

First Sunday of Advent
Sunday, November 27, 2022

From Generation to Generation

Welcome

Centring Music: 'Lo, how a Rose *by Michael Praetorius*

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Advent is a time to wait.

We wait in hope for God; God is our help and our shield.

During Advent we wait for the light in the darkness.

We wait in hope for God; God is our help and our shield.

During Advent we wait for freedom from captivity.

We wait in hope for God; God is our help and our shield.

During Advent we wait for comfort in sorrow.

We wait in hope for God; God is our help and our shield.

This morning we light the first Advent candle. May God's light never cease to shine.

Response: (Led by Choir) We Wait in Hope *By Joel Raney*

**All creation lies in waiting, in the stillness of the night,
with hope anticipating the Advent of Eternal Light.**

Advent Prayer for Illumination

Opening Hymn: **All Who Are Thirsty** (More Voices 4)

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All who are thirsty,
all who are weak,
come to the fountain.
Dip your heart in the stream of life.
Let the pain and the sorrow be washed away
in the waves of his mercy
as deep cries out to deep.
We sing:
Come, Lord Jesus, come.
Come, Lord Jesus come.
Come, Lord Jesus, come.
Come, Lord Jesus, come.

A Time to Wonder

Scripture Reading

Romans 13: 11-14

Matthew 24:36-44

Reflection: "Wake Up!"

Hymn of the Day: **People Look East** (Voices United 9, vs. 1, 2, 3 & 5)

Words: Eleanor Farjeon 1928

Music: French folk melody, harm. Martin Fallas Shaw 1928

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- 1 People, look east. The time is near
of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able,
trim the hearth and set the table.
People, look east and sing today:
Love the guest is on the way.

2 Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare,
one more seed is planted there:
give up your strength the seed to nourish,
that in course the flower may flourish.
People, look east and sing today:
Love the rose is on the way.

3 Birds, though you long have ceased to build,
guard the nest that must be filled;
even the hour when wings are frozen
God for fledging time has chosen.
People, look east and sing today:
Love the bird is on the way.

5 Angels, announce with shouts of mirth
Christ who brings new life to earth.
Set every peak and valley humming
with the word, the Lord is coming.
People, look east and sing today:
Love the Lord is on the way.

The Holy Sacrament of Communion

Words of Welcome

Liturgy

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift our hearts in prayer.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is good to give God thanks and praise.

Prayer

Responsive Song: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (Voices United 1 v. 1)

*Words: from the Latin antiphons for Advent, ca 9th century;
trans. John Mason Neale 1851, et al.*

Music: 15th century plainsong melody; arr. by Healey Willan 1880 – 1968

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**O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel
that mourns in lowly exile here
until the Son of God appear.**

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.**

Liturgy

Christ has died.

Christ has risen.

Christ will come again.

Remembering Jesus at Table

Responsive Song: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (Voices United 1 v. 2)

**O come, O Wisdom from on high,
who orders all things mightily;
to us the path of knowledge show,
and teach us in her ways to go.**

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.**

Source of love,

we pray for your Spirit as we say these words together

Make us, while many, one.

Make us, though broken, whole.

Make us, despite death, alive.

We ask your blessing O God, on this bread and juice. May it sustain us and nourish us to continue to live out Advent in the world. Amen.

We join with our siblings around the world in the prayer that Jesus taught us...

The Lord's Prayer

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

The body of Christ,
the Bread of life.

The lifeblood of Christ,
the cup of blessing.

Let us eat and drink together
for our strengthening in the faith,
and for the sake of the world.

Distribution of the Elements

Prayer After Communion

**We thank you, God,
for breaking into our world
and pouring into our lives and our experiences.
We thank you, God,
for this meal of thanksgiving
and the stories of love, grace, and hope that it tells. Amen.**

Anthem: Do You Hear What I Hear?

Invitation to Offering

Sung Response: **In the Bleak Midwinter** (Voices United 55, v. 4)

Words: Christina Georgina Rossetti ca. 1872

Music: Gustav Theodor Holst 1906

What can I give him, poor as I am?

**If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
if I were a wise man, I would do my part;
yet what I can I give him - give my heart.**

Joys and Concerns

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

Parting Hymn: **'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime** (Voices United 71)

Words: Jean de Brebeuf ca. 1641, with thanks to the Huron & Wendat People

English trans. Jesse Edgar Middleton 1926, alt.

Music: French folksong, 16th century; arr. by H Barrie Cabena 1970

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- 1 'Twas in the moon of wintertime,
when all the birds had fled,
that mighty Gitchi Manitou
sent angel choirs instead;
before their light the stars grew dim,
and wandering hunters heard the hymn:

Refrain Jesus your King is born,
Jesus is born,
in excelsis gloria.

- 2 Within a lodge of broken bark
the tender babe was found,
a ragged robe of rabbit skin
enwrapped his beauty round;
but as the hunter braves drew nigh,
the angel song rang loud and high: *Refrain*

3 The earliest moon of wintertime
is not so round and fair
as was the ring of glory on
the helpless infant there.
The chiefs from far before him knelt
with gifts of fox and beaver pelt. *Refrain*

4 O children of the forest free,
the angel song is true,
the holy child of earth and heaven
is born today for you.
Come, kneel before the radiant boy,
who brings you beauty, peace, and joy: *Refrain*

Benediction

Postlude: We Are Marching (Siyahamba) Voices United 646

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1 We are marching in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of God.
(the light of God.)
We are marching, (marching, we are marching,)
oo-oo, (marching,)
we are marching in the light of God.
(the light of God.)
We are marching, (marching, we are marching,)
oo-oo, (marching,)
we are marching in the light of God.

2 Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos',
siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'.
Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos',
siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos',
(khanyen' kwenkhos'.)
Siyahamba, (hamba siyahamba,)
oo-oo, (hamba,)
siyahamb', ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'.
(khanyen' kwenkhos'.)
Siyahamba, (hamba siyahamba,)
oo-oo, (hamba,)
siyahamb', ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'.

*Please remain seated for a brief Visioning update from
Pastor Beth Parsons and Chair of Council, Jiemei Li.*

Worship Leaders – Pastor Beth Parson and Pastor Nancy Walker
Music Leader: Glenn Parsons and the Band
Welcoming – Stephen Godfrey
Scripture Reading – Margaret Chambers
Greeters – Orma Paton
Spirit Kids Program – Nancy Walker
Communion Servers – Deanna Bertelsen, Dennis Burke, Ron Childs,
D'Arcy Climie, Barbara Shobbrook & Pat Taylor
Technical Support – Rob Glenn and Bob Krueckl
Fellowship Time – Men's Breakfast Group
Flowers are offered by Margaret and David Chambers. Flowers are
also offered by Beth & Glenn Parsons and Bruce & Margaret
Carruthers in celebration of the life of their father, David Carruthers.