



***Our Vision***

*is to be Christ to each other and our  
community – doing justice, loving mercy  
and walking humbly with our God.*

*Sunday, November 29, 2020*

*First Sunday of Advent*

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# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

## *First Sunday of Advent*

The Lord's Day

November 29, 2020

The Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Matthew Johnson

The Ministry of Music

Johann Sebastian Bach  
arr. Tedd Smith and Don Hustad

*Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring*  
Marcia Harris, organ; Rebecca Turner, piano

*As the candles are lighted, we celebrate the presence of Christ, who is the Light.*

The Passing of the Peace

Lighting the First Advent Candle: Hope

Carlos and Pam Agudelo

The Hymn of Praise

VENI EMMANUEL

*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 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!
3. 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 her ways to go.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!
4. O come, Desire of Nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind,  
bid envy, strife, and quarrels cease; fill all the world with heaven's peace.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

The Pastoral Prayer

Matt Johnson

The Epistle Reading

Sara Gardner

I Corinthians 1:3-9; NRSV

One: The Word of God for the People of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

*An Advent Prayer*  
Sanctuary Choir; Rebecca Turner, piano  
(Recorded December 8, 2019)

Come holy Jesus, come to free us from our sin.  
Come holy Jesus, and make us pure within.  
Inspire each heart with illumined surprise, enkindle a flame anew.  
Increase our faith and strengthen our lives,  
Show us the joy of living life in you. Amen.

The Hebrew Bible Reading

Matt Johnson

Isaiah 64; NRSV

One: The Word of God for the People of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

The Sermon

Matt Johnson

*Hope in the Contradictions*

The Offertory Prayer

Russell Broome

The Returning of Tithes & Giving of Offerings

The Offertory Music

Becky Hogan and Joseph M. Martin

*Silence to Song*

Sanctuary Choir; Tyerra Clayborne, English horn; Rebecca Turner, piano  
(Recorded December 8, 2019)

Lord, we wait in silence for your song, praying for the coming of the dawn.  
In the stillness of this place, we are list'ning for your grace.  
Lord, sing your music clear and strong.  
In the prophets' words we hear your theme.  
In the ancient scrolls we find our dream.  
And across the sands of time, we can hear your voice sublime,  
Singing words of mercy to redeem. Emmanuel! God with us!  
Our captive hearts have cried for so long. Emmanuel! God with us!  
Bring music to our night, teach us how to sing your light.  
Come, sing our silence into song, Emmanuel!  
In the distance we can hear the angels. On the near horizon there is gold.  
We can hear the stars of dawn as they fill the air with song,  
And share with all the coming of the Son. Emmanuel! God with us!  
Bring music to our night, teach us how to sing your light.  
Come, sing our silence into song, Emmanuel! Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel!  
Shall sing to thee, O Israel! Lord, come and sing our silence into song.

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.

The Hymn of Response

AR HYD Y NOS

*View the Present Through the Promise*

1. View the present through the promise, Christ will come again.  
Trust despite the deepening darkness, Christ will come again.  
Lift the world above its grieving through your watching and believing  
in the hope past hope’s conceiving: Christ will come again.
2. Probe the present with the promise, Christ will come again.  
Let your daily actions witness, Christ will come again.  
Let your loving and your giving and your justice and forgiving  
be a sign to all the living: Christ will come again.
3. Match the present to the promise, Christ will come again.  
Make this hope your guiding premise, Christ will come again.  
Pattern all your calculating and the world you are creating  
to the advent you are waiting: Christ will come again.

The Pastoral Benediction

Matt Johnson

The Ministry of Music

Thirteenth-century Plainsong  
arr. Cindy Berry

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*  
Rebecca Turner, piano

*As we prepare for service, the Light of Christ goes out before us.*

*Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring* ©1964 Hope Publishing Co.

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*; Latin hymn, Words trans. John Mason Neal (st. 1, 2) 1851, Henry Sloane Coffin (st. 3, 4) 1916; Music 1854  
Plainsong, adapt. Thomas Helmore

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Old 100<sup>th</sup> 1551 Genevan Psalter

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Music 1906 Trad. Welsh melody, alt. harm. Luther O. Emerson

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