



# Knollwood

## *at Worship*

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday, December 13, 2020 • *Online Worship*

*To those who feel the need of light; to those who find doubts and fears in their hearts;  
to those who need courage for their daily tasks; to those who feel lonely and friendless;  
to those who wish to give service; to all who, in faith, will support and involve themselves  
to the limit of their ability in the work of the Kingdom of God which this church undertakes;  
to all who want rest, peace, and happiness — this church invites you to the fellowship of Jesus.*

# KNOLLWOOD AT WORSHIP

## GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME AND OPENING SENTENCE ..... Josh Godwin

### PRELUDE

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*..... *VENI EMMANUEL*

Michael Kinchen, saxophone; Dan Knight, piano;  
John Ray, bass; Bill Poole, percussion

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING..... Morgan Fralick

### HYMN OF PRAISE

*Prepare the Way, O Zion*..... *BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN*

**Prepare the way, O Zion, your Christ is drawing near!**

**Let every hill and valley a level way appear.**

**Greet One who comes in glory, foretold in sacred story.**

**O blest is Christ who came in God's most holy name.**

**He brings God's rule, O Zion; he comes from heaven above.**

**His rule is peace and freedom, and justice, truth, and love.**

**Lift high your praise resounding, for grace and joy abounding.**

**O blest is Christ who came in God's most holy name.**

**Fling wide your gates, O Zion; your Savior's rule embrace,  
and tidings of salvation proclaim in every place.**

**All lands will bow rejoicing, their adoration voicing.**

**O blest is Christ who came in God's most holy name.**

## PRAYING TOGETHER

PRAYER OF THE DAY ..... Ted Philpott

God, who inspired the prophets to foretell your good news, shine your love and light into all the dark corners of our world, to redeem and renew us, that we may live more like Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

*~Bonnie McCarson*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION ..... Josh Godwin

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent, for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*~Book of Common Prayer*

### SILENT CONFESSION

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

HYMN OF ASSURANCE

*O Little Town of Bethlehem* .....ST. LOUIS

**O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;  
the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.**

**O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;  
cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us; abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!**

**LISTENING FOR GOD’S WORD**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 61:1-3, 7-8 .....Katharine Martin

This is the word of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 1:46b-55.....Lucrecia Norman

This is the Gospel of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD’S PRAYER.....Lucrecia Norman

SERMON..... Bob Setzer, Jr.

**MARY’S CHRISTMAS CAROL:  
A REVOLUTION IN THREE MOVEMENTS**

HYMN

*Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* .....*ES IST EIN’ ROS’ ENTSPRUNGEN*

**Lo, how a rose e’er blooming from tender stem hath sprung,  
of Jesse’s lineage coming, as saints of old have sung.  
It came, a floweret bright, amid the cold of winter,  
when half spent was the night.**

**Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the Rose I have in mind:  
With Mary we behold it, the virgin mother kind.  
To show God's love aright she bore to men a Savior  
When half-gone was the night.**

**This Flower, whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air,  
Dispels with glorious splendor the darkness everywhere.  
True man, yet very God, from sin and death He saves us  
And lightens every load**

## RESPONDING IN FAITH

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING..... Sandra Boyette, Deacon of the Week

### HYMN

*When the King Shall Come Again* ..... *TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM*

**When the King shall come again, all his power revealing,  
Splendor shall announce his reign, life and joy and healing;  
Earth no longer in decay, Hope no more frustrated;  
This is God's redemption day longingly awaited.**

**In the desert trees take root fresh from God's creation;  
Plants and flowers and sweetest fruit join the celebration;  
Rivers spring up from the earth, barren lands adorning;  
Valleys, this is your new birth, mountains, greet the morning!**

**Strengthen feeble hands and knees, fainting hearts, be cheerful!  
God, who comes for such as these seeks and saves the fearful.  
Deaf ears, hear the silent tongues sing away their weeping;  
Blind eyes, see the lifeless ones walking, running, leaping.**

**There God's highway shall be seen where no roaring lion,  
Nothing evil or unclean walks the road to Zion.  
Ransomed people homeward bound, all your praises voicing,  
See your Lord with glory crowned, share in his rejoicing!**

## DEPARTING TO SERVE

BENEDICTION..... Bob Setzer, Jr.

