

# SERVICE OF WORSHIP

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 29, 2015 | 8:45 & 11:00 AM

## *Come, Thou long-expected Jesus*

PRELUDE

“LOVELY APPEAR” (FROM THE REDEMPTION)  
Pam Weis, Organ

Gounod; arr. Wilson

WELCOME

Amanda Atkin

OPENING SENTENCES

JEREMIAH 33:14-16

Mike Eller

<sup>14</sup> The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>15</sup> In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>16</sup> In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: “The Lord is our righteousness.”

CALL TO WORSHIP

“O COME, DIVINE MESSIAH”

VENEZ, DIVIN MESSIE

Bill, Amy, and Thomas Pendergrass, Vocal Trio

O come, Divine Messiah, the world in silence waits the day  
When hope shall sing its triumph, and sadness flee away.

*Dear Savior, haste! Come, come to earth.*

*Dispel the night and show your face, and bid us hail the dawn of grace.*

O Christ, whom nations sigh for, Whom priest and prophet long foretold,  
Come break the captive’s fetters, redeem the long-lost fold.

You come in peace and meekness, and lowly will your cradle be:  
All clothed in human weakness shall we your God-head see.

CAROL No. 244

COME, THOU LONG-EXPECTED JESUS  
All Stanzas

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LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

ADVENT *Re*ORIENTS

[8:45] Jenny and Mo Nathan

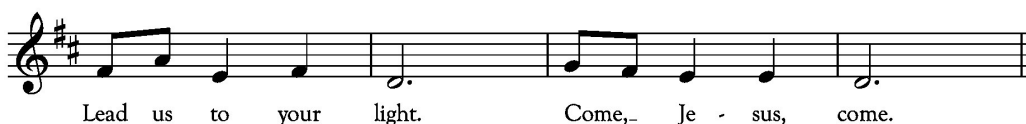
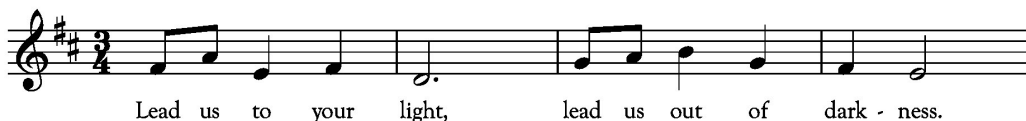
[11:00] Stan and Nancy Tisinger

RESPONSE

LEAD US TO YOUR LIGHT

Carol E. Browning

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



CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Sean Allen

WORSHIP REFLECTION

"PEOPLE, LOOK EAST"  
Pam Weis, Organ

BESANÇON

# *Born to set Thy people free*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Allan Smith

*(Please offer the following response each time as directed)*

Leader: Descend to us; come to us,  
People: Abide with us, our Lord, Emmanuel.

CAROL No. 245

O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL  
Stanzas 1, 2 and 4

VENI EMMANUEL

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Donnie Moorefield

OFFERTORY

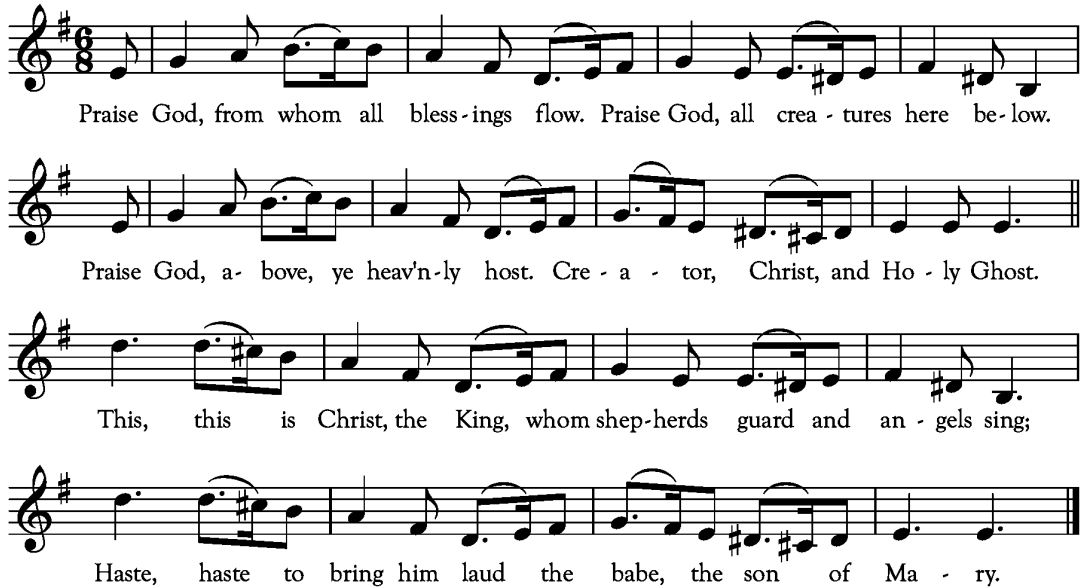
"LET ALL MORTAL FLESH KEEP SILENCE"  
Sandra Hunt, Piano

arr. Larson

RESPONSE

ADVENT DOXOLOGY

GREENSLEEVES



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow. Praise God, all crea - tures here be - low.

Praise God, a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host. Cre - a - tor, Christ, and Ho - ly Ghost.

This, this is Christ, the King, whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;

Haste, haste to bring him laud the babe, the son of Ma - ry.

# *From our fears and sins release us*

SCRIPTURE READING

ISAIAH 9:2, 6-7

Cathy Perkinson

CHORAL ANTHEM

“WATCHMAN, TELL US OF THE NIGHT”

arr. Hayes

Adult Choir

Watchman, tell us of the night, what its signs of promise are.  
Trav’ler, o’er yon mountain’s height, see that glory beaming star!  
Watchman, doth its beauteous ray aught (*anything at all*) of joy or hope foretell?  
Trav’ler, yes, it brings the day, promised day of Israel.

Watchman, tell us of the night; higher yet that star ascends.  
Trav’ler, blessedness and light, peace and truth its course portends (*foreshadow, prophecy*).  
Watchman, will its beams alone gild (*cover with gold*) the spot that gave them birth?  
Trav’ler, ages are its own, and it bursts o’er all the earth!

Watchman, tell us of the night for the morning seems to dawn.  
Trav’ler, darkness takes its flight, doubt and terror are withdrawn.  
Watchman, let thy wanderings cease. Hie thee (*go with haste*) to thy quiet home.  
Trav’ler, lo (*look!*), the Prince of Peace, lo, the Son of God is come!

SERMON

GOD’S HOPE

Sean Allen

DISCIPLINE OF SILENCE

For like a shaft, clear and cold, the thought pierced him that in the end the Shadow was only a small and passing thing: there was light and high beauty forever beyond its reach.

- J.R.R. TOLKIEN, *THE RETURN OF THE KING*

*Let us find our rest in Thee*

CAROL No. 87

FAIREST LORD JESUS

PASSING THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you!  
People: And also with you.

SONG OF SENDING No. 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

“HARK, THE GLAD SOUND”

CHESTERFIELD

Pam Weis, Organ

arr. Landon