



FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

— HOPE —

IMMANUEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ♦ NOVEMBER 29, 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

JOHN ZIMMERMAN

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

NOLL FAMILY

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: We gather in preparation for good news is about to be proclaimed.

People: We gather in expectation for joy is coming to the world.

Pastor: Let us sing praises to our God and King, let us magnify him together in this place.

**All: For God is the King over all the earth, and reigns over the nations.
The Lord be magnified!**

* INVOCATION

** Congregation stands*

* OPENING HYMN: *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* (Verses 1 and 4)

1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
 2. O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy tribes, on
 3. O come, thou Rod of Jes - se, free thine own from Sa - tan's
 4. O come, thou Day - spring from on high, and cheer us by thy
 5. O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come and o - pen wide our

Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here.
 Si - nai's height, in an - cient times didst give the law
 • tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell thy peo - ple save,
 draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of night,
 heav'n - ly home; make safe the way that leads on high,

REFRAIN

un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 in cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.
 • and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice! Em -
 and death's dark shad - ows put to flight.
 and close the path to mis - er - y.

man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

Latin antiphons, 12th cent.
 Latin hymn, 1710
 Tr. by John Mason Neale, 1851; alt. 1961

VENI EMMANUEL L.M.ref.
 Plainsong, 13th cent.
 Arr. by Thomas Helmore, 1856

WE ARE RENEWED BY GOD'S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: In this Advent season of waiting on the Lord,

People: We trust the Lord's goodness. We rely on God's mercy. We find shelter in God's steadfast love.

Leader: In this Advent season of waiting on the Lord,

People: We walk in the Lord's way. We follow God's example of love. We keep our covenant promises.

Leader: In this Advent season of waiting,

People: Lord, forgive our sins. Remember your love. Remember each one of us. Remember your people everywhere.

Leader: In this Advent season of waiting,

People: Lord, we wait for your salvation. We wait for your leading. We wait for your coming.

SONG OF CONFESSION: *My Soul in Stillness Waits (Verse 1)*

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: Be comforted and hear the good tidings of the gospel: If anyone has sinned, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. Believe the gospel and live in peace. Amen.

* ACCLAMATION (*1 John 1:8-9*)

Leader: If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and
cleans us from all unrighteousness. Brothers and sisters, believe the gospel—in
Jesus Christ we stand forgiven. Amen.

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

ENVISION MOMENT

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

ANNIKA DURBIN

SPECIAL MUSIC: *O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go*

Tune: Albert L. Peace, 1885
Lyrics: George Matheson, 1882
STEVE WALL, JOHN ZIMMERMAN

O Love that wilt not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
That in thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.

O Light that follow'st all my way,
I yield my flick'ring torch to thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray,
That in thy sunshine's blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
And feel the promise is not vain
That morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
And from the ground there blossoms red,
Life that shall endless be.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

ALVA STEFFLER

WE HEAR GOD SPEAK

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

READERS: JOHN AND TRUDY ZIMMERMAN

* OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *Psalms 146*

¹Praise the LORD.

Praise the LORD, my soul.

²I will praise the LORD all my life;

I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

³Do not put your trust in princes,
in human beings, who cannot save.

⁴When their spirit departs, they return to the ground;
on that very day their plans come to nothing.

⁵Blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the LORD their God.

⁶He is the Maker of heaven and earth,
the sea, and everything in them—
he remains faithful forever.

⁷He upholds the cause of the oppressed
and gives food to the hungry.

The LORD sets prisoners free,

⁸ the LORD gives sight to the blind,
the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down,
the LORD loves the righteous.

⁹The LORD watches over the foreigner
and sustains the fatherless and the widow,
but he frustrates the ways of the wicked.

¹⁰The LORD reigns forever,
your God, O Zion, for all generations.

Praise the LORD. NIV

* New Testament Scripture: *Romans 5:1-5*

¹ Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through 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. Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; ⁴ perseverance, character; and character, hope. ⁵ And 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. NIV

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

8 All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON: *The Hope that Inspires*

WE ARE DISMISSED TO LOVE AND SERVE

* CLOSING SONG: *Rejoice, All Ye Believers (Verses 1 and 4)*

1. Re - joice, all ye be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear;
2. See that your lamps are burn - ing; re - plen - ish them with oil;
3. Ye saints, who here in pa - tience your cross and suf - f'rings bore,
4. Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;

the eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near:
and wait for your sal - va - tion, the end of earth - ly toil:
shall live and reign for - ev - er, when sor - row is no more:
a - rise, thou sun so longed for, o'er this be - night - ed sphere.

the Bride - groom is a - ris - ing, and soon he draw - eth near;
The watch - ers on the moun - tain pro - claim the Bride - groom near;
a - round the throne of glo - ry the Lamb ye shall be - hold,
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see

up, pray, and watch, and wres - tle: at mid - night comes the cry.
go meet him as he com - eth, with al - le - lu - ias clear.
in tri - umph cast be - fore him your di - a - dems of gold.
the day of earth's re - demp - tion that brings us un - to thee.

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

Today

If you are in need of prayer, elder Katherine Anderson will be glad to pray with you (katand@sbcglobal.net 630-292-4376).

Thanks to our musicians: Mary Hopper, John Zimmerman, Steve Wall, Chuck King.

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Thanks to our Livestream video crew: Peter Welander, Doug Reneker.

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.

Women's Bible Study (Zoom)

Food Pantry open

IN IMMANUEL

Sign up for a time to give blood on December 3, between 2 and 7 p.m. at the church
See the recent newsletter for a link.

NOTES

ELDERS

*Katherine Anderson (Clerk of Session), Dan Balzer, Carl Pickard,
Sheroll Ritchie, Leon Sinclair, Gaby Sosa, Alva Steffler, Steve Westfall, Ken Wolgemuth*

DEACONS

*Phebe Balzer, Tim Curley, Becky Eggimann, Seth Ehorn, Debby France,
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