

Text for today's vocal music

Prepare The Way Of The Lord

Isaiah 40:4-5

Prepare the way of the Lord!
Make straight His path.
Every valley shall be exalted,
every hill made low;
and the crooked shall be made straight,
and the rough places plain.
And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,
and all mankind shall see it together.
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Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

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Holy wisdom, love most bright,
Drawn by Thee, our souls aspiring
Soar to uncreated light.
Word of God, our flesh that fashioned,
With the fire of life impassioned,
Striving still to truth unknown
Soaring, dying round Thy throne.

Through the way where hope is guiding,
Hark, what peaceful music rings;
Where the flock, in Thee confiding,
Drink of joy from deathless springs.
Theirs is beauty's fairest pleasure;
Theirs is wisdom's holiest treasure.
Thou dost ever lead Thine own
In the love of joys unknown.



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Our Covenant

As followers of Jesus Christ,
we commit ourselves to share in the worship and service of God,
to grow in the knowledge and expression of our faith,
to reach out with compassion to those in need,
to treat each other with love and understanding,
and to return to God a portion of God's gifts.

Sunday, December 2, 2018 - 1st Sunday of Advent
10:00 a.m. - Worship in the Nave

Please silence your cell phones.

If you are a guest this Sunday, we would love to meet & greet you.

All are invited to the SOCIAL HALL for a Special Coffee Fellowship featuring a beautiful assortment of creches, following today's worship service.

10:00 a.m. Worship Service Preview for Sunday, December 9, 2018

Rev. Barry W. Szymanski presents the message.

Children begin in church with their families.

Dr. Patrick Dill directs the FCC Choir / Rhonda Kwiecien - Keyboard Musician

Thank you for joining us today! Are you new or returning to our church? If you are interested in sharing your contact information with us, please fill out a bright yellow card (found in the racks of the pews) and either drop it in the offertory plate or give it to one of the ministers. We hope to see you soon again.

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Founded as an extension of the mission of the First Congregational Church of Wauwatosa, the Congregational Home, creates and maintains a caring community for the elderly offering housing, health care and quality of life services.

President/CEO - Kris Sprtel-NHA, Chaplain – Tesha Urban, Board Chair – Merrill York

THE PRELUDE

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry setting, Franklin D. Ashdown
Rhonda Kwiecien - Keyboard Musician

WELCOME AND THE GREETING OF PEACE

Rev. Bill Trump

CHIMES

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Barry W. Szymanski

Leader: A voice cries, "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord.

People: Make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Leader: Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low.

People: The uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.

Leader: The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together.

People: For the mouth of the Lord has spoken." ~ Isaiah 40:3-5

*HYMN 92

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

VENI EMMANUEL

*THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION (unison)

Almighty God, by Your prophets You have promised us that You would send a Messiah. Grant that as we welcome our Redeemer, His light may brighten our hearts and lives with joy and peace. May this be a time when we dedicate ourselves to the true love and hope that is the Christmas message as we seek to worship you together. Hear us, O God, in your Holy Spirit, for we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*THE GLORIA PATRI (Hymn 558)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER (unison)

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.

Children ages 3 – 5th grade are invited to Sunday School.

Youth in grades 6th through 12th are invited to Pilgrim Fellowship in Youth Room 302.

THE LESSON Luke 21:5-38 Bible, pg. 959

ANTHEM *Prepare the Way of the Lord* William Rowan
Dr. Patrick Dill directs the FCC Choir

THE MESSAGE “Patience” Rev. Trump

*HYMN 89 *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* STUTTGART

THE CALL TO PRAYER and TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER AND CHORAL RESPONSE

THE OFFERTORY *Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring* J.S. Bach/Arr. John Reed
Kim Porter, soprano section leader

*THE DOXOLOGY (Hymn 563)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

THE INVITATION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

OFFERING OF THE BREAD
(The bread is received individually symbolizing our individuality before God.)

OFFERING OF THE CUP
(The cup is held and received together symbolizing our unity in Christ.)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*HYMN 85 *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates* TRURO

*THE CHARGE and BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

*THE POSTLUDE *Toccata on Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence and Of the Father’s Love Begotten* Rebecca K. Owens

***Indicates where the congregation is asked to stand, if able.**

CARE FOR CHILDREN

A supervised nursery is available for infants and toddlers during the 10:00 AM service.

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**Caring Corner**

**DEATH**

**Florian “Joseph” Sturmberg, Jr.** passed away on Monday, November 26, 2018. Services were held.

**IN OUR PRAYERS**

**Stephen Houriet** – Recovering at home

**Ray Sutphin** – Recovering at home