



Let Us Worship God!

November 27, 2022—10:30 AM

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

A HYBRID WORSHIP EXPERIENCE IN-PERSON AND ONLINE

Today's worship team—Music Director: Jayne McDonough; Worship Leader: Barbara Cain
Message: Rev. Larry Moyer; Worship Production: Norris Clark.



WELCOME! WORSHIP YOUR WAY!

So glad you're here today! Enjoy worship with your neighbors and be spiritually energized. Mask wearing is optional. Join us in-person in our beautiful, historic Red Brick Church or online: www.coldspringworship.com.

MESSAGE PREVIEW

Welcome to the first week of Advent as the lectionary and liturgical cycle reboots. Why a reboot? Many might surmise that since Jesus has already come, that's old news. But the Good News is not just about a one-time, distantly past event. Jesus' birth is an event from the past, but we retell and relive the Greatest Story Ever Told each year because that one event changed everything! The Christmas story is the DNA of our spiritual community as followers of Jesus. Our ADVENTure anticipates what is to come—watching and waiting for the promised Messiah—Jesus.

You will want to worship with us on the First Sunday of Advent when we hear the prophet proclaim, "The Lord is our Righteousness" (Jeremiah 33:16). Advent is the time to realize that God is still doing marvelous things and continues to enter and transform our lives. When Jesus "moved into our neighborhood" (John 1:14), he moved in for good! Jesus is not historically bound to the past. We can enjoy a dynamic relationship with Christ right now and into the future!

During the four weeks of Advent that culminates on Christmas Eve, we watch and wait for Jesus' spiritual reboot of our lives, transforming our world, communities, and lives. How will we experience hope? By watching and waiting, actively engaging, and being open to the Spirit of Christ today, this Advent season.

In our Gospel reading from Matthew 25:36-44, we hint at the radical nature of Christ's entering our world. We watch in hope—(What are you watching for during these unprecedented times?) and wait in hope. If you were waiting for a sign, this is our Christmas reboot.

MUSIC PREVIEW

We begin with our Advent countdown that sets the theme for our worship experience. Jayne McDonough will accompany Barbara Cain singing *There's A Song In the Air*. Following the message we will sing and enjoy the lyric video *Come Thou Long Expected Jesus*. With it's opening invitation "Come," this hymn sounds the note of hope and anticipation that characterizes the Advent season (from the Latin *adventus* "coming"). Its blending of memory and hope helps us to give voice to our present faith as we stand between the past and the future. Before the benediction we will sing *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 this Advent carol came about in 1851 when the 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. Let's join in watching and waiting for the promised Messiah, Emmanuel (God is here).

COUNTDOWN TO FALL WORSHIP

GREETING: REV. LARRY MOYER (10:24)

PRELUDE: JAYNE McDONOUGH (10:27)

WELCOME: (10:30)

CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVELY) BARBARA CAIN (10:32)

Welcome to our Advent adventure to
nurture our spirit and inspire our faith!

**During these days of anticipation
and hope, we step out together to
experience hope.**

Everyone is included on our journey to
Bethlehem, where justice is born, love is
displayed, and our lives are transformed.

**Jesus is the Gift of salvation
promised long ago, the One who
comes to us today.**

Let us worship God!

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE: HOPE TOM AND MARY IMPERATO

Today we light the first Advent candle, the candle of hope. We look forward to the coming of Jesus, who is our hope now and forever. The prophets of Israel spoke of the coming of Christ, of how a savior would be born, a king in the line of David. God's promise is that a Messiah would one day rule the world wisely and bless every nation.



GOD WELCOMES ALL (UNISON)

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (UNISON)

**Loving God, open our hearts and
minds to the Good News as we learn,
grow, and serve. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING: ISAIAH 2:1-5 (NIV)

This is what Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem:
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.
Many peoples will come and, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the temple of the God of Jacob.

God will teach us so that we may walk in God's paths." The law will go out from Zion, the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. 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. Come, descendants of Jacob, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

MESSAGE FOR KIDS

PRAYER FOR FAMILIES

(10:38)

MUSIC - *THERE'S A SONG IN THE AIR* - BARBARA CAIN

GOSPEL READING : MATTHEW 24:36-44 (MSG)

"But the exact day and hour? No one knows that, not even heaven's angels, not even the Son. Only the Father knows.

