



Sunday, November 29, 2020

Welcome!

We are thankful that you are worshiping with us today! To learn more about the life of our congregation, join our email list [here](#).

Here are some helpful resources for our younger worshippers:

[This Week's Children's Bulletin](#) | [Worship Worksheet for Kids](#)

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

The First Sunday of Advent

10:30 A.M.

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

INTROIT

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

VENI EMMANUEL

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The world says, "All is lost."

God says, "All is loved."

The darkness says, "The light is dying."

The light says, "The fire is catching."

Fear says, "Cover your eyes and ears."

Hope says, "Wait, watch and listen."

*OPENING PRAYER

Most sovereign and loving God, in gratitude we stand in your presence this day. In this time of worship, let our hearts, souls and, minds open to the possibility that you have come once again to bring us hope. We give you thanks this day. Amen.

*HYMN 82

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

HYFRYDOL

- 1. Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
For our fears and sins release us: let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art:
Dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.*

2. *Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a king,
Born to reign in us forever, now they gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
By thine all-sufficient merit raise us to thy glorious throne.*

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Leader: May God be with you in worship there.

Congregation: **May God be with you in worship there.**

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

We come into your presence this morning often critical of the shortcomings of others, but deeply aware of our own. Humbly we ask to be reconciled to you.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Restore us, O God of hosts.

Let your face shine on us that we may be saved.

Save us, O Lord from the traps of our own creating

From fear that blocks the way of love,

From worry that blocks the way of joy,

From structural injustices that keep the world bound.

Forgive us, O God.

Until the stars fall from heaven and we live as people transformed.

POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATERS

Remember your baptism and be thankful!

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

We thank you, God that you have loved us, in spite of our failure to live out what you have made us to be. We thank you that through Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*GLORIA PATRI

GREATOREX

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.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Since we have been reconciled to God, let us also be reconciled to one another.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

*SUNG RESPONSE (91)

COME, COME EMMANUEL

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THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Good and loving God, grace us in this time of worship with ears to listen to your word and open hearts to receive you in our world. Hear us, we pray. Amen.

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 64: 1-9

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Mark 13: 24-37

The gospel of the Lord. **May Jesus Christ be praised.**

SERMON

Dennis Jewett

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

adapted from the Confession of 1967

**Out of Israel, God in due time raised up Jesus.
He was the fulfillment of God's promise to Israel,
The beginning of a new creation, and the pioneer of the new humanity.
He gave history its meaning and direction and called the church to be his servant
For the reconciliation of the world.**

THE EUCHARIST

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

MUSIC FOR THE OFFERING *Climb to the Top of the Highest Mountain* Carolyn Jennings

Climb to the top of the highest mountain, joyous tidings proclaim to the world.
Lift up your voice, shout the good news, Behold, your Lord comes to you.

He will feed his flock like a shepherd, He will carry the lambs in his arms.
He will ever keep them safe from harm. Behold, your Lord comes to you.

He who made the stars in the heaven, He who fashioned the earth and the sea,
From time eternal he was God, the Alpha and Omega, behold your Lord.

He will come in power and glory, He will rule with truth.
Hope of all the nations, Light of the world, Light of all.

He will love the little children, He will hold them in his arms.
Love and trust him as a little child, Behold your Lord comes to you.

*THE DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise...

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD & THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of wondrous grace, we thank you for making room for all of your children at this table. Let it continually remind us of the sacrifice and persistent love you give us all. And may we embody that love to those who sit beside us at this table. We give you thanks. Amen.

THE SENDING

*HYMN 105

People Look East

BESANCON

- 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. Stars keep the watch when night is dim, one more light the bowl shall brim,
Shining beyond the frosty weather, bright as sun and moon together.
People look east and sing today, Love, the Star, is on the way.*
- 4. 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.*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

**Rise in body or spirit*

LEADING OUR WORSHIP TODAY

PREACHING

Dennis Jewett, Director of Music

PRESIDING AT THE TABLE

Rev. David Madewell

LITURGIST

Paul Puckett

ASSISTING

Jeff Moles, Director of Christian Education & Mission
Stephanie Dube, Director of Youth Ministries & Weekday School

MUSICIANS

Patrick Ritsch, Organist
Choral Scholars



Advent Vespers

including the lighting of the Advent wreath

Tonight at 5:00pm

Outdoors at the church and on Facebook Live