



SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

— LOVE —

IMMANUEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ♦ DECEMBER 6, 2020

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.

Enthusiastic Service, reflecting the servant heart of Jesus as we proclaim the gospel near and far in word and deed.

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

MATHUES FAMILY

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: The Lord whom you seek shall suddenly come to his temple;

**People: The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight.
Behold, he is coming. Rejoice greatly! Shout in triumph!**

**All: Our King is coming; the righteous Savior,
Who shall speak peace to the nations.
Let us sing praises to our God and King!**

Adapted from The Worship Sourcebook

* INVOCATION

** Congregation stands*

* OPENING HYMN: *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*

1. Come, Thou long - ex - spect - ed Je - sus, born to set Thy
2. Born Thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and

peo - ple free; from our fears and sins re - lease us,
yet a King; born to reign in us for - ev - er,

let us find our rest in Thee. Is - rael's strength and con - so -
now Thy gra - cious king - dom bring. By Thine own e - ter - nal

la - tion, hope of all the earth Thou art; dear De - sire of
Spir - it, rule in all our hearts a - lone; by Thine all - suf -

eve - ry na - tion, joy of eve - ry long - ing heart.
fi - cient mer - it, raise us to Thy glo - rious throne.

TEXT: Charles Wesley, 1744
MUSIC: Rowland Prichard, 1830

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WE ARE RENEWED BY GOD'S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION *(in unison)*

SHEROLL RITCHIE

Leader: Lord, we humbly confess that at times we struggle:
We have occupied ourselves with our own concerns.

All: **We have not waited to find your will for us.
We have not noticed the needs of the people around us.**

Leader: 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.

All: **Help us to look out for the needs of others. Help us to work and watch
for your coming. Amen.**

SONG OF CONFESSION: *My Soul in Stillness Waits (Verse 2)*

Refrain Am Dm9 F G A

For you, O Lord, my soul in still-ness waits;

Bb C Am7 Dm9 Fine Am

tru - ly my hope is in you.

1 O Lord of
2 O Spring of
3 O Root of
4 O Key of

Dm9 Am Dm9 Am

Light, our on - ly hope of glo - ry, your ra-diance
Joy, rain down up - on our spir - its; our thirst-y
Life, im - plant your seed with - in us, and in your
Knowl - edge, guide us in our pil - grim-age; we ev - er

Dm9 Am Dm9 Am

shines in all who look to you. Come, light the
hearts are yearn-ing for your Word. Come, make us
ad - vent draw us all to you, our hope re -
seek, yet un - ful-filled re - main. O - pen to

Dm9 Am G C Am7 Dm9 Refrain

hearts of all in dark and shad-ow.
whole; be com-fort to our hearts.—
born in dy - ing and in ris - ing.
us the path-way of your peace.—

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.

* ACCLAMATION (*Please stand*)

All: Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might to our God forever and ever. Amen.

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

ANNIKA DURBIN

SPECIAL MUSIC: *He Is Worthy*

Andrew Peterson/Ben Shive
KEVIN RITCHIE

Do you feel the world is broken? (We do)
Do you feel the shadows deepen?
But do you know that all the dark won't
Stop the light from getting through?
Do you wish that you could see it all made new?

Does the Father truly love us? (He does)
Does the Spirit move among us?
And does Jesus, our Messiah
hold forever those He loves?
Does our God intend to dwell again with us?

Is all creation groaning? (It is)
Is a new creation coming?
Is the glory of the Lord to be the light
within our midst?
Is it good that we remind ourselves of this?

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?
Is anyone able to break the seal and
open the scroll?
The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave
He is David's root and the Lamb
who died to ransom the slave
From every people and tribe
Every nation and tongue
He has made us a kingdom and priests to God
To reign with the Son

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Is He worthy? Is He worthy?
Of all blessing and honor and glory
Is He worthy? Is He worthy?
Is He worthy of this? He is!
Is He worthy? Is He worthy?
He is!
He is!

Is He worthy? Is He worthy?
Of all blessing and honor and glory
Is He worthy of this? (He is)

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

ALVA STEFFLER

WE HEAR GOD SPEAK

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

READER: SETH EHORN

* NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURES

Luke 1:26-38

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

²⁹Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. ³⁰But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. ³¹You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. ³²He 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, ³³and 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?"

³⁵The 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. ³⁶Even 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. ³⁷For 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

Romans 5:1-5

¹Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. ³Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; ⁴perseverance, character; and character, hope. ⁵And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON: *Open to God's Love*

WE ARE DISMISSED TO LOVE AND SERVE

* CLOSING SONG: *Soon and Very Soon*

The musical score is written in 2/2 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a bass line. The lyrics are as follows:

1,4 Soon and ver - y soon, we are going to see the King!
2 No more cry - ing there— we are going to see the King!
3 No more dy - ing there— we are going to see the King!

Soon and ver - y soon, we are going to see the King!
No more cry - ing there— we are going to see the King!
No more dy - ing there— we are going to see the King!

Soon and ver - y soon, we are going to see the King!
No more cry - ing there— we are going to see the King!
No more dy - ing there— we are going to see the King!

Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! We're going to see the King!

Chord progressions are indicated above the vocal line: F, Bb/F, F, C7, C9, F, Bb/F, F, F7, Gm/Bb, Gm7(b5), F/C, C7, F. The score ends with a double bar line and the instruction "To stanzas".

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* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

Today

If you are in need of prayer, elder Sheroll Ritchie will be glad to pray with you (soritchie@gmail.com or 773-551-4568).

Thanks to our musicians: [Mary Hopper](#), [Kevin Ritchie](#), [Seth Ehorn](#).

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1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

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Food Pantry open

3rd - 5th grade Sunday School Zoom

Youth Group Zoom

Adult Ed Zoom (Theology 101)

Dan Treier on the person and work of Jesus.

This Week

Tuesday

9:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

Women's Bible Study (Zoom)

Food Pantry open

Men's Book Group (Zoom)

COMING

December 21 (shortest day): Observation of Blue Christmas, with sanctuary open hours for personal prayer and meditation (with a prayer elder available), considering this year especially many are grieving or struggling with depression and anxiety. The number in the sanctuary at any time will be limited to eight, masked and social-distanced.

Christmas Eve: Plan to come to the church parking lot by 5 p.m. for a short outdoor service with candles and carols (masked, social-distanced).