

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

— PEACE —

IMMANUEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH • DECEMBER 4, 2022

Who We Seek to Be

In our love for Christ and guided by God's Word we seek to be a community of

Joyful Worship, thoughtfully centered in the wonder and wisdom of the living God and celebrating the diversity of the body of Christ.

Loving Fellowship, encouraging and serving one another in the unifying love of the Holy Spirit.

Life-changing Learning, biblically-based preaching and teaching to equip children, youth, and adults to grow in their relationship with God.

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE *The King Shall Come when Morning Dawns*
O Come, O Come Emmanuel

arr. David N. Johnson
arr. Hal Hopson

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

ANNA SCHEIDT

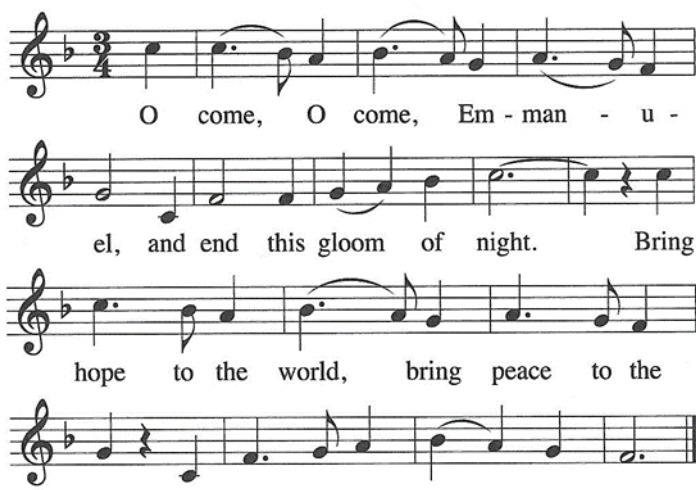
ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

REYES FAMILY

SONG: *Love's Pure Light*

"Gesù Bambino"
Music: Pietro Yon

Words and Arranged by
JOEL RANEY



O come, O come, Em - man - u -
el, and end this gloom of night. Bring
hope to the world, bring peace to the
earth, and fill us with love's pure light.

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Reader: In this season of Advent, we pray for God's peace.

All: Christ is our light and the source of our peace.

Reader: We witness the hostility between nations and neighbors.

All: Christ is our light and the source of our peace.

Reader: We see a world full of fractured relationships and unforgiving hearts.

All: Christ is our light and the source of our peace.

Reader: We seek relief from our own inner turmoil and restlessness.

All: Christ is our light and the source of our peace.

CANDLE LIGHTING

SONG: *Love's Pure Light* (see previous page)

* INVOCATION

* OPENING SONG: *Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending*

G Em C D G D

1 Lo! he comes, with clouds de - scend - ing, once for
 2 Now re - demp - tion, long ex - spect - ed, comes in
 3 Those dear to - kens of his pas - sion still his
 4 Yea, a - men! let all a - dore , thee, high on

G/B Am G C G/D D G Em

our sal - va - tion slain; thou - sand thou - sand
 so - lemn splen - dor near; all the saints this
 daz - zling bo - dy bears, cause of end - less
 thine e - ter - nal throne; Sav - ior, take the

C D G D G/B Am G C G/D D

saints at - tend - ing swell the tri - umph of his train:
 world re - ject - ed thrill the trum - pet sound to hear:
 ex - ul - ta - tion to his ran - somed wor - ship - ers;
 power and glo - ry, claim the king - dom for thine own:

D Am G Am G/B D Em G/B

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 with what rap - ture, with what rap - ture, with what
 O come quick - ly! O come quick - ly! O come



lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
 lu - ia! See the day of God ap - pear!
 rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
 quick - ly! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone.

WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION (*Unison*) (*Please be seated*)

All: Lord, we humbly confess that at times we struggle:
 We have occupied ourselves with our own concerns.
 We have not waited to find your will for us.
 We have not noticed the needs of the people around us.
 We have not acknowledged the love that has been shown to us.
 Forgive us for our lack of watchfulness.
 Help us to wait to know your will.
 Help us to look out for the needs of others.
 Help us to work and watch for your coming. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.
 Your sins are pardoned. The penalty is paid.
 Thanks be to God.

