

South Joplin
Christian Church



December 3, 2023



THE END OF THE WORLD AS WE KNOW IT

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

VISITORS: Please fill out a contact card from the welcome table and put it in the offering tray on your way out if you would appreciate a response from Pastor Colleen, or to be added to our email list. Thank you for worshipping with us today!



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Order of Worship

Prelude Chris Greninger, Pianist/Organist

Welcome Pastor Carroll

Call to Worship Isaiah 2:2-5 (NRSV)

Leader: In the days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many people shall come and say,

All: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths."

Leader: For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

All: O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

Opening Hymn "Come, O Long-Expected Jesus" *Chalice Hymnal* #125
Words: Charles Wesley, Music: Rowland H. Prichard. Public Domain

Lighting the First Advent Candle: Hope June Neal

Leader: Light one candle for hope.

All: Because the world is broken and the wait is long, but hope just won't let go.

Leader: Hope holds space for all our longings, lingers on the edge of harsh reality like the dawn gently awakening the sky.

All: "Keep awake," she whispers, "for the world is being made new."

Leader: So we light one candle, because it only takes one:

All: Christ is with us. Karen Ware Jackson. Used with permission.

Anthem "Bring Us Hope" Chancel Choir
Guest Cellist, Bill Fischer
Words and Music: Ruth Elaine Schram ©2017 Lorenz Publishing Co.

Invitation to Prayer (You may light candles at either station to aid in your personal prayer time prior to corporate prayer. Leave written requests in the offering plate by the sanctuary entrance.)

Prayer Song "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"
Chalice Hymnal #119 Stz. 1
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Prayers of the People Pastor Carroll

Scripture Reading Mark 13:21-37 (NRSV*) Raymond Reaves

Sermon "The End of the World As We Know It" Pastor Carroll

Hymn of Preparation "All Earth Is Waiting"
Chalice Hymnal #139 Stz. 1-3
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Communion Meditation and Prayer Mike Fitterling, Elder

Words of Institution Pastor Carroll

Participation (Please come forward to partake at one of two stations before returning to your pew by the center aisle. Notify the diaconate if you prefer to be served while seated.)

Offertory Mike Fitterling, Elder

Mission Challenge and Announcements Pastor Carroll

Closing Circle "Emmanuel, Emmanuel"
Chalice Hymnal #134
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Postlude Chris Greninger

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BOOK OF MARK
DAILY SCRIPTURE READING FOR THIS WEEK

Day 3 2:1–28

Day 4 3:1–35

Day 5 4:1–34

Day 6 4:35–5:20

Day 7 5:21–43

Day 8 6:1–29

Day 9 6:30–56

This Week at South Joplin Christian Church

Tuesday, Dec. 5

6:30 pm Worship Team Mtg.
(Wheeler Home)

Wednesday, Dec. 6

6:30 pm Choir

Sunday, Dec. 10

Second Sunday of Advent
Christmas Offering #1

8:00 am Elders

9:30 am S.S.

10:20 am Fellowship

10:45 am Worship/CW&W

Noonish - Congregational Meeting

4:00-6:00 pm Family Connection



We worship in spirit today with Global Ministries Mission focus for Morocco. Our prayer partner for Morocco is Evangelical Protestant Church in Morocco.

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