



Let's Worship!

November 29, 2020—10:30 AM

1st Sunday of Advent— WI-12 WO-38

A Hybrid Worship Experience, In-Person, and Online

Today's worship team: Music Director Jayne McDonough, Worship Leader Barbara Cain; Worship Production Norris Clark; Transformation Pastor, the Rev. Dr. Kevin Yoho

WORSHIP YOUR WAY!

Join us for Worship Online: www.facebook.com/coldspringchurch. Note: new call-in details for better security:

Call: 929-205-6099. Enter **Meeting ID: 882 3154 2428.** Enter **Passcode: 1714**

You may join us for Worship In-person. Seating is limited. Protocols are required for everyone's safety, including no congregational singing, maintaining a six-foot distance, and face masks must be worn at all times. Hand sanitizers and masks are available. Words in **bold** and music to be spoken if in-person. Worship Guide text is enlarged for a better viewing experience.

WORSHIP PREVIEW

Happy new year! Happy new *church* year, that is. This week is the first week of Advent as the lectionary and liturgical cycle moves forward! Advent is the time for watching and waiting for the promised Messiah— Jesus. Of course, Jesus has already come. The prophet in our Old Testament reading asks God, "Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down!" (Isaiah 64:1). Well, God has already done that! God has already "rent the heavens" and come down as Jesus "moved into our neighborhood" (John 1:14). But our relationship with Jesus is not historically bound to the past, but is a dynamic relationship to be enjoyed right now, and into the future, too! During Advent we watch and wait for Jesus transforming our world, our lives, continually. We watch and wait as we experience the Good News that God Is Here! How can we experience hope? By watching and waiting, actively engaging and being open to the Spirit of Christ this Advent season.

We begin our *ADVENTure* journey this week. Pick up your Advent resources (online, in-person, for individuals and a special card deck of family Advent activities) that will help us experience the fantastic story of God's abundant grace and how we can choose to be a people of gratitude. In our Gospel reading from Mark 13:24-37, Pastor Kevin's Advent series, *God Is Here!*, begins with how to participate in God's restoration project that transforms us and all of creation. We **watch**— (*What are you watching for during these unprecedented times?*)... and **wait**— (*What are you waiting for? Who are you waiting on?*). This requires the vigilance of which Mark speaks on the first Sunday of Advent — active waiting and watching.

MUSIC PREVIEW

We begin Advent singing *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*, a solemn and delicate carol originally written in Latin with a title of 'Veni, Veni, Emmanuel' about 1710. The English translation of the Advent carol came about in 1851 when priest and scholar John Mason Neale's version was featured in the pages of *The Hymnal Noted* – a key text in the history of hymns collected by hymnal documenter Thomas Helmore. Let's join in watching and waiting for the promised Messiah, Emmanuel (meaning God is here).

IF ONLINE, SING ALOUD! IF IN-PERSON, SOFTLY HUM, OR SING IN SPIRIT!

10-MINUTE COUNTDOWN VIDEO: (01-10:20)

PRELUDE JAYNE McDONOUGH: (02- 10:27)

WELCOME: REV. KEVIN YOHO: (10:30)

MUSIC (VIDEO LYRICS): O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL (10:31)

Verse 1

O come O come Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear
Rejoice rejoice Emmanuel
Shall come to thee O Israel

Verse 2

O come Thou Dayspring come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night
And death's dark shadows put to flight
Rejoice rejoice Emmanuel
Shall come to thee O Israel

Verse 3

O come Desire of nations bind
All peoples in one heart and mind
Bid envy strife and quarrels cease
Fill the whole world with heaven's peace
Rejoice rejoice Emmanuel
Shall come to thee O Israel
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CALL TO WORSHIP (UNISON): (10:35)

We joyfully worship God who inhabits our world and indwells our lives. We are loved by God, Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit, right now and always! Let us worship God!

MUSIC: GOD WELCOMES ALL, (1X) (UNISON) (04-10:35)

**God welcomes all, strangers and friends;
God's love is strong and it never ends.**

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE:

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (UNISON):

**Loving God, as we hear your word
proclaimed, keep our hearts and minds
open to the Good News as we learn, grow,
and serve. AMEN.**



OLD TESTAMENT READING: ISIAH 64:1-2, 7 (NIV)

10:38

Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains would tremble before you! As when fire sets twigs ablaze and causes water to boil, come down to make your name known to your enemies and cause the nations to quake before you! Oh, look on us, we pray, for we are all your people.

NEW TESTAMENT READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 1:5-7 (NIV)

10:39

...You do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. He will also keep you firm to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

MESSAGE FOR KIDS: WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?

