

TUSTIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WORSHIP



November 27, 2022

10:00 a.m.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

Paul Manz (1919–2009)

Comfort, Comfort Now My People

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Charles Callahan (b. 1951)

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

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IN THE LIFE

KEEPING CHRISTMAS MARKET

Lori Ruff-Schmalenberger

CALL TO WORSHIP

* LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE *Candle of Expectation*

Raya Arendts, Regan May, and Emily Fuentes

“‘The days are coming,’ declares the LORD, ‘when I will fulfill the good promise I made to the people of Israel and Judah. In those days and at that time I will make a righteous Branch sprout from David’s line; he will do what is just and right in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. This is the name by which it will be called: The LORD Our Righteous Savior.’”

Jeremiah 33:14–16

Today, we light the candle of expectation and hope. May it remind each and every one of God’s great promise to us. He is our hope, He is our Redeemer, and He is our Savior.

* ADVENT HYMN *Hymn No. 88*

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
(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.

* OPENING HYMN

Hymn No. 83

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

1 Come, thou long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;
2 Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art;
3 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and yet a king,
4 By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone;

from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.
dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

With its opening "Come," this hymn sounds the note of entreaty and invitation that characterizes the Advent season (from the Latin *adventus* = "coming"). Its blending of memory and hope helps us to give voice to our present faith as we stand between the past and the future.

TEXT: Charles Wesley, 1744
MUSIC: Witt's *Psalmodia Sacra*, 1715, alt.

STUTTGART
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(alternate tune: HYFRYDOL, 82)

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Emily Fuentes, Liturgist

*Lord, Your love for us is beyond our comprehension.
Our human minds cannot understand it. When we
see Your extravagant gifts to us, we do not know
how to respond. Our love for each other is often*

conditional. The gifts we give are often given in order to receive something in return. So, we falsely assume that You have hidden motives behind Your gifts to us. So, we shy away from Your love, afraid to respond to Your extravagant love with extravagance of our own. Help us to understand that Your extravagance toward us flows from Your unconditional love for us. Help us to open our hearts and let our love for You out in extravagant ways. Amen.

A moment of silence follows for personal confession.

*** ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

God has loved us since the beginning,
 and God's love for us will never end.
 Do not fear, therefore,
 but have faith in God's steadfast love,
 God's healing power,
 and God's ability to make all things new. **Amen.**

*** ADVENT GLORIA**

Hymn No. 583

Glory to God

Sing Twice

The musical notation consists of two staves in a 2/4 time signature with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and repetitive. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Lori Ruff-Schmalenberger

*The children will remain seated.
Following the Children's Moment,
the children are invited to be escorted to Sunday School.*

BLESSING OUR CHILDREN

1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar-y's lap is sleep-ing?
Whom an-gels greet with an-thems sweet while shep-herds watch are keep-ing?
This, this is Christ the King, whom shep-herds guard and an-gels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mar-y!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

*Pour out Your Spirit upon us, O Lord,
that we may hear more clearly
and love more dearly.
Amen.*

FIRST LESSON

Old Testament, Page 667

Isaiah 40:1-5

¹Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. ²Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins.

³A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. ⁴Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. ⁵Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

ANTHEM

G.F. Handel (1685–1759)

from Messiah,

"No. 10- For behold, darkness shall cover the earth"

**"No. 11- The people that walked in darkness
have seen a great light"**

Ryan Reithmeier, Baritone; Dennis Siebenaler, Organ

For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people; but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and His glory shall be seen upon thee. And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising.

The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light; and they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined.

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SECOND LESSON

New Testament, Page 91

John 1:1-5, 14-18

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. ¹⁴And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

¹⁵(John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") ¹⁶From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Steve Ranney

Why Did Jesus Come?

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Presentation of **Gwyneth Jane Powers**
daughter of Lauren Kay and Joshua James Powers

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

*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 again
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.*

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys and Concerns

Choral Call to Prayer

Prayers of the People

We thank You for the patience You show us...

*We pray that You will teach us how to wait
on You during this Advent season...*

*We ask that you speak clearly to us during this
time of preparation...*

We pray for every kind of healing for all of us...

We pray for those who feel lost...

*We pray for those who need strength through
difficult times...*

*We offer thanks for providing us with the
privilege of giving...*

We offer thanks for the wisdom Your spirit gives...

We offer our hearts for You to change...

*We offer ourselves to be Your hands, feet and
voices...*

Lord's Prayer (Traditional)

Glory to God, Page 35

*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.*

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Arr. John Rutter (b. 1945)

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

TPC Chancel Choir

Let all mortal flesh keep silence and with fear and trembling stand; ponder nothing earthly-minded, for with blessing in His hand Christ, our God, to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand. King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth He stood, Lord of lords in human vesture, in the body and the blood He will give to all the faithful His own self for heavenly food. Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way as the Light of Light descendeth from the realms of endless day, that the powers of hell may vanquish as the darkness clears away. At His feet the six-winged seraph, cherubim with sleepless eye, veil their faces to the presence as with ceaseless voice they cry: "Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, Lord Most High!"

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* OFFERTORY RESPONSE

All Glory Be to God on High

The musical notation consists of three staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: "All glo-ry be to God on high, and Je-sus Christ whose birth is nigh, and Ho-ly Spi-rit praise we. As it was in the be-gin-ning, now and ev-er shall be. A - men! A - men! A - men!"

Tune: WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET

Text: Colin Stave, 2019

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We bring You only what is Yours, Creator God, that You might use this offering and the givers for the building up of Your kingdom and the glory of Your name. Amen.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* CLOSING HYMN

Hymn No. 357

The Days Are Surely Coming

1 The days are sure - ly com - ing, says God to all the earth,
2 The days are sure - ly com - ing, says Christ, the prom-ised one,
3 The days are sure - ly com - ing when we will know at last

when you will see my prom - ise: sal - va - tion come to birth.
when you will read my warn - ing in moon and stars and sun.
the full - ness of God's pres - ence, God's prom - ise, come to pass.

My righ-teous-ness and jus-tice will spread through-out the land
Though earth and heav-en trem-ble, stand up and do not fear,
Then righ-teous-ness and jus-tice will spread through-out the land

and you will be de - liv - ered by my al - might - y hand.
 for I am your re - deem - er, and I am draw - ing near.
 and we will be de - liv - ered by God's al - might - y hand.

This text uses imagery from Jeremiah 33:14–16 and Matthew 24:29–36/Mark 13:24–32/Luke 21:25–36. These passages are especially associated with the beginning of Advent, a season that looks forward to Christ's second coming while also preparing us to remember his first coming.

TEXT: David Gambrell, 2009

MUSIC: Welsh folk melody; *Llwybrau Moliant*, 1872; harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906
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*** BENEDICTION AND BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

POSTLUDE

Johann Pachelbel (1653–1706)

Tocatta in F major

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