



STONE HILL CHURCH

December 3, 2017

Advancing God's mission of making
dedicated followers of Jesus Christ

Sunday Worship

9:30 and 11:10am

First Sunday of Advent

Jesus Christ and Adam

Prelude

Call to Worship

Hymn 100 *O Come O Come Emmanuel*

Invocation

Anthem *The Truth from Above* Ralph Vaughn Williams

Hear God's Word *Lighting First Advent Candle*

Our Advent Wreath readings this year are based on the Jesus Storybook Bible. We hope our children, and everyone else, hear the Christmas story in a fresh way.

Praise of a Redeemed People

Jesus Messiah

He became sin, who knew no sin
That we might become His righteousness
He humbled himself and carried the cross
Love so amazing, love so amazing

(Refrain) Jesus Messiah, name above all names
Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel
The rescue for sinners, the ransom from Heaven
Jesus Messiah, Lord of all

His body the bread, His blood the wine
Broken and poured out all for love
The whole earth trembled, and the veil was torn
Love so amazing, love so amazing (Refrain)

All our hope is in You, all our hope is in You
All the glory to You, God, the light of the world (Refrain)
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Christmas Offering

Over the skies of Bethlehem appeared a star
While angels sang to lowly shepherds
Three wise men seeking truth traveled from afar
Hoping to find the child from Heaven
Falling on their knees
They bowed before the humble Prince of Peace

(Refrain)I bring an offering of worship to my King
No one on earth deserves the praises that I sing
Jesus may You receive the honor that You're due
Oh Lord I bring an offering to You
I bring an offering to You

The sun cannot compare to the glory of Your love
There is no shadow in Your presence
No mortal man would dare to stand before Your throne
Before the Holy One of Heaven
It's only by Your blood it's only through Your mercy
Lord I come (Refrain)

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Pastoral Prayer

Offering and Doxology

We offer ourselves to God, dedicating all to his service.
Visitors, please feel no obligation to give to this ministry.

During the 11:10 a.m. service children age 4–3rd grade are dismissed for Children's Church.

Sermon *Jeremiah 23:5-6* Pastor Matt Ristuccia

The Lord's Table

It is a privilege and a wonder for human beings, sinners that we are, to partake of the Lord's Table. Please see the next page for prayers to use during the quiet of communion.

Note: for those with allergies or sensitivities, gluten-free communion is available at the front of seating section 4 (right side of the Sanctuary).

During the cup: *Who But Jesus*

Closing Hymn 102 *Come Thou Long Expected Jesus*

Benediction

Gospel Sending



The Lord's Supper at Stone Hill Church

It is a privilege and a wonder for human beings, sinners that we are, to partake of the Lord's Table. We do so not as those made right because of anything we have done. No, we do so as those who have been redeemed, as those who have been given the righteousness of Christ by grace through faith in our perfect Redeemer.

With this "grace" understanding, it makes sense for the Lord's Table to be open only to those who have received Christ's righteousness through actual trust in him. Those who have not so trusted Christ are asked to refrain from taking the bread and cup.

Prayer for believers taking the bread and cup:

Gracious Lord, I do not come to your Table trusting in my own righteousness, but rather in your many and great mercies. I realize that I have sinned; I realize that by your death and resurrection you are my Savior from sin. Help me draw near to you in faith. Help me to eat and drink in remembrance that you died for me. Empower me in my inner being to know the great love with which you love me. And open the eyes of my heart that I may know the hope of your calling, the riches of my future inheritance, and the surpassing greatness of your resurrection power toward me in Jesus Christ. Amen.

Prayer for those searching for truth:

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might not be overwhelmed as I consider the reasons for following you. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

Prayer of belief:

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed. I also admit that through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as Savior and Lord. Amen.