### POSTLUDE

*O Come, All Ye Faithful* ..... *ADESTE FIDELES*

Michael Kinchen, saxophone; Dan Knight, piano;  
John Ray, bass; Bill Poole, percussion



### TO OUR GUESTS

To learn more about Knollwood Baptist Church, find us online at [www.knollwood.org](http://www.knollwood.org). You can also receive our newsletter and email announcements by [signing up here](#), or by emailing [colleen@knollwood.org](mailto:colleen@knollwood.org).

### KBC WELCOMING STATEMENT

Knollwood Baptist Church is an inviting, inclusive family of faith open to all persons, whatever their race, gender, socioeconomic status, special needs, or sexual orientation, who want to walk in the way of Jesus.

### ABOUT OUR WORSHIP

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## MINISTER ON CALL

If you need a Knollwood minister, please call our Minister On-Call at 336-283-5067. This number is staffed 24/7 by a Knollwood minister.

## ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF ON CALL

Monday-Friday, 9 AM–5 PM, 336-725-1343

The office is not open to the public, but is partially staffed at this time. Call to check staff availability for dropping off and picking up items.

## STONE SOUP COMMITMENT UPDATE

We have received **180 commitments** totaling **\$1,144,806**. That is **74%** of the income needed to fund our 2021 ministry plan budget of **\$1,555,848**.

If you have not yet made your giving commitment for 2021, a [copy of the Stone Soup commitment card can be downloaded here](#). Please send your card to the church office, or scan and email it, or simply email your confidential giving promise to [finance@knollwood.org](mailto:finance@knollwood.org).

## 6:00 PM, WEDNESDAYS WITH KNOLLWOOD ONLINE

A Time of Prayer led by Dr. Bob will be posted on the Knollwood Baptist Church Facebook Page. One does not need a Facebook account to view these posts online.

## 7:00 PM DECEMBER 2, 9, AND 16 – LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

This Faith Formation offering with Katharine Martin will be posted on the Knollwood Baptist Church Facebook Page. One does not need a Facebook account to view these posts online.

John 1:5 assures us: *The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.*

- What are your favorite scripture passages or hymns that speak of light in dark spaces?
- As we enter into Advent in this particular year, what comes to mind about seeing, and having faith in, God's light?

On two Wednesday evening Zooms, we'll ask Knollwood guests these questions and more, benefit from their insights, and explore what it means to watch and wait for the Light.

**December 2:** Chris Norman and Ted Philpott, click here for the [video link](#) of the recorded program.

**December 9:** Misty Nichols and Lindley Curtis, click here for the [video link](#) of the recorded program.

**December 16:** Holiday Knollchat and *This is the Stable* story-telling pageant by Knollwood's children. Don your Christmas sweaters, pour some eggnog, and come enjoy fellowship and a Christmas pageant (2020 version)!

## DECEMBER 4, 11, AND 18, ADVENT MORNING PRAYER • 9 AM

On the three Friday mornings of Advent, all are invited to bring *And The Word Was God* and join Katharine on the Knollwood Facebook Page for a brief time of reflection and prayer. *You do not need a Facebook account to access the Knollwood Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/knollwoodbaptist> [Click here for the Advent Morning Prayer worship order](#).*

## DECEMBER 20, SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE • 2 PM

*In-person service in the Courtyard between the Sanctuary and Bldg. B*

Not everyone experiences the holidays as a time of joy and cheer. If you are experiencing grief or loss, join us for meditative music, prayer, and a quiet space for comfort and support. Liturgy led by our Ministers, with music led by Rozanna, Lauren, and guest cellist, Lauren Shriver. You're encouraged to bring a special photo or memento of the person you're particularly grieving this year.