* SONG OF ACCLAMATION: *Holy, Holy Holy Lord* Franz Schubert (*Please stand*)

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might;
 Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.
 Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory,
 Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.
 Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

* NICENE CREED

**All: We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light
very God of very God,
begotten not made, being of one substance with the Father;
by whom all things were made;
who for us and for our salvation
came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried;
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living
and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified;
who spoke by the prophets;
and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church;
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;
and we look for the resurrection of the dead;
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

(Please share God's peace with those around you.)

WE BRING OUR PRAISES, PRAYERS AND GIFTS

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY: *Every Valley*

G. F. Handel
CHRIS GILMORE

Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low; the crooked straight, and the rough places plain.

DIACONAL PRAYER

KATIE PICKARD

JESSE TREE

Dennis Newman

Jes-se Tree, Jes-se Tree, sign of God's fi - del-i - ty, that

5 he will love e - ter-nal - ly the prom-ise made to

9 Mo - ses and Da-vid who'd be king, and Sol-o-mon, his son, and

12 Jo-nah in the whale, who wait-ed for the com-ing of Em-man - u - el.

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* HYMN: *Come, Behold the Wondrous Mystery*

E^b A^b E^b B^b

1. Come, be-hold the won-drous mys-tery, in the dawn-ing of the King.
 2. Come, be-hold the won-drous mys-tery, He the per-fect Son of Man.
 3. Come, be-hold the won-drous mys-tery, Christ the Lord up-on the tree.
 4. Come, be-hold the won-drous mys-tery, slain by death the God of life.

Cm A^b B^bsus E^b

He, the theme of heav-en's prais-es, robed in frail hu-man-i-ty.
 In His liv-ing, in His suf-fering, nev-er trace nor stain of sin.
 In the stead of ru-ined sin-ners hangs the Lamb in vic-tor-y.
 But no grave could e'er re-strain Him; praise the Lord; He is a-live!

E^b/G A^b Gm Cm A^b

In our long-ing, in our dark-ness, now the light of life has come!
 See the true and bet-ter Ad-am, come to save the hell-bound man.
 See the price of our re-demp-tion, see the Fa-ther's plan un-fold.
 What a fore-taste of de-liv-'rance, how un-wav-er-ing our hope.

E^b A^b B^bsus E^b

Look to Christ who con-de-scend-ed, took on flesh to ran-som us.
 Christ, the great and sure ful-fill-ment of the law; in Him we stand.
 Bring-ing man-y sons to glo-ry, grace un-meas-ured, love un-told.
 Christ in pow-er res-ur-rect-ed as we will be when He comes.

TEXT and MUSIC: Matt Papa, Matt Boswell, and Michael Bleecker

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WE HEAR GOD SPEAK

(Please remain standing for the reading of God's Word.)

READER: JOANNA SIRE

* OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *Isaiah 9:1-7*

¹ Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future he will honor Galilee of the nations, by the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan—

² The people walking in darkness
have seen a great light;
on those living in the land of deep darkness
a light has dawned.

³ You have enlarged the nation
and increased their joy;
they rejoice before you
as people rejoice at the harvest,
as warriors rejoice
when dividing the plunder.

⁴ For as in the day of Midian's defeat,
you have shattered
the yoke that burdens them,
the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor.

⁵ Every warrior's boot used in battle
and every garment rolled in blood
will be destined for burning,
will be fuel for the fire.

⁶ For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given,
and the government will be on his shoulders.

And he will be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

⁷ Of the greatness of his government and peace
there will be no end.

He will reign on David's throne
and over his kingdom,
establishing and upholding it
with justice and righteousness
from that time on and forever.

The zeal of the Lord Almighty
will accomplish this.

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* NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *Luke 1:26-38*

²⁶ In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, ²⁷ to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you."

²⁹ Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. ³⁰ But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. ³¹ You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. ³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, ³³ and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end."

³⁴ "How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?"

³⁵ The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. ³⁶ Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month. ³⁷ For no word from God will ever fail."

³⁸ "I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May your word to me be fulfilled." Then the angel left her. NIV

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

MEDITATION: *Peace in any Time*

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

(Times of singing and silence.)

(Communion music is found in the Communion song book, unless otherwise noted.
Gluten-free wafers are available in the balcony.)

