



# First Sunday of Advent

November 27, 2022

*Draw near to God*

*for God is waiting for you.*

\* indicates where the congregation is to stand if able  
*italic type is spoken by the liturgist – bold is spoken by the congregation*

## **PRELUDE**

### **CALL TO WORSHIP AND LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH**

*Advent is a time of reflection and renewal.*

**God of light, shine in our hearts and renew our hope.**

*Advent is a time of self-examination.*

**God of light, shine in our hearts and strengthen our resolve.**

*Advent is a time of joyful expectation.*

**God of light, shine in our hearts and renew our faith.**

*Advent is a time of service and searching.*

**God of light, shine in our hearts and ignite our compassion.**

**\*HYMN #88** verses 1, 4, 6 and 7      O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

1. O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

4. O come, thou Root of Jesse, free thine own from Satan's tyranny; from depths of hell thy people save and give them victory o'er the grave. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

6. O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by thine advent here; disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

7. O come, Desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind; bid envy, strife, and discord cease; fill the whole world with heaven's peace. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

## **CALL TO CONFESSION**

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND BROKENESS**

**God of light and life, you set before us today the challenges of laying aside the works of darkness; of putting on the light of Christ; of being watchful and prepared for your coming in our midst in the person of Jesus Christ.**

**As the people of God in this place, we know that a crucial part of our witness is in revealing Christ to the world through the way we love and care for one another. Forgive us when people do not see any evidence in us of the One who is to come. So many people, young and old, grope helplessly in the gloom of despair and suffering, yearning for the light of hope to dawn in their lives. Remind us that the light of Christ shines through people like us.**

**Merciful God, cleanse our hearts and minds of all that hinders us from loving you and loving our neighbor so that our lives radiate faith active in love, as we watch and wait for your breaking into our world once more in the person of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND BLESSING**

... Trust and believe this good news: **Jesus died for me. Jesus forgives me. Jesus loves me. Jesus is good to me. Amen.**

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

**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.**

**FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON** Romans 13:11-14

**TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**

**\*HYMN #82** Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

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.

**GOSPEL LESSON** Matthew 24:36-51 *from The Message*

**SERMON** Wait in Hope

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

Maggie Realley, organ and Leanne Yerkes, piano

**RECOGNITION OF THE OFFERING**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

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

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**Because of you, Abundant God, we have blessings to offer to others. May you use our gifts to restore hope to the despairing, to feed the hungry, and to fill the empty hearts of the lonely. This we ask in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

**SHARING JOYS, CONCERNS AND FRIENDSHIP**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who is 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.**

**\*HYMN #132** Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

1. Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice; give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today; ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now. Christ is born today! Christ is born today!

2. Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice; now ye hear of endless bliss: Jesus Christ was born for this! He has opened heaven's door, and we are blest forevermore. Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!

3. Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice; now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save! Calls you one and calls you all to gain the everlasting hall. Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS: November 27, 2022.**

This week's carillon is in memory of Addis Cosner.

Our flowers that grace our Altar today are in loving memory of Maynard and Doris Bliss.

**CHRISTMAS MUSICAL REHEARSALS TODAY:** All ages and abilities are invited to sing. Rehearsals will be each Sunday after worship. The performance date is December 18. Contact Leanne Yerkes or Pastor Su if you have any questions.

**YOUTH GROUP TONIGHT** 6:30 PM.

**CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON – ALL ARE INVITED:** Wednesday December 7 at noon Parish Life will be hosting a Christmas Luncheon for everyone. A homemade meal will be served followed by carol singing led by Leanne Yerkes and a Christmas story shared by Pastor Su. All are welcome to attend this holiday treat. Tickets are **free** for this luncheon and are available in Fellowship Hall, please sign up on the signup sheet and take your ticket (s) or call the church office to reserve your seat(s). Bring friends!

**POINSETTIAS FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON:** Help us enhance our sanctuary with a Poinsettia plant. For a donation of \$14 per plant you can help brighten up our Sanctuary. Forms are in Fellowship Hall.

**GIFTS FOR DISABLED ADULTS:** Thank you all for your support. We have a few more tags on the Tree that are available. As a reminder: Gifts are to be brought to the church no later than December 11.

**2023 PLEDGE ENVELOPES:** Pledge envelopes are available for pick up. If you are unable to pick up, please call Susan at the church office and she will have them mailed to you. The envelopes do not come with your number this year. When using the envelope please either add your church number you were given or your name so we can correctly add your contribution to your account.

**FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:** This week we are asking for **Paper Products**. Bring your item(s) to the church during the week or next Sunday morning. Donations are to be placed in the wagon located in the vestibule.

<b>Calendar:</b>	<b>November 27</b>	10:00am	Worship Service and Sunday school. Followed by Fellowship and Christmas Music Rehearsals.
	<b>November 28</b>	8:30am 7:00pm 7:00pm	Deacons Meeting. Boy Scout Troop 71 Meeting. Bell Choir Rehearsal.
	<b>November 29</b>	7:00pm	Property Meeting.
	<b>November 30</b>	12:00pm	Lunch Bunch, bring your lunch for a mid-week get together

Elder of the Month: Donna Jencks                      Deacon of the Month: Maggie Realley  
Sunday School Teacher: Kim King

***In our thoughts and prayers:***

The Conner/Lang Family, Aleena Lang, Raymond Tinari, Sally Thiessen,  
Jim Turner, Violet Sanders and Nicolas Foster

**Church Staff**

**Susan Fall, Pastor**

**Leanne Yerkes, Director of Music**  
**Susan Flanagan, Office Administrator**  
**Frank Orzechoski, Financial Manager**  
**Mark Lempp, Grounds Keeper**