## **VIRTUAL SUNDAY MORNING ADULT GROUPS**

Several Sunday morning adult groups are meeting virtually and would welcome your presence! If you are seeking to grow in faith and connect with others during this physically distanced time, please feel free to “visit” these Sunday morning gatherings. Email [katharine@knollwood.org](mailto:katharine@knollwood.org) for more information. [Click here for the virtual groups.](#)

## **GIVING AT KBC**

Giving online allows one to make a one-time donation or to schedule recurring contributions. Click here to get started: [www.knollwood.org/giving](http://www.knollwood.org/giving). Contributions can also be made by sending a check to the church office.

## **DONATIONS TO HELP OUR VULNERABLE NEIGHBORS**

We continue to receive gifts of toilet paper and bars of soap for distribution through the Bolton Food Pantry. The Bolton donations can be left in the bins in the front of the Wellness and Community Center, weekdays 9-5.

## **ONLINE PRAYER REQUESTS**

During this difficult time, we want to stay connected to you and know the ways that we can pray for you and your loved ones. To help us stay on top of all the prayer concerns of our church community, we invite you to complete this secure form and know that you will be prayed for. Only the ministerial staff has access to these requests unless you indicate that you are willing for them to be shared in wider circles.

The Google form can be found here: <https://forms.gle/LriJ9FhDez9zY7HS7>

## **IN-PERSON GATHERINGS AT KBC**

Given the surge in the Coronavirus, in-person gatherings at Knollwood are discouraged at this time. But if such a gathering is necessary, it must be limited to 10 persons, masked and socially distant, and scheduled with the Church Administrator ([robin@knollwood.org](mailto:robin@knollwood.org)).

The Knollwood Baptist Church Medical Advisory Team members are Rebecca Erwin Wells, MD, MPH; David Ramsay, MD; Joe Long, JD; Grover “Chip” Mims, MD and John Roach, III, MD.

## **ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE**

See page 7 for the schedule for Advent and Christmas Eve worship at Knollwood.

# Knollwood Celebrates Advent & Christmas

## *Sundays in Advent*

### **Sunday Worship Videos**

**November 29 • December 6 • December 19 • December 20**

#### *Online Services*

Sunday Worship Videos led by our Ministers and Staff from our Sanctuary, which will bear some of the beautiful visual symbols of Knollwood Advent Worship, such as the Advent Candles, Evergreens, and colors of purple and blue. Knollwood Children, Youth and Adult musicians will lead us in song.

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### **Christmas Eve Lessons and Carols**

**December 24**

#### *Online service*

*by the Knollwood Music Ministry*

This pre-recorded service premieres Thursday morning on YouTube. Beautiful music of Christmas is sung and played by the gifted choirs and handbell ensembles of Knollwood. A guest orchestra accompanies the choirs on familiar carols and anthems, while the readings walk us through the story of Christmas.

You can find the video on Youtube, or on [www.knollwood.org](http://www.knollwood.org).

### **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**

*5 PM and 6 PM • In-person*

*Come hear, feel, see, and sing of Christ's birth with your Knollwood family.*

Both are drive-in services. We ask that you remain in your parking space for the duration of the service. Must reserve a space to attend. *More slots have been added.*

Sign-up link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050b4aa5ae28a5fa7-christmas>

**Pastor**  
**Minister of Music and Worship**  
**Children's Ministry Associate**  
**Minister of Youth and Recreation**  
**Music Ministry Associate and Organist**  
**Interim Minister of Faith Formation and Education**  
**Minister to Senior Adults and Weekday School**  
**Pastoral Associate for Congregational Care**

Dr. Bob Setzer, Jr.  
Mrs. Rozanna Goocey  
Mrs. Chrissy Hardy  
Rev. Josh Godwin  
Mrs. Lauren Winkelman  
Rev. Katharine Martin  
Rev. Lucrecia Norman  
Mr. Ted Philpott



**KNOLLWOOD**

**BAPTIST CHURCH**

*Grace Unbounded*