

November 27, 2022

First Sunday of Advent
Beginning of the Church Year

Organ Prelude	Oh Come All Ye Faithful Oh Come Little Children Arr. Dick Torrans	Pat Shroff
Call to Worship	Haggai 2:6-7 (Responsive)	Pastor Timothy Valentino Xavier Easy
Hymn	86: Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus Lighting of the First Advent Candle (Hope): Xavier Easy	Congregation
Prayer of Adoration		Pastor Timothy Valentino
Scripture Readings		
The New Testament Lesson:	Isaiah 2:1-5	Kaye Focht
The Response:	Psalms 122:1-9	Kaye Focht, Xavier Easy
The Epistle Lesson:	Romans 13:11-14	Kaye Focht
The Gospel Lesson:	Matthew 24:36-44	Kaye Focht
Church Family Announcements		Pastor Timothy Valentino
Worship in Giving	Psalms 72:10-11	Pastor Timothy Valentino
Prayer Hymn	Be Thou My Vision	Congregation
Prayer Led by Pastor		Pastor Timothy Valentino
Praise and Worship	Immanuel / Emmanuel	Congregation
Sermon	Anticipation Part 1: Watch & Wait (Matthew 24:36-44)	Pastor Timothy Valentino
Response Hymn	89: Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring	Congregation
Benediction		Pastor Timothy Valentino
Organ Postlude	O Magnify the Lord Arr. Tim Doran	Pat Shroff

Organist:	Pat Shroff	Hospital Visitor:	Marlin Bohannon
Pianist:	Shelley Miller	Children's Church:	Sonya Valentino
Flutist:	Shirley Long	Greeters:	Kaye & Dave Focht
Trumpeter, Pianist	Sonya Valentino	Sound Technician:	Bob Long
Trumpeter, Pianist	Marcy Garman	Video Technician:	Bob Long
Hymn Leader, Vocalist	Maureen Logan	Intern Youth Minister:	Xavier Easy
Lector:	Kaye Focht	Visitation Minister:	Patricia Strain
Responder:	Xavier Easy	Pastor:	Rev. Timothy Valentino

Call to Worship: **Haggai 2: 6-7** (Responsive)

⁶“This is what the LORD Almighty says:

‘In a little while I will once more shake the heavens and the earth, the sea and the dry land.

⁷I will shake all nations, and what is desired by all nations will come, and I will fill this house with glory,’ says the LORD Almighty.

86 Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus



1. Come, Thou long ex-pect-ed Je-sus, Born to set Thy peo-ple free;
2. Born Thy peo-ple to de-liv-er, Born a child and yet a king.

From our fears and sins re-lease us; Let us find our rest in Thee.
Born to reign in us for-ev-er, Now Thy gra-cious king-dom bring.

Is-rael's strength and con-so-la-tion, Hope of all the earth Thou art;
By Thine own e-ter-nal Spir-it Rule in all our hearts a-lone;

Dear De-sire of ev-ery na-tion, Joy of ev-ery long-ing heart.
By Thine all suf-fi-cient mer-it, Raise us to Thy glo-rious throne.

WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1744
MUSIC: Rowland H. Prichard, c.1830; harm. by Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906
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The Old Testament Lesson: **Isaiah 2:1-5**

¹ This is what Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem:

² In the last days
the mountain of the LORD's temple will be established
as the highest of the mountains;
it will be exalted above the hills,
and all nations will stream to it.

³ Many peoples will come and say,
"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
to the temple of the God of Jacob.

He will teach us his ways,
so that we may walk in his paths."

The law will go out from Zion,
the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

⁴ He will judge between the nations
and will settle disputes for many peoples.
They will beat their swords into plowshares
and their spears into pruning hooks.

Nation will not take up sword against nation,
nor will they train for war anymore.

⁵ Come, descendants of Jacob,
let us walk in the light of the LORD.

The Response: **Psalms 122: 1-9** (Responsive)

¹ I rejoiced with those who said to me,
"Let us go to the house of the LORD."

² **Our feet are standing
in your gates, Jerusalem.**

³ Jerusalem is built like a city
that is closely compacted together.

⁴ **That is where the tribes go up—
the tribes of the LORD—**

to praise the name of the LORD
according to the statute given to Israel.

⁵ **There stand the thrones for judgment,
the thrones of the house of David.**

⁶ Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
"May those who love you be secure.

