



1st Sunday of Advent
Sunday November 30th, 2025
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WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING/LIGHTING OF ADVENT OF WREATH

(The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God)

SONG - *O Come O Come Emmanuel* - Stanza 1 - Printed on Next Page

LITANY

P: At every beginning there is a yearning for the one who is coming.

O Emmanuel,

C: Open us up for your coming

P: We gather together to allow our deeply held hopes to be reshaped by God's promises. O Emmanuel,

C: Open us up for your coming

P: We wait for the day when God will make for us a future that is no longer predicated on our fear. O Emmanuel,

C: Open us up for your coming

P: We find a new receptivity within us that desires God's will over our own will and relies on God's justice and mercy to accomplish it. O Emmanuel,

C: Open us up to your coming

P: Jesus, we welcome your presence now
with the lighting of these candles,
whose flames bring warmth to winter
and fill this place with the glow of hope.

C: Amen.

SONG/Lighting of Advent Wreath - *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* - Stanza 4

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



- 1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
 2 O come, O Wis - dom from on high, em - brac - ing all things
 3 O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on
 4 O come, O Branch of Jes - se, free your own from Sa - tan's



Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
 far and nigh: in strength and beau - ty come and stay;
 Si - nai's height in an - cient times you gave the law
 tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell your peo - ple save,



un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 teach us your will and guide our way. Re-joice! Re-joice!
 in cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe.
 and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.



Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

- 5 O come, O Key of David, come,
 and open wide our heav'nly home;
 make safe the way that leads on high,
 and close the path to misery. *Refrain*
- 6 O come, O Dayspring, come and cheer;
 O Sun of justice, now draw near.
 Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
 and death's dark shadow put to flight. *Refrain*
- 7 O come, O King of nations, come,
 O Cornerstone that binds in one:
 refresh the hearts that long for you;
 restore the broken, make us new. *Refrain*
- 8 O come, O come, Emmanuel,
 and ransom captive Israel,
 that mourns in lonely exile here
 until the Son of God appear. *Refrain*

The assembly stands.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who opens the heavens and draws near to us with salvation.

C: Amen.

P: God is patient and merciful, desiring all to come to repentance. Trusting this promise of grace, let us confess our sin. Everlasting God:

C: You love justice and you hate wrongdoing. We confess the fear, greed, and self-centeredness that make us reluctant to work against oppression. We are complicit in systems of exploitation. We choose comfort over courage. We are careless with creation's bounty. Look upon us with mercy. Turn our hearts again to you. Make us glad to do your will and to walk in your ways for the sake of our waiting world. Amen.

P: Hear these words of assurance: God clothes you with garments of salvation and covers you with robes of righteousness. In the tender compassion of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. God's covenant is eternal, and God's blessing rests upon us all.

C: Amen.

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The assembly is seated.

WORD

(God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.)

FIRST READING: Isaiah 2: 1-5

A: A reading from Isaiah

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,
who are one of the little clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to rule in Israel,
whose origin is from of old,
from ancient days.

³ Therefore he shall give them up until the time
when she who is in labor has brought forth;
then the rest of his kindred shall return
to the people of Israel.

⁴ And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD,
in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.
And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great
to the ends of the earth;

^{5a} and he shall be the one of peace.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 122

The Psalm is read responsively.

- ¹ I was glad when they [|] said to me,
“Let us go to the house [|] of the LORD.”
- ² **Now our [|] feet are standing
within your gates, [|] O Jerusalem.**
- ³ Jerusalem is built [|] as a city
that is at unity [|] with itself;
- ⁴ **to which the tribes go up, the tribes [|] of the LORD,
the assembly of Israel, to praise the name [|] of the LORD. R**
- ⁵ For there are the [|] thrones of judgment,
the thrones of the [|] house of David.
- ⁶ **Pray for the peace [|] of Jerusalem:**
“May they pros- [|] per who love you.
- ⁷ Peace be with- [|] in your walls
and quietness with- [|] in your towers.
- ⁸ **For the sake of my kindred [|] and companions,
I pray for [|] your prosperity.**
- ⁹ Because of the house of the [|] LORD our God,
I will seek to [|] do you good.” **R**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.*
Sung Twice

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

The first line of musical notation is for a two-part setting. The treble staff (top) begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). It contains a series of chords and single notes: a whole note chord (G4, B4), a half note chord (A4, C5), a quarter note (D5), a half note chord (E5, G5), a whole note chord (F#5, A5), a half note (B5), and a final whole note chord (C6, E6). The lyrics "Wait for the Lord, whose day is near." are written below the treble staff. The bass staff (bottom) begins with a bass clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). It contains a series of chords and single notes: a whole note chord (G2, B2), a half note chord (A2, C3), a quarter note (D3), a half note chord (E3, G3), a whole note chord (F#3, A3), a half note (B3), and a final whole note chord (C4, E4). The lyrics "Wait for the Lord, whose day is near." are written above the bass staff.

Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

The second line of musical notation is for a two-part setting. The treble staff (top) begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). It contains a series of chords and single notes: a whole note chord (G4, B4), a half note chord (A4, C5), a quarter note (D5), a half note chord (E5, G5), a whole note chord (F#5, A5), a half note (B5), and a final whole note chord (C6, E6). The lyrics "Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!" are written below the treble staff. The bass staff (bottom) begins with a bass clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). It contains a series of chords and single notes: a whole note chord (G2, B2), a half note chord (A2, C3), a quarter note (D3), a half note chord (E3, G3), a whole note chord (F#3, A3), a half note (B3), and a final whole note chord (C4, E4). The lyrics "Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!" are written above the bass staff.