"The Arrival of the Son of Man will take place in times like Noah's. Before the great flood everyone was carrying on as usual, having a good time right up to the day Noah boarded the ark. They knew nothing —until the flood hit and swept everything away.

“The Son of Man’s Arrival will be like that: Two men will be working in the field—one will be taken, one left behind; two women will be grinding at the mill—one will be taken, one left behind. So stay awake, alert. You have no idea what day your Master will show up. But you do know this: You know that if the homeowner had known what time of night the burglar would arrive, he would have been there with his dogs to prevent the break-in. Be vigilant just like that. You have no idea when the Son of Man is going to show up.



Our Christmas DNA

Advent 1: Logos (The Word)

*Yes, Virginia.
Jesus Is Coming!*

Matthew 24:36-44
Rev. Larry Moyer

MESSAGE: YES, VIRGINIA. JESUS IS COMING!

MATTHEW 24:36-44 REV. LARRY MOYER

PRAYER AND SILENT REFLECTION

MUSIC VIDEO: *COME THOU LONG EXPECTED JESUS*

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.

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
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CALL TO RECONCILIATION

We may not know the time, but our every moment is held in God's hands. We may not do and say what we should or could, but God offers us forgiveness. Join me as we pray together, saying...

PRAYER OF FORGIVENESS (UNISON)

God of our lives, sometimes it is hard to walk in hope. With variants still stalking us, how can we think of traveling and being in crowds? With threats of violence or bullies on social media, why shouldn't we respond with anger and vindictive slights? When our hope is shrouded, show us how to become

beacons of light for those in the shadows.

Forgive us, God of Advent, and have mercy. Fill us with the peace of your Spirit, so we may expect you to come in people and places which surprise us, just as you did in Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

SILENT REFLECTION

HEAR THE WORDS OF ASSURANCE (RESPONSIVE)

In the name of Jesus Christ, God loves and forgives us to live a life of faith, justice, hope, and love.

Thanks be to God, we are forgiven.

Amen.

THE GLORIA

(3) (1\0:56)

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.

MOMENT FOR GIVING

God calls us to lives of grateful generosity. If you believe in our mission, thank you for supporting our mission. To give during worship, you may use the Giving Box as an

usher passes. You may also give as you leave today, or give online anytime.

THE DOXOLOGY

(5) (10:58)

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.

PRAYER OF GRATITUDE

CHANCEL FLOWERS

Given to the glory of God in loving memory of Carlene from Larry Moyer.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Order your Wreaths and Poinsettias online or pick up order forms today in the Narthex.

Pick up your Reverse Advent Calendar and put something special *into* your Advent experience.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Lenore McGann (12/3).

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

Let us pray for: Pam Smith and Tara Garton's Christmas mission trip to Alabama. Adelia and Rob Jonas. Ted Lewis. Eileen Stalford. Leonard Beatty and family in passing of his wife. Police officer Ben needs additional work hours. Isabella McDonough. Those rebuilding after Hurricane Ian and Hurricane Nicole, and for those suffering from severe weather events. Bob Fite. Dolce Alvarez (missing). Eileen and David Word. Lorraine. Ronald Walker. Glenn & Marie. Denise's mom. Janet. Pastor Kevin, Mike, Steve, Rickey, Dr. Regina, Lorraine, Carl, Kate, Candy. Paul Haggy. Janice Olszewski.

We mourn gun violence in across our country. We pray for the people of Ukraine. We pray for those suffering from Covid-19 and for God to bless those serving in healthcare, law enforcement, fire, government, armed forces, education, and business.

LORD'S PRAYER

(11:03)

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

(11:24)

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

MUSIC - O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL HYMNAL #9

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**

**Rejoice rejoice Emmanuel
Shall come to thee O Israel
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BENEDICTION: PASTOR KEVIN

POSTLUDE: JAYNE McDONOUGH

(11:27)

Go in peace. See you next week!

So glad you've joined us. Please Like and Subscribe on our YouTube channel, Facebook, and Instagram. Worship at any time on YouTube. Invite others to join you next week.

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2. *There's A Song In The Air: Josiah
Holland; Karl Harrington: CCLI Song
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3. *Come Thou Long Expected
Jesus: Charles Wesley; Rowland Hugh
Prichard: CCLI Song #31999*
4. *Gloria* Public Domain
5. *Doxology* - CCLI Song #4255578
6. *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel: John
Neale, Henry Coffin; Thomas Helmore,
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