:30AM

MR. MRS. REV. DR. MISS MS. LAST _____ FIRST _____
AGE _____ OR CHECK "AGE GROUP" 18-22 23-29 30-39 40-54 55-64 65-74 75+
SINGLE MARRIED WIDOWED REGULAR ATTENDER TWIN OAKS CHURCH MEMBER

VISITORS AND/OR CHANGED INFORMATION

ADDRESS _____ NAME _____ AGE _____
CITY/STATE/ZIP _____ NAME _____ AGE _____
HOME NO. _____ CELL NO. _____ NAME _____ AGE _____
EMAIL ADDRESS _____ NAME _____ AGE _____

CHILDREN IN ATTENDANCE

THIS IS A NEW ADDRESS/PHONE FIRST TIME VISITOR INTERESTED IN TWIN OAKS CHURCH

WOULD LIKE TO KNOW MORE ABOUT BECOMING A CHRISTIAN

THANK YOU FOR WORSHIPING WITH US TODAY!

For Friends and Loved Ones in Cancer Care—

Kim Orear (daughter-in-law of Tom & Connie); **Helen Vincent** (friend of the Blough family); **Les Brewer** (father of Steve Brewer); **Siegfried Lauterback** (friend of Mike Piles); **Denise Miller** (friend of John & Kathy Whaley); **Clete** (father of Colby Geile); **Martha Henley** (daughter of Dan & Mary Salomon); **Darlene** (friend of Betty Thompson); **David Shaffer** (friend of Shirley Benz); **Sue Polson**; **Eva Verghese** (friend of Gary & Linda Talley); **Beverly Brent** (friend of Merrill Peterson); **Bob Wahl** (friend of Wendy Bellville).

For Our Missionaries—

Les & Helen Prouty for our Haitian staff and the families we serve as they experience Christmas with scarce resources.

For Our Life Team—

Pray for pregnant women in your community, that their needs will be met and that they will have the wisdom to choose life. Deut. 30:19b

For the Military—

Brady Palmer (great nephew of Gary Fisher)Afghanistan; **Garron Palmer** (great nephew of Gary Fisher) Marines; **Joshua Roby** (w. Lisa) Army; **Ezra Akin** (w. Abby) US Marine PhD program for Operations Research, Monterey, CA; **Micah Akin** (w. Robin) Marines, Pentagon, DC; **Matthew McKeegan** (w. Katie) Kuwait; **Aaron Nielsen**, Navy; **Joey Acevez** (stepson of Steve Brewer) Navy Personnel Command, Millington, TN; **Mark Benz** (grandson of Shirley Benz); **Dusty Hodges** (brother-in-law of Carol & Dennis Scanio) Army; **Andrew Prouty** (w. Amanda) Army, Ft. Stewart, GA; **Daniel Prouty**, Navy; **Andrew Porter** (grandson of Esh & Betty) Army, Germany; **William Blome**, Army; **Skylar West** (step-sister of Tiffany Bates) Navy; **Michael McClune** (son of Scott & Myrna) Air Force; **Kevin Lutker** (son-in-law of Scott & Myrna McClune) Air Force; **Marcus Porwoll** (w. Rebecca) Navy; **Yuriy Peacock**, Army. **Pray for the PCA Chaplains, families and loved ones of military personnel.**

For Special Needs—

David Edmondson; **Sydney Duvall**; **Anna Rose**; **Alexander Provinse**; **Jack Bellagamba**; **Elise Miserocchi**

Looking for Work in Their Field—

Keith Schrieber (sales, management, etc); **Craig Creason** (engineering); **Dayna Osborne** (that God would grow her counseling practice.)

Please submit prayer requests, hospitalizations, births, and deaths by calling 636.861.1870 or emailing to sreynolds@twinoakchurch.org