⁷ **May there be peace within your walls
and security within your citadels."**

⁸ For the sake of my family and friends,

I will say, "Peace be within you."
⁹ **For the sake of the house of the LORD our God,
I will seek your prosperity.**

The Epistle Lesson: **Romans 13:11-14**

¹¹ And do this, understanding the present time: The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. ¹² The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. ¹³ Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. ¹⁴ Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh.

The Gospel Lesson: **Matthew 24:36-44**

³⁶ "But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷ As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸ For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; ³⁹ and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰ Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. ⁴¹ Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left.

⁴² "Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. ⁴³ But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴ So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.

Worship in Giving: **Psalms 72:10-11**

¹⁰ May the kings of Tarshish and of distant shores
bring tribute to him.

May the kings of Sheba and Seba
present him gifts.

¹¹ May all kings bow down to him
and all nations serve him

Be Thou My Vision 359

Unison

1. Be Thou my Vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art—
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Wak - ing or sleep - ing, Thy pres - ence my light. A - men.

WORDS: Irish hymn, c. 8th century; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1905; versified Eleanor H. Hull, 1912
MUSIC: Traditional Irish melody; arr. Donald P. Hustad, 1973

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Immanuel

A sign shall be given
A virgin will conceive
A human baby bearing
Undiminished Deity
The glory of the nations
A light for all to see
That hope for all who will embrace
His warm reality

Immanuel
Our God is with us
And if God is with us
Who could stand against us
Our God is with us
Immanuel

For all those who live
In the shadow of death

A glorious light has dawned
For all those who stumble
In the darkness
Behold your light has come

Immanuel
Our God is with us
And if God is with us
Who could stand against us
Our God is with us
Immanuel

So what will be your answer?
Will you hear the call?
Of Him who did not spare His son
But gave him for us all

On earth there is no power
There is no depth or height
That could ever separate us
From the love of God in Christ

Immanuel
Our God is with us
And if God is with us
Who could stand against us
Our God is with us
Immanuel
(repeat)

Emmanuel

Emmanuel Emmanuel
His name is called Emmanuel
Emmanuel God with us
Revealed in us
His name is called Emmanuel
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Emmanuel God with us
Revealed in us
His name is called Emmanuel
Emmanuel Emmanuel

Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring 89

1. Je - sus came, the heav'ns a - dor - ing, Came with peace from
 2. Je - sus comes a - gain in mer - cy, When our hearts are
 3. Je - sus comes in joy and sor - row, Shares a - like our
 4. Je - sus comes on clouds tri - um - phant When the heav'ns shall

realms on high, Je - sus came for man's re - demp - tion, Low - ly came on
 bowed with care; Je - sus comes a - gain in an - swer To an ear - nest,
 hopes and fears; Je - sus comes, what - e'er be - falls us, Glads our hearts and
 pass a - way; Je - sus comes a - gain in glo - ry, Let us then our

earth to die; Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 heart - felt prayer; Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 dries our tears; Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 hom - age pay; Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Came in deep hu - mil - i - ty, Came in deep hu - mil - i - ty.
 Comes to save us from de - spair, Comes to save us from de - spair,
 Cheer - ing e'en our fail - ing years, Cheer - ing e'en our fail - ing years.
 Till the dawn of end - less day, Till the dawn of end - less day.

WORDS: Godfrey Thring, 1864
 MUSIC: John Hughes, 1905

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday Bible Study: Online via Zoom @ 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 3: Church Fellowship Breakfast @ 8:30 a.m. in Zinn Commons

Thursday, December 8: Women's Bible Study @ 7 p.m. in Zinn Commons
 Men of Adventure @ 7 p.m. at the home of Kirby Keller

Monday, December 12: Ministry Council Mtg. @ 7 p.m. in Zinn Commons + via Zoom

Sunday, December 18: Ham Dinner @ 12:15 p.m. in Zinn Commons.
 Everyone is welcome to join us for this fellowship meal. Please sign up in the narthex.

Saturday, December 24: Christmas Eve Candlelight Service @ 7:00 p.m.
 Invitations are available in the narthex to invite others.

Sunday, December 25 & January 1: On Christmas Day and New Year's Day,
 we will have a worship service @ 10:30 a.m. but no Sunday school classes.

REMINDERS

The Sharing Cupboard requests items associated with Christmas except turkeys.

Assistive Listening Devices: four devices are available for those who need them
 during the worship service. See Pastor Tim or Bob Long if you need a unit.

Prayer Requests: If you any have any prayer requests for distribution, please send
 them to Pastor Tim at pastortim@christcomm.church or (484) 269-4313.

Sharing Christmas Cards with Church family: Drop your cards in the Christmas Card
 box, and they will be sorted on December 19th and available for pick up.



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