GOSPEL: Matthew 24:36-44

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁶ "About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷ For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸ For as in the days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹ and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so, too, will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰ Then two will be in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. ⁴¹ Two women will be grinding

meal together; one will be taken, and one will be left. ⁴² Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³ But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴ Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

SERMON

Rev. Dr. John Hoffmeyer

The assembly remains seated.

Hymn of the Day – Come, thou Long Expected Jesus ELW 254

The assembly stands.

THE APOSTLES CREED

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.* On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each prayer ends with the words, “God of Grace” and the congregation responds, “Hear our prayer.”

PEACE

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

MEAL

(God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.)

The assembly stands.

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray.

P: God our provider, by your merciful hand abundance springs up from the earth. Receive and bless these gifts of your own bounty. Let them be a sign of your steadfast love and faithfulness for all people, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

C: Amen.

DIALOGUE

The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks.

P: The Lord be with you **C: And also with you**

P: Lift up your hearts

C: We lift them up to the Lord

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God **C: It is right to give our thanks and praise**

PREFACE

The presiding minister continues:

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

The musical score is written for a single voice part on a treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with a triplet of eighth notes in the third measure. The lyrics are written below the staff, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across measures. The score consists of four lines of music.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life: Blessed are you for the birth of creation. Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light. Blessed are you for your promise to your people. Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes

and dreams. Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will. Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

P: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

C: Come, Lord Jesus.

P: Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C: 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: In this meal, righteousness and peace meet together. Come, take your place at the table.

The assembly may be seated. The bread is broken for communion

COMMUNION

You may come to the rail to receive communion. The bread is gluten free, and you may dip it in the wine or grape juice. If you can't come to the rail communion will be brought to you.

COMMUNION SONG - Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence - ELW 490



- 1 Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence, and with fear and trem - bling stand;
- 2 King of kings, yet born of Mar - y, as of old on earth he stood,
- 3 Rank on rank the host of heav - en spreads its van - guard on the way;
- 4 At his feet the six - winged ser - aph, cher - u - bim with sleep - less eye,



pon - der noth - ing earth - ly - mind - ed, for with bless - ing in his hand
Lord of lords in hu - man ves - ture, in the bod - y and the blood,
as the Light of light, de - scend - ing from the realms of end - less day,
veil their fac - es to the pres - ence, as with cease - less voice they cry:



Christ our God to earth de - scend - ing comes full hom - age to de - mand.
he will give to all the faith - ful his own self for heav'n - ly food.
comes, the pow'rs of hell to van - quish, as the dark - ness clears a - way.
"Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

The assembly stands.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen

P: Let us pray. Generous God, in bread and cup you have revealed your glory for all people to see together. Nourished by this meal, send us out to proclaim your good news of liberation and release, brought to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior. **C: Amen**

SENDING

(God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.)

BLESSING

P: The God of peace bless you, the love of Christ sustain you in hope, and the anointing of the Spirit ✠ remain upon you now and forever.

C: Amen

SENDING HYMN – *Fling Wide the Door ELW - 259*

DISMISSAL

P: Go in Peace, Be Surprised!

C: Thanks be to God.

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Our Prayer List

Our Community: Bob Conn, Mabel Turner, Ethel Metz.

Our Friends: Terry Gara, Lea and Paul Ressler, Ruth Mann, Melissa Kuchler, Linda Moore, Robert Donnelly and Family, Patricia Weiser, Eileen Krygier, Kathy Schultz, Shannon Puitro, Josh, Sue & Dave Goldstein, Jack Horvath, friend of Diane & John Graham, Joe Wolf, Mason Family, Nina Liptak, Barbara Laudenbacker, Jim Kellmer, Jill Edwards, Dorrie Schenkel, Mark Strenger, Freddie Schrat.

Announcements

During this time of pastoral transition, we want to share our financial status with the congregation by reporting the amount budgeted for monthly offering income, versus actual monthly offering income. Budgeted monthly offering income for November is \$4,200, and to date we have received \$3,154.

Feast of Justice Collection – Personal Care items are needed. Full-sized bottles of shampoo, conditioner and body wash. Soap, toothpaste, deodorant and especially feminine products would be greatly appreciated. You can place them in the box in the Narthex.

Audio Training – We are looking for volunteers to manage the Streaming of worship. If you are interested, please reach out to Cheryl Lafferty at: cae184@yahoo.com or 215-990-2111.

Make Christmas Brighter for Teens – Fostering Hope is collecting \$25 Target, Walmart or Amazon gift cards for the 60 teens it serves. If you would like to help, please give gift cards to Karen Armstrong by November 30th.

Saturday, December 6th – Annual Christmas Tea at 2:00p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Free entry. Please RSVP on the attendance sheet in the back of the church.

Feast of Justice – On December 7th, please bring **Rice** to church for donation to Feast of Justice. We will be collecting a different shelf sustainable food item every Sunday through January 25th.

Wednesday, December 24th – Christmas Eve Service at 3:00p.m. Pastor Davidson will be leading us in worship. A Trumpeter will be performing during the service.