



Welcome! We invite you to worship, grow & serve with us to see transformed lives reflecting the love of Christ!

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Senior Pastor, Rev. Maria Campbell

Sunday, December 3, 2023, The First Sunday of Advent

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

MEANING OF THE HANGING OF THE GREENS SERVICE

THE ADVENT WREATH

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

Jake Weskamp & Becca Danik

Hymn

There's a Song in the Air v1

#249 UMH

Call To Worship

Liturgist: Arise! The time has now come.

People: The signs are everywhere signaling God's arrival.

Liturgist: Like clay smoothed by the Potter,

People: We will be reshaped, and reborn.

Liturgist: Let us prepare for the journey of Advent.

People: Arouse us for the adventure of finding You, born anew in our lives!

Hymn of Expectation

Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus v1

#196 UMH

Children's Moment

Decorating the Chrismon Tree

THE SANCTUARY EVERGREENS

Isaiah 60:13

Isaiah 60:13 The glory of Lebanon shall come to you, the cypress, the plane, and the pine, to beautify the place of my sanctuary; and I will glorify where my feet rest.

OPENING PRAYER

God of the Advent journey, help us to keep alert for the coming of Christ. Help us to place our trust in your power and grace. Come this morning and sculpt our hearts, mend our frayed lives, heal our wounds, and sand our rough edges. Restore our spirits and empower us to serve you by serving others. Come, Lord Jesus, come. Amen.

THE CHRISTMAS TREE

Jeremiah 23:5-6

Jeremiah 23:5-6 The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous branch and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days, Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

Hymn

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel v 1,2

#211 UMH

THE MEMORY TREE

Pastor: Here in this place we prepare for the coming of the Lord.

Here we will remember his Advent, his birth in Bethlehem, weak and helpless as an infant. And here we rekindle our prayer, "Come, Lord Jesus, Come" as we await his coming as the bright and morning star.

People: We hang ornaments that remind us of our loved ones who are enjoying the promises kept by God and the resurrection promised by Jesus Christ.

THE CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Micah 5:2-3

Micah 5:2-3 But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore, he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel.

Hymn

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel v 3,4

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THE NATIVITY

Isaiah 7:14

Isaiah 7:14 Therefore, the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son and shall name him Immanuel.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 9: 2, 6-7

Isaiah 9: 2, 6-7 The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness on them light has shined. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Musical Word

Somebody Build a Manger (Raney)

Friends In Faith

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer—*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.*

Prayer Response

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MEDITATION

I Will Wait for You, Psalm 130 (*Kauflin, Merker, Getty, Townend*)

Offertory

Mary, Mary (*Donnelly, Strid*)

Friends In Faith

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

Dedication of Offering – Gracious God, your love shines forth in the abundance of your creation. We give thanks for all we have received. Use our tithes and offerings to transform our community. We pray in the power of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Communion

Communion Music

Hope Was Born This Night

Jacob Eppel

Closing Song

Go Tell It On the Mountain (*Arr. Williams & Smith*)

Blessing

Postlude

WEEKLY REFLECTION: Wait! As you enter this Advent season, find joy in the waiting. What can you do for the Lord this week while you wait?

*Director of Music Ministries—Jacob Eppel Organist—Margaret Cinotto
Director of Audio-Visual Ministries—Jake Weskamp Pianist—Jenny Memmott*

Hanging of the Greens liturgist and readers—

Daryl Davis, Jake Weskamp, Becca Danik, BJ Clark, Peggy Knapple, Brooke Fairchild, and Joyce Collier

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Worship Song Sheet Sunday 12.3.23

There's a Song in the Air v1

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There's a song in the air!
There's a star in the sky!
There's a mother's deep prayer
and a baby's low cry!
And the star rains its fire while the beautiful sing,
for the manger of Bethlehem cradles a King!

Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus

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Verse 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 every nation, joy of every longing heart.

Verse 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.

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

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Verse 1 – O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lowly exile here until the Son of God appear.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

Verse 2 – O come, thou wisdom from on high, and order all things far and nigh;
to us the path of knowledge show and cause us in her ways to go.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

Verse 3 – O come, O come, great Lord of might, who to thy tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times once gave the law in cloud and majesty and awe.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

Verse 4 – O come, thou Root of Jesse's tree, an ensign of thy people be;
before thee rulers silent fall; all peoples on thy mercy call.

Refrain—Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

More Like You

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More like you, Jesus, more like you.
Fill my heart with your desire to make me more like you.
More like you, Jesus, more like you.
Touch my lips with holy fire and make me more like you.
Lord, you are my mercy. Lord, you are my grace.
All my deepest sins have forever been erased.
Draw me in your presence. Lead me in your ways.
I long to bring you glory in righteousness and praise.
More like you, Jesus, more like you.
Fill my heart with your desire to make me more like you.
More like you, Jesus, more like you.
Touch my lips with holy fire and make me more like you.

Go Tell It On the Mountain *(Arr. Williams & Smith)*

While shepherds kept their watching Over silent flocks by night
Behold throughout the heavens There shone a holy light
I say go tell it on the mountain Over the hills and everywhere
Go tell it on the mountain That Jesus Christ is born
The shepherds feared and trembled When lo above the Earth
Rang out the angel chorus That hailed our Savior's birth
Down in a lowly manger Our humble Christ was born
And God sent us salvation On that blessed Christmas morn
I say go tell it on the mountain Over the hills and everywhere
Go tell it on the mountain That Jesus Christ is born
I was a lonely seeker I sought both night and day
I asked the Lord to help me And he showed me the way
He made me a watchman Upon a city wall
And if I am a Christian I am the least of all
I say go tell it on the mountain Over the hills and everywhere
Go tell it on the mountain That Jesus Christ is born
Go tell it Go tell it Go tell it Go on and tell it!