

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
November 27, 2016 | 8:45 & 11:00 AM



PRELUDE "ALL ARE WELCOME" Haugen
Lee Ann Spahr, Organ

WELCOME Amanda Atkin

OPENING SENTENCES Mike Eller

Jesus says: I am coming soon.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

Awake from your sleep: salvation is near!

The night is far gone; the day is at hand.

Let us worship God.

CALL TO WORSHIP "GABRIEL'S MESSAGE" Basque Carol
Bill, Amy and Thomas Pendergrass, Vocal Trio

The angel Gabriel from heaven came. His wings as drifted snow his eyes as flame.

"All hail" said he "thou lowly maiden Mary, most highly favored lady," Gloria!

"For know a blessed mother thou shalt be. All generations laud and honor thee.

Thy Son shall be Emanuel, by seers foretold, most highly favored lady," Gloria!

Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head. "To me be as it pleaseth God," she said,

"My soul shall laud and magnify his holy name." Most highly favored lady. Gloria!

Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ was born in Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn;
And Christian folk throughout the world will ever say: "Most highly favored lady," Gloria!

✠ CAROL 245

O COME, O COME EMMANUEL

VENI EMMANUEL

Stanza 1 & 4: *All*

Stanza 2: *Women*

Stanza 3: *Men*

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

[8:45] Bob Potter

[11:00] Elaine Hansen, Kerry Crabb



(Children are invited to come to the front during this song)

Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and true,
 where all God's chil-dren dare to seek to dream God's reign a - new.
 Here the cross shall stand as wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace.

Refrain
 In our Ad - vent, may we claim to - geth - er: All are wel - come,
 Christ and neigh - bor, All are wel - come in this place.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Elizabeth Santana

WORSHIP REFLECTION

"EMMANUEL"
 Lee Ann Spahr, Organ

McGee

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 2:1-5

Cathy Byman

PASTORAL PRAYER

Allan Smith

✦ CAROL 286

ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID'S CITY
 Stanzas 1, 2 and 3

IRBY

✦ OFFERTORY PRAYER

David Ammons

OFFERTORY

"MY LORD, WHAT A MORNING"
 Vivian Adams, Piano

Trad. Spiritual; arr. Diemer

✦ RESPONSE

ADVENT PRAISE

ADESTE FIDELES (refrain)

Praise God who sent the Christ-Child;
 Praise Jesus born among us;
 And praise the Comforter, bringing peace on earth.

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 122

Ron Thompson

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CHORAL ANTHEM

“RISE UP, COME ON AND GET READY!”

Choplin

Adult Choir

Rise up, come on and get ready! O people, rise up, get ready your light is come.
So long we've been waiting for the holy day, now the Lord is coming, so prepare the way.
People, rise up, come on and get ready! O people, rise up, get ready your light is come.
For He shall be called the Lord of Lords and His Kingdom's power will last forevermore.

Hear the prophet calling in the desert land, “The Kingdom of God is now at hand.”

So lift up your eyes and see the sign. Your light is coming, now arise and shine!

Let's go up to the mountain with a mighty shout and lift our voices to sing it loud,
for the glory of God all the world will see, and it will last for eternity!

SERMON

“GOOD TO BE HOME”

Sean Allen

DISCIPLINE OF SILENCE

Singing this psalm, it is impossible to think that hope is an abstract concept, or that joy is something which is more anticipated than lived.

- PAUL BELLAN-BOYER

⊕ CAROL

ON JORDAN'S BANK THE BAPTIST'S CRY

O WALY WALY

1. On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
announces that the Lord is nigh.
awake and hearken, for he brings
glad tidings of the King of kings.

3. Stretch forth your hand, our health restore,
and make us rise to fall no more.
O let your face upon us shine
and fill the world with love divine.

2. Then cleansed be every life from sin:
make straight the way for God within,
and let us all our hearts prepare
for Christ to come and enter there.

4. All praise to you, eternal Son,
whose advent has our freedom won,
whom with the Father we adore,
and Holy Spirit, evermore.

⊕ PASSING THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

⊕ SENDING SONG 250

O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

ST. LOUIS

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray. Cast out our sin, and enter in; Be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels, the great glad tidings tell. O come to us, abide with us, our Lord, Emmanuel.

⊕ BENEDICTION

Sean Allen

POSTLUDE

“WAKE, AWAKE FOR NIGHT IS FLYING”

Bach; arr. Price

Lee Ann Spahr, Organ

