

# First Sunday in Advent

November 27, 2022

10 am

## GATHERING TO WORSHIP GOD

Preservice Music

Northside Chapel Praise Band

Prelude

*For Unto Us a Child is Born*  
~From Handel's *Messiah* | arr. Robert Gower

Andy Potts

### Welcome & Announcements

- Angel Tree with Gift Cards
- Board of Child Care deadline

### Call to Worship

Today is the first Sunday of Advent,  
the Sunday when we recall the hope we have in Christ.  
At a time when God's people had lost their way—  
when they were mired in sin and doubt and despair—  
the prophets of Israel spoke of a coming Messiah.  
He would be a king, born in the line of David,  
who would rule the world with justice and be a blessing to all nations.  
His name would be called Emmanuel, which means, "God is with us."  
**Today we come with longing and expectation for this Messiah,**  
**recognizing how much our world needs him once more.**  
**O come, O come, Emmanuel.**

Opening Hymn

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*  
(vv. 1, 4, 6-7)

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### Verse 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

### Verse 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  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel

### Verse 6

O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by thy justice here  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel

## Verse 7

O come, Desire of Nations bind all peoples in one heart and mind  
From dust thou brought us forth to life; deliver us from earthly strife  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel

## Lighting the Advent Wreath

Jay, Diana, Jessie & Jeshua Jebaraj

### Leader:

Every year we light candles as we prepare for the coming of Christ.  
More and more candles, more and more light,  
as we watch and wait for Jesus, the Light of the World.

### Congregation:

**God of Promise, come into our darkness.  
Renew your hope in us,  
for You alone bring life out of death.**

### Leader:

Receive God's promise of hope from Psalm 33:  
The eyes of the LORD are on those who fear Him,  
on those whose hope is in His unfailing love,  
to deliver them from death and keep them alive in famine.

### Congregation:

**We wait in hope for the LORD; He is our help and our shield.  
In Him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in His holy name.  
May Your unfailing love rest upon us, O LORD,  
even as we put our hope in You.**

## Response

*Waiting Here for You*

Northside Chapel Praise Band

Chris Tomlin | Jesse Reeves | Martin Smith

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## Verse 1

If faith can move the mountains, let the mountains move  
We come with expectation, waiting here for You | Waiting here for You

## Verse 2

You're the Lord of all creation and still You know my heart  
The Author of salvation, You've loved us from the start

## Chorus 1

Waiting here for You with our hands lifted high in praise  
And it's You we adore, singing alleluia

## Verse 3

You are ev'rything You've promised, Your faithfulness is true  
We're desperate for Your presence, all we need is You

## Chorus 1

## Bridge

Singing alleluia, alleluia (x2)

**Chorus 1**

**Chorus 2**

Waiting here for You with our hands lifted high in praise  
And it's You we adore, singing alleluia (We're) singing alleluia

**A Message for Young Disciples**

Pastor Jen Eschliman

## **Proclamation and Response**

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### **Old Testament Reading**

Isaiah 11:1-9

<sup>1</sup> A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,  
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

<sup>2</sup> The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him,  
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the spirit of counsel and might,  
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.

<sup>3</sup> His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see  
or decide by what his ears hear,

<sup>4</sup> but with righteousness he shall judge for the poor  
and decide with equity for the oppressed of the earth;  
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,  
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

<sup>5</sup> Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist  
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

<sup>6</sup> The wolf shall live with the lamb;  
the leopard shall lie down with the kid;  
the calf and the lion will feed together,  
and a little child shall lead them.

<sup>7</sup> The cow and the bear shall graze;  
their young shall lie down together;  
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

<sup>8</sup> The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,  
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

<sup>9</sup> They will not hurt or destroy  
on all my holy mountain,  
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord  
as the waters cover the sea.

## Anthem

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* Joyful Noise Handbell Choir

Rowland H. Prichard | arr. Bill Ingram

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## Gospel Reading

Luke 1:26-38

<sup>26</sup> In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, <sup>27</sup> to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup> And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." <sup>29</sup> But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup> The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup> And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. <sup>32</sup> He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. <sup>33</sup> He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." <sup>34</sup> Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" <sup>35</sup> The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. <sup>36</sup> And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. <sup>37</sup> For nothing will be impossible with God." <sup>38</sup> Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

**Leader:** This is the Word of God.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

## Message

*Incarnation*

Pastor Jen Eschliman

## Prayers of the People

### 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. Amen.

## Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

### Offertory

*I Will Go the Distance*

Northside Chapel Praise Band

Cindi Ballard | Joel Lindsey | Wayne Haun

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## Doxology

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Praise God from Whom all blessings flow | Praise Him, all creatures here below  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host | Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**Verse 1**

Hail to the Lord's Anointed, great David's greater Son  
Hail in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun  
He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free  
To take away transgression, and rule in equity

**Verse 2**

He comes with succor speedy to those who suffer wrong  
To help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong  
To give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light  
Whose souls, condemned and dying, are precious in his sight

**Verse 3**

He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth  
Love, joy, and hope, like flowers, spring in his path to birth  
Before him, on the mountains, shall peace, the herald, go  
And righteousness, in fountains, from hill to valley flow

**Verse 4**

To him shall prayer unceasing and daily vows ascend  
His kingdom still increasing, a kingdom without end.  
The tide of time shall never his covenant remove  
His name shall stand forever, that name to us is Love

**Sending Forth**

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

Toccata on "*Hyfrydol*"  
~Arr. Joel Raney

Andy Potts