



CLASSIC SERVICE

DECEMBER 4, 2022 • 8:30 AM • SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Welcome! We're excited you're here. In our service, we gather before Almighty God to offer Him our worship and praise. We come together to be strengthened through the study of God's Word and empowered to live as His witnesses.

Families, if you brought your children with you today, we want you to know that the spiritual well-being of your child is very important to us. Many families wish to teach and encourage their younger child(ren) to be in church and get what they can out of it. If you feel that you need to take your child out for whatever reason; there is a cry room near the back of the sanctuary and a restroom with a baby changing station is located by the elevator (to the left as you exit the sanctuary). **Guests**, we welcome you. If you will, please help us to get to know you by filling out the Guest side of the Welcome Card found in the pews/ chair backs and place it in the offering plates.

As We Gather *They who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint. (Isaiah 40:31)* In this second service in our Be Born in Us Today series for Advent, we remember that the prophet Isaiah declared that a Holy One from God would be born into this world to bring renewal to all the faint and weary. That Holy One was Jesus. And he is born in us today.

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING/ WELCOME

Advent Promise: Peace, Skit Guys

Please Stand

CALL TO WORSHIP

P In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

OPENING HYMN

344 *On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry*



1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry An - nounc - es
2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; Make straight the
3 We hail Thee as our Sav - ior, Lord, Our ref - uge
4 Lay on the sick Thy heal - ing hand And make the



that the Lord is nigh; A - wake and hear - ken,
way for God with - in, And let us all our
and our great re - ward; With - out Thy grace we
fall - en strong to stand; Show us the glo - ry



for he brings Glad tid - ings of the King of kings!
hearts pre - pare For Christ to come and en - ter there.
waste a - way Like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.
of Thy face Till beau - ty springs in ev - 'ry place.

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OPENING SENTENCES

P We light the second candle on the Advent wreath to celebrate the renewal of our lives through faith in Christ Jesus. The apostle Paul writes, "We were buried therefore with [Christ] by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life" (*Rom. 6:4*).

C Holy Child of Bethlehem, be born in us today. You were born among us to bring us new life.

P "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect" (*Romans 12:2*).

C Holy Child of Bethlehem, be born in us today. Renew our hearts and minds in the power of the Holy Spirit so that we might serve you by serving others.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

(Silence for personal confession and prayer)

P Let us confess our sins to God and ask His forgiveness.

C Almighty God, we confess to You that we do not always live in the newness of life given by Jesus. We fall back into our selfish ways. We do not love others as we should. Instead of following your will, we seek to conform our lives to the world's temptations. Have mercy on us and forgive us. Renew and restore us.

P God had mercy on us and sent his Son to be our Savior. Jesus took our sins onto himself and suffered and died on the cross for us. In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen. In our new lives, Lord, lead us to seek Your will so that we might do what is good, acceptable and perfect in Your sight.

GREETING

HYMN OF PREPARATION

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus
(Tune: Hyfrydol)*

1 Come, Thou long-expected Jesus, Born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us; Let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, Hope of all the earth Thou art,
Dear desire of ev'ry nation, Joy of ev'ry longing heart.

2 Born Thy people to deliver; Born a child and yet a king!
Born to reign in us forever, Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal Spirit; Rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all-sufficient merit, Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

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SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Be Seated

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

+ WORD +

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 40:21-31

(The Greatness of God and His Renewal.)

²¹ Do you not know? Do you not hear? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? ²² It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to dwell in; ²³ who brings princes to nothing, and makes the rulers of the earth as emptiness. ²⁴ Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows on them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. ²⁵ To whom then will you compare me, that I should be like him? says the Holy One. ²⁶ Lift up your eyes on high and see: who created these? He who brings out their host by number, calling them all by name; by the greatness of his might and because he is strong in power, not one is missing. ²⁷ Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God"? ²⁸ Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. ²⁹ He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength. ³⁰ Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; ³¹ but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

HYMN

684 Come unto Me, Ye Weary



1 "Come un - to Me, ye wea - ry, And I will give you rest."
2 "Come un - to Me, ye wan - d'ers, And I will give you light."
4 "And who - so - ev - er com - eth, I will not cast him out."



O bless - ed voice of Je - sus, Which comes to hearts op - pressed!
O lov - ing voice of Je - sus, Which comes to cheer the night!
O pa - tient love of Je - sus, Which drives a - way our doubt,



It tells of ben - e - dic - tion, Of par - don, grace, and peace,
Our hearts were filled with sad - ness, And we had lost our way;
Which, though we be un - wor - thy Of love so great and free,



Of joy that hath no end - ing, Of love that can - not cease.
But Thou hast brought us glad - ness And songs at break of day.
In - vites us ver - y sin - ners To come, dear Lord, to Thee!