10:40

PRAYER FOR FAMILIES

GOSPEL READING: MARK 13:26-37 (MSG)

10:44

And then they'll see the Son of Man enter in grand style, his Arrival filling the sky—no one will miss it! He'll dispatch the angels; they will pull in the chosen from the four winds, from pole to pole.

Take a lesson from the fig tree. From the moment you notice its buds form, the merest hint of green, you know summer's just around the corner. And so it is with you. When you see all these

things, you know he is at the door. Don't take this lightly. I'm not just saying this for some future generation, but for this one, too —these things will happen. Sky and earth will wear out; my words won't wear out.

But the exact day and hour? No one knows that, not even heaven's angels, not even the Son. Only the Father. So keep a sharp lookout, for you don't know the timetable. It's like a man who takes a trip, leaving home and putting his servants in charge, each assigned a task, and commanding the gatekeeper to stand watch. So, stay at your post, watching. You have no idea when the homeowner is returning, whether evening, midnight, cockcrow, or morning. You don't want him showing up unannounced, with you asleep on the job. I say it to you, and I'm saying it to all: Stay at your post. Keep watch."

MESSAGE— THE ADVENT WATCHER AND WAITER **10:45**

MARK 13:26-37 • REV. KEVIN YOHO

PRAYER AND SILENT REFLECTION: (05)

CALL TO RECONCILIATION: **11:00**

God loves you and nothing separates you from God's love. In a spirit of gratitude and honesty, let us pray together:

PRAYER OF FORGIVENESS:

Loving God, forgive us our sins, hurting or neglecting others, missing opportunities to serve. Help us turn around and live like Jesus, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

SILENT REFLECTION: (07)

HEAR THE WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven to show real love, grace, mercy, joy, peace... the fruit of the Spirit!

Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! AMEN.

THE GLORIA (SPOKEN) (08)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

GIFTS OF GRATITUDE: **11:03**

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Please remember you can drop off canned goods and Thanksgiving donations at the office. Your financial gifts, generous acts of kindness, expressions of love, respect, and thoughtfulness are deeply appreciated.

PRAYER OF GRATITUDE

THE DOXOLOGY (SPOKEN) (09)

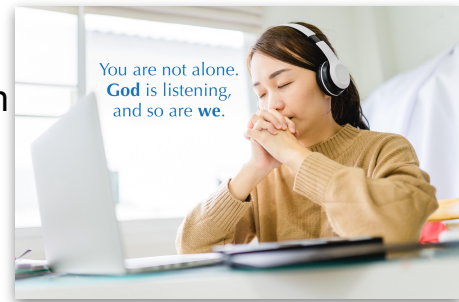
11:05

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

11/29: Mourning the passing of Joan Armstrong (86), Baby Theodore, born with Hirschsprung Disease, requiring surgery;
11/22: Matt S., recovering from heart procedure; passing of Brian McCue, Jr.
11/15: prayers for calmness in the future; for church families to stay safe & a vaccine for covid-19 ASAP; prayers for John Raimondi.

11/08: Jim McNelly, North Cape Center; Pray for the family of Luisa F; Ethel S, broken wrist; prayers requested for Sheree R, recovering from surgery; for Paul looking for employment; baby Mabel Jane, born on Oct. 28, Terry's granddaughter; Mike L -recovering from back surgery; for Baby Callan born prematurely at 26 weeks, in NICU, parents are teachers Tom & Kelsey.



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Parents and guardians as schools re-open in-person and online. Frontline caregivers. Our congregation, community, area church's and businesses. Those grieving lost loved ones, friends, and co-workers. Those in the military: Anthony A., Cpt. Laura C, Cpt. Sean C, Pvt. William C, US Army, 2nd Lt Michael C, USAF, S. Sgt. Richard E, head injury victims.

Birthdays/Anniversaries: November 29 - Betty Miller;
December 2 - Helen & Jake Lincoln; December 3 - Lenore McGann;
December 6 - Barbara Keister

PRAYER

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

FRESH EXPRESSION OF COMMUNITY

Once we were strangers, **Now we are neighbors.**

Once we were strangers, **Now we are friends.**

BENEDICTION: REV. KEVIN YOHO

11:10

POSTLUDE: JAYNE McDONOUGH

(In-person worshippers may now depart in peace.)

So glad you've joined us in-person or online. Please share your joy and worship experience with your Facebook and Instagram friends. Invite them to view worship on our Facebook page anytime, and to join you live next week, either in-person or online.

Notes for Today's Worship:

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1. (01) Worship Music Countdown CCLI #4662491
2. (02) O Come, O Come Emmanuel: CCLI # 31982
3. (05) God Welcomes All: CCLI #7102394
4. (08) Gloria- Public Domain
5. (09) Doxology. CCLI #4255578