



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2018
6:30 PM

✦ Please stand, as you are able

Welcome

Amanda Atkin

Opening Sentences

April Alston

How shall we prepare this house for the birth of Jesus?

With branches of cedar, the tree of excellence and strength.

How shall we prepare this house for the eternal Christ?

With garlands of pine and fir, whose leaves are ever-living, ever-green.

How shall we prepare this house for the prophet of Galilee?

With wreaths of holly and ivy, telling of his passion, death and resurrection.

How shall we prepare our hearts for this revelation of God?

By hearing again the words of the prophets and the promises of God.

For in the story of Jesus, we see revealed the transforming power of God.

We are reminded anew of God's vision of wholeness, justice, and peace for all of creation.

Thanks be to God.

Call to Worship

"ADVENT PROCESSIONAL"

D. Grieg

Student Choir

Scripture and Invocation

Isaiah 9:2, 6

Elaine Hansen

✦ Carol 244

COME, THOU LONG-EXPECTED JESUS

HYFRYDOL

Children come forward on the second stanza

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.

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.

The Chrismon Tree

Children's Moment *and* Hanging the Chrismon Ornaments

Kay Meyer

Reflection

"THE LORD IS MY SALVATION"

Getty, Nockels

Student Choir

Carol 251

IT CAME UPON THE MIDNIGHT CLEAR

CAROL

1. It came upon the midnight clear,
That glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth
To touch their harps of gold.
"Peace on the earth, goodwill to men,
From heaven's all-gracious King!"
The world in solemn stillness lay
To hear the angels sing.

2. For lo, the days are hastening on,
By prophets seen of old,
When with the ever-circling years
Shall come the time foretold,
When peace shall over all the earth
Its ancient splendors fling,
And the whole world send back the song
Which now the angels sing.

The Advent Wreath

The Meaning of the Wreath/Candles — Lighting the Candle of Hope

April Alston

Reflection

"BE A CANDLE OF HOPE"

Mayo

Children's Choir

The Evergreens

The Meaning of the Evergreens

Amanda Atkin

Reflection

"THAT'S CHRISTMAS TO ME"

Pentatonix

Youth Ensemble

The Poinsettias

The Meaning of the Poinsettias

Sydney Walker

Carol 286

ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID'S CITY

IRBY

1. Once in royal David's city
Stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her Baby
In a manger for His bed.
Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ, her little Child.

2. He came down to earth from heaven
Who is God and Lord of all,
And His shelter was a stable,
And His cradle was a stall.
With the poor, the mean, and lowly
Lived on earth, our Savior holy.

The Nativity, Creche

The Meaning of the Nativity (Creche)

Blair and Luke Andrew

✠ Carol 250

O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

ST. LOUIS

1. O little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The Everlasting Light.
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight.

2. For Christ is born of Mary;
And gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep
Their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars, together
Proclaim the holy birth!
And praises sing to God the King,
And peace to men on earth.

Lighting the Greens

Reflection and Prayer

Allan Smith

Carol 245

O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL

VENI EMMANUEL

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!*

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.

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.

✠ Commissioning and Blessing

Mike Eller

Take time, in the busyness of this season, for quiet reflection,
knowing the light of God's love is discernible everywhere.

**We will let ourselves be surprised by wonder,
and set aside time to offer quiet thanks.**

The good news of Advent is this:

Christ is coming. Christ is always coming.

We will welcome Christ into our hearts.

We will let ourselves be guided by his ministry.

We will go forth from this place in hope.

Postlude

"THE HOLLY AND THE IVY"

Sue Newton, Piano

arr. Vogt

WORSHIP WITH US THIS ADVENT

Advent Morning Worship

DECEMBER 2, 9, 16

10:30 A.M.

Advent-themed Morning Worship led by the Adult Choir and instrumentalists

The Living Nativity

DECEMBER 16 & 17

6:15 & 7:00 P.M.

Join us for this retelling of Christ's birth by our nativity characters
out on the front lawn of the church (corner of Lead Mine and Sawmill)

Children's Nativity in Morning Worship

DECEMBER 23

10:30 A.M.

Morning Worship featuring readings and songs led by the children

Service of Hope and Remembrance

DECEMBER 23

6:30 P.M.

A reflective service for those living with loss and grief - in the *Gathering Room*

Carols, Candlelight and Communion

DECEMBER 24

5:30 P.M.

A family-friendly Christmas Eve service, with carols, candles and communion

Morning Worship

DECEMBER 30

10:30 A.M.

Help us celebrate the birth of Christ in this last service of the year
Come for donuts and beverages at 10:00 A.M. No Sunday School



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