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EPISTLE

Ephesians 1:3-10
(Blessings in Christ.)

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴ even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love ⁵ he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. ⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, ⁸ which he

EPISTLE (cont.)

lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight⁹ making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ¹⁰ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please Stand

VERSE

Matthew 1:23, 25b

P Alleluia. "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,

Women: "And they shall call His name Immanuel."

Men: "Which means, God with us".

C And [Mary and Joseph] called His name Jesus. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 1:18-25

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the first chapter.

(The Birth of Jesus Christ.)

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁸ Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. ²⁰ But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." ²² All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: ²³ "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel" (which means, God with us). ²⁴ When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, ²⁵ but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Be Seated – Children are dismissed for Children's Church (CC).

MESSAGE HYMN

334 O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

1 O Lord, how shall I meet You, How wel - come You a - right?
3 I lay in fet - ters, groan - ing; You came to set me free.
4 Love caused Your in - car - na - tion; Love brought You down to me.

Your peo - ple long to greet You, My hope, my heart's de - light!
I stood, my shame be - moan - ing; You came to hon - or me.
Your thirst for my sal - va - tion Pro - cured my lib - er - ty.

O kin - dle, Lord most ho - ly, Your lamp with - in my breast
A glo - rious crown You give me, A trea - sure safe on high
Oh, love be - yond all tell - ing, That led You to em - brace

To do in spir - it low - ly All that may please You best.
That will not fail or leave me As earth - ly rich - es fly.
In love, all love ex - cel - ling, Our lost and fall - en race.

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MESSAGE

Please Stand

HYMN

334 O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

6 He comes to judge the nations, A terror to His foes,
A light of consolations, And blessed hope to those
Who love the Lord's appearing. O glorious Sun, now come,
Send forth Your beams so cheering, And guide us safely home.

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CREED

Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING *(Thanks for your ongoing stewardship and support of God's mission here! Children return from CC.)*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *(Prayer response after each petition...)*

P Holy Child of Bethlehem,
C **Be born in us today.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

+ SACRAMENT +

PROPER PREFACE

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for You have established Your kingdom of peace among us and have brought to us the joy of Your salvation in our lives. Above all, we bless You and give thanks for the limitless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son as the fulfillment of Your great promises. Through the working of Your Holy Spirit, bestow upon us Your supporting presence, Lord, now and forever. Together with angels and archangels and with all who rejoice in the courts of heaven we praise Your glorious name:

HYMN

344 On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

5 All praise, eternal Son, to Thee, Whose advent sets Thy people free,
Whom with the Father we adore, And Holy Spirit evermore.

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, Father. We bless You for having sent Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, to give Himself as a perfect sacrifice for us so that our lives may know true peace and endless joy. Invited by Your grace, we come to Your Table with thankful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood that we may continue as the people of Your kingdom of peace.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matt. 26:26-28; Mk. 14:22-24; Lk. 22:19-20; 1 Cor. 11:23-25

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P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C **And also with you.**

Be Seated

Taking the cross of grace and peace to form a community of uncommon servants

Please Stand

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

P "Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; but they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength;

C **They shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint" (Isaiah 40:30-31).**

P "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all" (2 Corinthians 13:14).

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

704 Renew Me, O Eternal Light

1 Re - new me, O e - ter - nal Light, And let my
 2 Re - move the pow'r of sin from me And cleanse all
 3 Cre - ate in me a new heart, Lord, That glad - ly
 4 Grant that I on - ly You may love And seek those
 heart and soul be bright, Il - lu - mined with the
 my im - pu - ri - ty That I may have the
 I o - bey Your Word. Let what You will be
 things which are a - bove Till I be - hold You
 light of grace That is - sues from Your ho - ly face.
 strength and will Temp - ta - tions of the flesh to still.
 my de - sire, And with new life my soul in - spire.
 face to face, O Light e - ter - nal, through Your grace.

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DISMISSAL

O Lord Jesus, be born in us today... bringing renewal

A HUGE "Thank you" to those that served to make worship happen (virtual and in-person) today...

Pastor	Chap. Col. Matthew Franke	Reader	Robin Greene
Speaker	Chris Graves, DCE	Acolyte	Alena Harris
Children's Message	Hailey Tanczer	Organist	Carol Trumbo
Elder	John Berndt		



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