

Mimico Baptist Church

Sunday, December 3, 2023



Welcome All!

Pastor: Rev. Jim Sanderson
Associate Pastor: Linying Liu
Music Director: Jan Thomas

1st Sunday in Advent **10:30** **December 3, 2023**

PRELUDE (Please stand as choir enters)

OPENING SONG – “Come Thou Long Expected Jesus” **#244**

WELCOME & INTRO - Welcome to the first Sunday in Advent. Advent is a time of preparation and waiting for the coming of Christ – our Messiah. Our focus of course is on his first coming, but we do not forget about his promise to return. Through this season we're going to look at some of the titles given to Jesus that describe our Messiah. Today we look at Jesus as Emmanuel - God with us. Among his many gifts to us is hope. We welcome all who have joined us for this journey of discovery and celebration. Let's pray...

PRAYER - Almighty God, who by the birth of the holy child Jesus has given us a great light to cast out our darkness: give us that most excellent Christmas gift of love to all so that the likeness of your Son may be formed in us and that we may have the ever-brightening hope of everlasting life through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Together we pray as he taught us saying...*

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those that trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, The power, and the glory, For ever and ever.
Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP – (Lamentations 3:21-24 New Living Translation)

LEADER: Yet I still dare to hope when I remember this:

PEOPLE: **The faithful love of the LORD never ends! His mercies never cease.**

LEADER: Great is his faithfulness; his mercies begin afresh each morning.

PEOPLE: **I say to myself, “The LORD is my inheritance; therefore, I will hope in him!”**

SING – “Of the Father’s Love Begotten” **#240**

CHILDREN’S LESSON - ADVENT 1:

Today we light the candle of Hope – “Because God is with us, we have HOPE”
“O Little Town of Bethlehem” **#250**

Blessing for children and invitation to Jr. Church downstairs.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRAYER

MINISTRY OF MUSIC – “God in This Child”

Worship In Song

“Emmanuel”

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

MBC CHOIR

#243

#245

MESSAGE – **Emmanuel** – (Isaiah 7:14 & Matthew 1:18-25)

Pastor Jim

RESPONSIVE HYMN – “Gentle Mary Laid Her Child” (vs 1,2)

COMMUNION

CLOSING HYMN – “Gentle Mary Laid Her Child” (vs 3)

Benediction - May God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Weekly At Mimico Baptist Church

WED – 7:00pm – Holiday and Hope at The AH!

THURS – 7:00pm – Cantata & Adult Choir Practice

FRI - 7:00pm – Mandarin Bible Study

7:00pm – Youth Group

7:00pm – Children’s Ministry

SUN – 10:30am – Morning Worship

TONIGHT at 6:30pm - join us for our Old-Fashioned Christmas Night. This year our theme will be Christmas Around the World. We will learn the country origins of our favourite carols, and find out how Christmas is celebrated in these countries. As usual, we will decorate the church Christmas tree while we sing. Afterwards we’ll head downstairs for some sweet refreshments. Plan on being at this fun and uplifting start to Christmas at MBC.

THANK YOU: For donating very close to 250 lbs of food to the Daily Bread Food bank during our October food drive.

GENEROSITY: We are significantly behind budget. As we approach the end of the year, please remember your church with an additional generous gift.

Holidays and Hope Candlelight Service – Wed, Dec 6 at 7:00pm at The Assembly Hall, 1 Colonel Smith Drive. Guest Speaker will be Dr. Bill Webster, grief counsellor and author. This is a free event open to all. Please call Ridley Funeral Home to register.

On Sunday morning, Dec. 17 - the choir will be presenting the Christmas cantata, Sing with the Angels by Joel Raney. This lively musical will put a song in your heart, and in your mouth, since the finale invites you to sing along with the angel songs of Christmas. Hope to see you there...and bring a friend!

Sermon preparation: If any are interested in having an opportunity to try preaching a sermon, please let pastor Jim know and he is happy to work with you and help you with your preparation.

Pastoral Search: Please be in prayer for your board as they lead in the search for an Interim Pastor to begin the summer of 2024.

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