



***Our Vision***

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

*Sunday, November 28, 2021*

*First Sunday of Advent  
Hanging of the Green*

**Sunday:** Sunday School in-person and online **9:45 a.m.**  
Worship in-person and online **11:00 a.m.**

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# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

## *First Sunday of Advent & Hanging of the Green*

The Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Matthew K. Johnson

The Processional

VENI EMMANUEL

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*  
Sanctuary Choir

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!

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!

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

The Call to Worship

Matt Johnson

One: How shall we prepare this house for the birth of Jesus?

**All: With branches of cedar, the tree of excellence and strength.**

One: How shall we prepare this house for the eternal Christ?

**All: With garlands of pine and fir, whose leaves are ever living, ever-green.**

One: How shall we prepare this house for the prophet of Galilee?

**All: With wreaths of holly and ivy, telling of his passion, death and resurrection.**

One: How shall we prepare our hearts for this revelation of God?

**All: By hearing again the words of the prophets and the promises of God.**

One: For in the story of Jesus we see revealed the transforming power  
of God. We are reminded anew of God's vision of wholeness, justice,  
and peace for all of creation.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

The Passing of the Peace

One: May the Peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

†The Carol of Praise, No. 85

PLEADING SAVIOR

*Christians All, Your Lord Is Coming*  
(Verses 1, 2, 4)

1. Christians all, your Lord is coming, drawing near in holy birth.  
Ring the bells and sound the trumpets, let your music fill the earth.  
Dance and move to show God's glory; kneel and pause to hear God's word.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Rise and let your songs be heard.

2. Christians all, your Lord is coming, calling you to serve in deed.  
See the ones who hurt and suffer, hear their cry and act with speed.  
Set all selfish ways behind you. Purge your hearts of sinful greed.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ in you will meet their need.

4. Christians all, your Lord is coming, hope for peace is now at hand.  
Let there be no hesitation, walk in faith where life demands.  
Bear the word that God has given; share the birth that stirs your soul.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ will come and make you whole.

Our Purpose

Matt Johnson

Reading of the Advent Wreath

Lee Anne Bailie

Lighting the Candle of Hope

Raquel Cox-Tennal

The Carol of Hope

MUELLER

*A Candle is Burning*  
Verse 1

A candle is burning, a flame warm and bright,  
a candle of hope in December's dark night.  
While angels sing blessings from Heaven's starry sky,  
our hearts we prepare now for Jesus is nigh.

Reading of the Liturgical Colors

Kari Mason

Musical Reflection

Alfred Burr

*Some Children See Him*  
Lee Anne Bailie, soprano; Rebecca Turner, piano

Some children see him lily white, the baby Jesus born this night.  
Some children see him lily white, with tresses soft and fair.  
Some children see him bronzed and brown, the Lord of heav'n to earth come down;  
Some children see him bronzed and brown, with dark and heavy hair.

Some children see him almond eyed, this Saviour whom we kneel beside,  
Some children see him almond eyed, with skin of yellow hue.  
Some children see him dark as they, sweet Mary's Son to whom we pray;  
Some children see him dark as they, and ah! They love him too!

The children in each diff'rent place will see the baby Jesus' face  
Like theirs, but bright with heav'nly grace, and filled with holy light.  
O lay aside each earthly thing, and with thy heart as offering,  
Come worship now the infant King, 'tis love that's born tonight!

Prayer of Adoration

Matt Johnson

A Prophecy

Mike Hensley

Isaiah 40:1-5; NRSV

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

†The Carol of Adoration, No. 95

BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN

*Prepare the Royal Highway*  
(Verses 1, 2, 4)

1. Prepare the royal highway; the King of kings is near!

Let every hill and valley a level road appear!

The hope of every nation, God's promise of salvation.

Hosanna to the Lord, for he fulfills God's word!

2. We wait our Savior's coming, our own eternal King!

Long promised by the prophets, let heaven with praises ring.

Our hope is ever growing, God's peace to all bestowing.

Hosanna to the Lord, for he fulfills God's word!

4. Christ's is no earthly kingdom; it comes from heaven above.

His rule secures our freedom, and justice, truth, and love.

Hope, peace, and joy our treasure, God's love above all measure.

Hosanna to the Lord, for he fulfills God's word!

Reading of the Sanctuary Greens

Jim and Martha Rentz

†The Carol of the Green

Traditional English Melody

*The Holly and the Ivy*

1. The holly and the ivy, when they are both full grown,  
of all the trees that are in the wood, the holly bears the crown.