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing	page 3
Come, Let Us Eat	page 12
One Bread, One Body	page 38
Humbly I Adore Thee	page 22
Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts	page 30
Jesus Is Our King	page 26

WE ARE DISMISSED TO LOVE AND SERVE

* CLOSING HYMN: *Amazing Grace*

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost but now I'm found, was blind but now I see.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE: *On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry*

David Cherwien

Prayers during Communion

Prayer to begin a new life in Christ

Dear God, I recognize Jesus came to earth to die on the cross for the sins of your people. I want to recognize now that he came to earth to die for *my* sins. I confess that I am a sinner in need of your grace and the saving blood of Christ. Please forgive me of my sins through the perfect sacrifice of your Son who died in my place. Jesus, come into my heart and change me from the inside out. Help me to truly repent from my previous way of living without you, and help me to surrender to your rule over my life as my Savior and Lord. Thank you for your Spirit that reveals to me the new life that I have in Christ and empowers me to walk in obedience to your truth and will for me. Amen.

Prayer for those struggling with sin

Merciful God, I am thankful that as your child I am not defined by my sin. Help me to walk in obedience to you in all areas of my life. Forgive me for the particular area(s) where I still succumb to temptation and disobey you. Help me to remember that in every area where I am tempted, your word promises that you will provide a way out of those temptations. Fill me with your Spirit, which working in me can do what I cannot do on my own. Help me to walk in obedience to your commands and also delight in them and your guiding words of truth. Please give me the courage to reach out to others in the body of Christ for strength and support when I am especially vulnerable. Amen.

Prayer for those wrestling with doubts and fears

Gracious God, even as your child I wrestle with the fact that your will for me is perfect and that you will supply all of my needs. Help me to set my mind on the truths of your word, and guard my heart when the enemy clouds my mind and heart with fear and doubt. Help me to rest in the peace and security of being your child, and by your Spirit testify with my spirit that I am yours when feelings tell me otherwise. Remind me of your love and delight in me as your child. Amen.

Prayer for those seeking freedom from their past

Almighty God, you have the power to set us free from the sins and entanglements of our past. Release me from the shackles of my past that I carry that you have released me from. Forgive me for holding my past against me in the ways that you do not, and enable me to grasp what it is for you to see me in the perfect righteousness of your Son, both now and forever. May your Spirit, the Spirit of liberty, liberate me from any thought or feeling that belies the fact that I am completely forgiven, or free to live the new life in Christ I have as your new creation. Amen.

TODAY

Thanks to our musicians: Mary Hopper, Chris Gilmore, John Zimmerman, Rachel Ehorn, Seth Ehorn

Sign up this morning for the All-Church Dinner and Do-It-Yourself Pageant

Sunday, December 18, 5:00 p.m. Look for a member of the Social Team at the table in the narthex.

Look for Stephen Ministers in the narthex this morning. They can answer any questions you might have about this ministry of confidential, one-on-one, spiritual support. It can be wonderful to have the support of a wise, trained, caring confidant during times of strain or trouble. This team is doing wonderful work within our church family. If you could use some support, even for a short time, be in touch with Annette, Angela Wisdom, or Leon Sinclair (Stephen Leaders), or talk with any Stephen Minister.

If you have concerns or are **in need of prayer**, elder Carl Pickard will be available to pray with you near the platform.

1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Food Pantry open

5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

College Fellowship at Netzels'
(1616 E. Hawthorne Blvd., Wheaton)

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Evening Mom Talk

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Youth Group Game Night

This Week

TUESDAY

9:30 a.m.

Women's Bible Study (childcare provided)

11:00 - 1:00 p.m.

Food pantry open

7:00 p.m.

Women's Evening Bible Study

Wednesday

9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Mom Talk (childcare)

Saturday

10:00 a.m.

Choir workshop

Coming

December 11	10:30 a.m.	Lessons and Carols
December 11	5:00 - 8:00 p.m.	Youth Group
December 18	5:00 p.m.	All-Church Dinner and Do-It-Yourself Pageant
December 21	11-1, 2-4, 6-8	Blue Christmas observance
December 24	6:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
December 25	10:30 a.m.	Christmas Day worship

In Immanuel and Beyond

Adult Ed classes (through December 18): Kent Richter explores “Religions around Us.” Diane Jerdan and Cathy Sayer teach *Walking with God through Pain and Suffering*.

YEAR-END GIVING

'Tis the season for fund raising appeals. The good news is that year-to-date giving for Immanuel is ahead of our projections. That leaves just over \$72,000 in December to meet our budget goal of \$808,600. To count toward the current budget and your own 2022 tax records, remember that the last offering will be Christmas Day. Any donations brought to the church office must be received by Friday, December 30. Donations sent by mail must be postmarked by December 31. (If you bank online be aware that there is often a delay before the bank mails your check).

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