

Parish Hall Worship Service
1st Sunday of Advent November 30, 2025 10:30 AM

GATHERING SONG

O Praise Him

Turn your ear to heaven
And hear the noise inside
The sound of angel's awe
The sound of angel's songs
And all this for a King
We could join and sing
All to Christ the King
How constant how divine
This song of ours will rise
O how constant how divine
This love of ours will rise will rise

O praise Him O praise Him
He is holy
He is holy

Turn your gaze to heaven
And raise a joyous noise
The sound of salvation come
The sound of rescued ones
And all this for a King
Angels join to sing
All for Christ the King

O praise Him O praise Him
He is holy
He is holy

How infinite and sweet
This love so rescuing
O how infinitely sweet
This great love that has redeemed
As one we sing

Alleluia alleluia
He is holy
He is holy

O praise Him O praise Him
He is holy
He is holy

Alleluia alleluia
He is holy
He is holy

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WELCOME

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

PASTOR

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
whose home is heaven and earth,
whose salvation is sure.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God
and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Long-expected God,
**we confess that we look to ourselves
for the peace and security only you can provide.
We reach for swords and spears,
reluctant to release our grip on the ways of war.
We become impatient while waiting
and weary of keeping awake.
Free us from self-reliance,
and teach us to live in harmony with our neighbors.
Increase our trust in God's timing,
and awaken us to your advent among us,
that we may abound in the hope you have promised.**

Amen.

God judges us not as we deserve,
but according to God's own righteousness.

† You are freed and forgiven,
saved by grace,
and ready to welcome the Savior.

Amen.

ADVENT WREATH

We praise you, O God, for this evergreen crown that marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent. As we light the first candle on this wreath, rouse us from sleep, that we may be ready to greet our Lord when he comes with all the saints and angels. Enlighten

us with your grace, and prepare our hearts to welcome him with joy. Grant this through Christ our Lord, whose coming is certain and whose day draws near.
Amen.

Light the first candle.

Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah

Light one candle to watch for Messiah:
let the light banish darkness.
He shall bring salvation to Israel,
God fulfills the promise.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

PASTOR

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.
Amen.

FIRST READING

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Isaiah 2:1-5

- ¹ The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.
² In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it.³ Many peoples shall come and say,
"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths."
For out of Zion shall go forth instruction and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.
⁴ He shall judge between the nations and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation; neither shall they learn war any more.
⁵ O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE READING

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Psalms 122

- 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.**
⁵ For there are the thrones of judgment, the thrones of the house of David.
⁶ **Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May they prosper 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.”

SECOND READING

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Romans 13:11-14

¹ Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹² the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³ let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴ Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

GOSPEL

PASTOR

Matthew 24:36-44

[Jesus said to the disciples,] 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.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

SONG OF THE DAY

Emmanuel

Come come Emmanuel

Son of God appear

Heaven and earth rejoice
Salvation is drawing near
Salvation is drawing near

O come O come Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear

Come come Emmanuel
Son of God appear
Heaven and earth rejoice
Salvation is drawing near
Salvation is drawing near

O come O Rod of Jesse's stem
From ev'ry foe deliver them
That trust Your mighty pow'r to save
And give them vict'ry o'er the grave

Come come Emmanuel
Son of God appear
Heaven and earth rejoice
Salvation is drawing near
Salvation is drawing near

O come Desire of nations bind
In one the hearts of humankind
Make all our sad divisions cease
And be for us the King of Peace

Come come Emmanuel
Son of God appear
Heaven and earth rejoice
Salvation is drawing near
Salvation is drawing near

Come come Emmanuel
Son of God appear
Heaven and earth rejoice
Salvation is drawing near
Salvation is drawing near

Rejoice Emmanuel

Shall come to thee O Israel
Rejoice Emmanuel
Shall come to thee O Israel

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APOSTLES' CREED

PASTOR

**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 THE PEOPLE

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God of grace,
hear our prayer.

OFFERING

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SHARING OF THE PEACE OF THE LORD

PASSING THE OFFERING PLATE

OFFERTORY SONG

People, Look East

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.

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 flow'r may flourish.
People, look east, and sing today—
Love, the Rose, is on the way.

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.

Angels announce with shouts of mirth
him who brings new life to earth.
Set ev'ry peak and valley humming
with the word, the Lord is coming.
People, look east, and sing today—
Love, the Lord, is on the way.

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OFFERING PRAYER

PASTOR

Nourishing God,
you are water in the wilderness and streams in the desert.
Through this meal, satisfy our parched places,
that we may rejoice and be for the world
signs of your kingdom come.
Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you
And also with you
Lift up your hearts
We lift them to the Lord
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
It is right to give our thanks and praise

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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 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.

COMMUNION

PASTOR

COMMUNION SONGS

Light One Candle

Light one candle for hope,
One bright candle for hope,
He brings hope to ev'ry heart, He comes! He comes!

Light one candle for peace,
One bright candle for peace,
He brings peace to ev'ry heart, He comes! He Comes!

Light one candle for joy,
One bright candle for joy,
Ev'ry nation will find salvation in Bethl'em's baby boy.

Light one candle for love,
One bright candle for love,
He brings love to ev'ry heart, He comes! He comes!
He brings love to ev'ry heart, He comes! He comes!

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Emmanuel

Emmanuel Emmanuel
His name is called Emmanuel
God with us revealed in us
His name is called Emmanuel

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

PASTOR

God our host,
at this table you have fed us with joy and gladness.
Send us forth, eager to share the feast,
welcome the stranger,
and bear good fruit in the name of Jesus.
Amen.

BLESSING

PASTOR

May God who comes among us,
Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit,
grant you patience in waiting, peace in the darkness,
and good news to share today and always.
Amen.

CLOSING SONG

There is a Great Joy Coming

There is a great joy a-coming,
There is a great joy a-coming,
There is a great joy a-coming
to the whole people my Lord.

Glory, glory, glory!

Glory, glory, glory!

Glory be to God in the highest,
Peace, goodwill toward men.

Soon in the city of David,
Soon in the city of David,
Soon in the city of David
A Savior will be born.

Glory, glory, glory!

Glory, glory, glory!

Glory be to God in the highest,
Peace, goodwill toward men.

He shall be called mighty Jesus,
He shall be called mighty Jesus,
He shall be called mighty Jesus,
The King of kings and Lord of lords.

Glory, glory, glory!

Glory, glory, glory!

Glory be to God in the highest,
Peace, goodwill toward men
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Peace, goodwill toward men

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Go in peace. Keep awake.
Thanks be to God.