

WORSHIP, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2021
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

11:00

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Chiming of the Hour

Jim Preece, Organist/Choirmaster

Words of Welcome

Rev. Ashley Jenkins, Pastor

Prelude

The congregation in silent anticipation

Lighting of the Candles

Choral Introit

The Chancel Choir++

O Day of God, Draw Nigh - St. Michael

O day of God, draw nigh in beauty and in power;
come with thy timeless judgment now to match our present hour.

O day of God, draw nigh as at creation's birth;
let there be light again, and set thy judgments on the earth.

***Call to Worship**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

We come to worship in your house.

We want to hear your promise to us.

We will listen to your angel's proclamation.

We will not question your words of promise.

We will see all the Lord has done for us.

We will be glad in the favor of the Lord. Amen

***Hymn**

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.
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 thy ways to go.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

3. O come, O come, Thou Lord of might,
Who to Thy tribes, from Sinai's height,
In ancient time once gave the law
In cloud, and majesty and awe.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

4. O come, thou Root of Jesse's tree,
An ensign of thy people be;
Before thee rulers silent fall;
All peoples of thy mercy call.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

***Affirmation of Faith**

The Advent Affirmation

We believe in God the Creator, our Comforter – all knowing and all loving, all powerful and all giving, who brings the universe into being and at the same time knows us completely, cares for us compassionately, and loves us eternally. We believe in the Word made flesh who came and dwelt among us – Jesus the Christ who speaks comfort to our anxious hearts. Among even our burdens and fears, he fulfills the promise of peace. His advent proclaims the kingdom of heaven is at hand, where even they that dwell on the uppermost heights and those who know the unmeasurable depths are brought together on the level plain of God's rich and sustaining love. His coming again continues in us this ministry of consolation, ensuring that the glory of the Lord was, is, and shall be revealed, and we shall see it together.

***Gloria Patri**

*Glory Be to God, the Father - Regent Square
Glory be to God, the Father; Glory be to God, the Son.
Glory be to God, the Spirit, ever three, and ever one.
Come and worship, come and worship
Light of lights, our star, our sun. Amen.*

Lighting of the First Advent Candle

Kim Watson

Choral Response

Chancel Choir and Congregation

Prepare the Way

Prepare the way, O Zion, your Christ is drawing near!
Let every hill and valley a level way appear
Greet One who comes in glory, foretold in sacred story.
O blest is Christ who came in God's most holy name.

Children's Moment

Jean Cotton

Organ Interlude

WE GROW THROUGH THE SPOKEN WORD

Psalter

Psalm 25:1-10

The congregation joins the choir on the response:

Lord, make me to know your ways.

Lead me in your truth, and teach me.

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Jenkins

*Congregational Response

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray, cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today. We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell; O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel! Amen.

*Hymn

O Day of Peace That Dimly Shines

1 O day of peace that dimly shines
through all our hopes and prayers and dreams,
guide us to justice, truth, and love,
delivered from our selfish schemes.
May swords of hate fall from our hands,
our hearts from envy find release,
till by God's grace our warring world
shall see Christ's promised reign of peace.

2 Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb,
nor shall the fierce devour the small;
as beasts and cattle calmly graze,
a little child shall lead them all.
Then enemies shall learn to love,
all creatures find their true accord;
the hope of peace shall be fulfilled,
for all the earth shall know the Lord.

Worship with Tithes and Offerings

The People

*Presentation and Doxology

Tune: Veni Emmanuel

*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.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel. Amen.*

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 9:6, 7:14

Kim Watson, Reader

Sermon

The Greatest Story Ever Told

Rev. Jenkins

***Hymn**

My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout

WE GO TO SERVE

***Benediction**

Rev. Jenkins

***Responsive Affirmation**

Tune: Jessye's Carol

All singing: Green and silver, red and gold , and a story borne of old.
Peace and hope and love abide as Christ draws nigh. Amen.

Chimes