*Refrain: O the rising of the sun, and the running of the deer,  
the playing of the merry organ, sweet singing in the choir.*

2. The holly bears a blossom, as white as lily flow'r,  
and Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ, to be our sweet Savior. *Refrain*

3. The holly bears a berry as red as any blood,  
and Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ, to do poor sinners good. *Refrain*

Reading of the Poinsettias

Daisy Evans

The Anthem

Anne Krentz Organ

*Come, My Light*  
Sanctuary Choir  
Rebecca Turner, piano

Oh, come, oh, come, Emmanuel. Jesus, the Light of the world!  
Come, my light, and illumine my darkness. Come, my life, and revive me from death.  
Come, my physician, heal my wounds. Come, come, Jesus, the Light of the world!

Come, my king, sit upon the throne of my heart. Come and reign in my heart.  
For thou alone art my King and my Lord. Come, come, Jesus, the Light of the world!  
Oh, come, oh, come, Emmanuel. Jesus, the Light of the world!

A Prophecy

McCall Johnson

Jeremiah 33:14-16; NRSV

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Reading of the Nativity

Kathy Hensley

†The Carol of the Nativity, No. 107

ST. LOUIS

*O Little Town of Bethlehem*  
(Verses 1-3)

1. O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by;  
yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light;  
the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

2. For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above,  
while mortals sleep the angels keep their watch of wondering love.  
O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth,  
and praises sing to God the King, and peace to all the earth!

3. How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is given!  
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heaven.  
No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin,  
where meek souls will receive him still, the dear Christ enters in.

Reading of the Christmas Tree

The Hicks Family

Reading of the Chrismons

Clare Johnson

†The Carol of the Tree

Traditional German Melody

*O Christmas Tree*

O Christmas Tree, O Christmas Tree,  
how steadfast are your branches! *(repeat)*  
Your boughs are green in summer's clime  
and through the snows of wintertime.  
O Christmas Tree, O Christmas Tree,  
how steadfast are your branches!

O Christmas Tree, O Christmas Tree,  
what happiness befalls me. *(repeat)*  
When oft at joyous Christmastime  
your form inspires my song and rhyme.  
O Christmas Tree, O Christmas Tree,  
what happiness befalls me.

O Christmas Tree, O Christmas Tree,  
Your boughs can teach a lesson: *(repeat)*  
That constant faith and hope sublime  
lend strength and comfort through all time.  
O Christmas Tree, O Christmas Tree,  
Your boughs can teach a lesson.

The Proclamation

Matt Johnson

†The Carol of Response, No. 87

FESTAL SONG

*Arise, Your Light Is Come*

1. Arise, your light is come! The Spirit's call obey;  
show forth the glory of your God, which shines on you today.
2. Arise, your light is come! Fling wide the prison door;  
proclaim the captive's liberty, good tidings to the poor.
3. Arise, your light is come! All you in sorrow born,  
bind up the broken hearted ones and comfort those who mourn.
4. Arise, your light is come! The mountains burst in song!  
Rise up like eagles on the wing, God's power will make us strong.

†The Offertory Prayer

Lee Anne Bailie

The Returning of Tithes & Giving of Offerings

The Offertory Music

arr. Hugh S. Livingston

*Coventry Carol*  
Marcia Harris, organ

†The Doxology

OLD 100<sup>th</sup>

*O Glorious God, Your Praise We Sing*

O glorious God, your praise we sing  
and give our lives as offering;  
Spirit of hope, within us dwell.  
Come, Jesus, our Emmanuel. Amen.

The Pastoral Benediction

Matt Johnson

The Ministry of Music

Plainsong  
arr. Don Phillips

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

Marcia Harris, organ; Rebecca Turner, piano

*As we prepare for service, the Light of Christ goes out before us.  
Please remain seated silently until the music has ended.*

†Please stand, as you are able.

### IMPORTANT NEWS

**Masks are required**, even if you have been vaccinated. Due to the recent number of new Covid cases, we are taking all precautions to protect everyone. There are masks provided at each entrance of the Sanctuary lobby.



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**Cantata** - During the service on December 5<sup>th</sup>, the Sanctuary Choir will present a Christmas cantata called *The Advent of Hope, the Birth of Peace* by Robert Lau and Stephen Andrews. The work features some of the favorites of the Christmas season with an opportunity for the congregation to join in. Interspersed within will be solos sung by Michaela Lineberry, Simon Mishler, and Matt Johnson. We hope you will be able to attend!

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*The Holly and the Ivy*; Trad. English melody

*Come, My Light*; © 2003 Augsburg Fortress

*O Little Town of Bethlehem*; Words 1868 Phillips Brooks; Music 1868 Lewis H. Redner

*O Christmas Tree*; Trad. German melody

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