

PRAYER:

Congregation: Holy Lord, we come with joy to celebrate the birth of your Son, who rescued us from the darkness of sin by making the cross a tree of life and light. May this tree arrayed splendor, remind us of the life-giving cross of Christ that we may always rejoice in the new life that shines our hearts. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING OF THE NATIVITY SCENE:

Congregation: Merciful God, you sent your messenger, the prophets, to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation. Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may celebrate anew the commemoration of the nativity and may await with joy the coming in glory of Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever. Amen.

*HYMN OF INVITATION

COME, THOU LONG-EXPECTED JESUS

#196

WORDS BY CHARLES WESLEY

MUSIC BY ROWLAND H. PRICHARD

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1. Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free; from 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 thy 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.

*BENEDICTION

***SENDING FORTH**
PEOPLE LOOK EAST

#202, v. 1

WORDS BY ELEANOR FARJEON

MUSIC FROM A TRADITIONAL FRENCH CAROL

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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.

POSTLUDE

LO, HE COMES WITH CLOUDS DESCENDING

CHARLES WESLEY



Communion is available and the elements have been blessed for anyone who would like to partake after church service is completed.



*The Hanging of
the Greens*

First Sunday of Advent

“Sign of the Times”

Isaiah 7:13&14

November 27, 2022
Sunday Worship Service
Sanctuary & Online
10:00 AM

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

PREPARE THE WAY

BEN LOGAN

WELCOME HOME!
ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

EMMANUEL, EMMANUEL

BOB MCGEE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: How shall we prepare this house for the coming of the King?

Congregation: With branches of cedar, the tree of royalty.

How shall we prepare this house for the coming of the eternal Christ?

With garlands of pine and fir, whose leaves are ever living, ever green.

How shall we prepare this house of the coming of our savior?

With wreaths of holly and ivy, telling of his passion, death, and resurrection.

How shall we prepare our hearts for the coming of the Son of God?

By hearing again the words of the prophets, who foretold the saving work of God.



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For God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved.
Glory to the God in the highest!

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH
ISAIAH 60:2-3
(PLEASE SEE INSERT)

***HYMN OF PRAISE**
O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL
#211, v. 1, 2, & 4
WORDS FROM 19TH CENTURY LATIN
MUSIC FROM 15TH CENTURY FRENCH
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1. O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

2. O come, thou Wisdom from on high, and order all things far and nigh; to us the path of knowledge show and cause us in her ways to go. [Refrain]

4. O come, thou Root of Jesse's tree, an ensign of thy people be; before thee rulers silent fall; all peoples on thy mercy call. [Refrain]

1. SCRIPTURE READING - SUSAN HILL
JEREMIAH 23: 5-6
(PLEASE SEE INSERT)

SHARING OF OUR JOYS & CONCERNS

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

CALL TO PRAYER
SAVIOR OF THE NATIONS COME
#214, v. 1 & 2
WORDS BY MARTIN LUTHER
MUSIC FROM *ENCHIRIDION ODER HANDBÜCHLEIN*
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1. Savior of the nations, come; Virgin's Son, here make thy home! Marvel now, O heaven and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.

2. Not by human flesh and blood; by the Spirit of our God was the Word of God made flesh, woman's offspring, pure and fresh.

**OFFERING PRAYER & RETURN OF GOD'S
TITHES & GIFTS**

***DOXOLOGY**
PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW
#94
WORDS BY THOMAS KEN
MUSIC FROM *GEISTLICHE KIRCHENGESANGE*
ARR. BY RALPH VAUGHAN WILLIAMS
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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

2. SCRIPTURE READING - BARBARA HAYNES
ISAIAH 9: 2, 6-7
(PLEASE SEE INSERT)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilot, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick 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.

HYMN OF FAITH
BLESSED BE THE GOD OF ISRAEL
#209, v. 1 & 2
WORDS BY MICHAEL PERRY
MUSIC BY HAL H. HOPSON
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1. Blessed be the God of Israel, who comes to set us free, who visits and redeems us, and grants us liberty. The prophets spoke of mercy, of freedom and release; God shall fulfill the promise to bring our people peace.

2. Now from the house of David a child of grace is given; a Savior comes among us to raise us up to heaven. Before him goes the herald, forerunner in the way, the prophet of salvation, the harbinger of day.

3. SCRIPTURE READING - FRANCES COLE
ISAIAH 53: 1-6
(PLEASE SEE INSERT)

ANTHEM
PREPARE!
ALLEN POTE

SCRIPTURE READING - DONNA MCCULLOUGH
ISAIAH 7:13 & 14

MESSAGE
“SIGN OF THE TIMES”
REV. LARAINÉ WAUGHTAL

4. SCRIPTURE READING - JOYCE EVERETT
JOHN 1: 1-5, 9-14
(PLEASE SEE INSERT)

BLESSING & LIGHTING OF THE CHRISMON TREE:

As we prepare for the coming of Jesus, the Light of the World, we light the Christmas (Chrismon) tree. During this Advent, wherever we see a lighted Christmas tree, let it call to mind the One who brings light to our darkness, healing to our brokenness, and peace to all who receive Him.