



Laying the
Foundation
Second Sunday of Advent

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday, December 5

All are invited to sing during the congregational songs in worship!
*We ask that you please **wear a mask at all times while indoors** out of an abundance of caution*
and out of respect for the health and safety of all people joining us for worship.

Prelude

“Dona Nobis Pacem (Grant Us Peace)”
Cynthia Griesedieck

arr. Marilyn Ham

Welcome

April Alston

† Call to Worship

April Alston

One: If life was a home, then we would pray —

All: May love be the foundation.

May God be the cornerstone.

May the Spirit be the windows — ushering light in.

And may hope be the walls — holding us together.

One: In this hour of worship, let us work toward building that home together.

All: We may not know the path ahead, but God is here, even now.

One: Let us give thanks for a foundation of love.

All: Let us worship the God who laid that foundation of love.

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Chris Austin and Keith Vaughn

Opening Song

"Close to Home" Christian Mclvor

Words and Music by
Christian Mclvor ©2021

After all that we've been through,
We're homesick for the world we knew but wanting more.
Help us know what's good and true –
That in our hearts, O God, it's you we're longing for.
As we seek to build your kin-dom far and near,
Give us hope that lets us know that you're still here,
Close to home, close to home.

Help us now prepare a place
In us, O God, for you a space to break right through.
In our action and our word,
May your great love be felt and heard and all made new.
As we lay a strong foundation on your way,
Give us peace that lets us know you always stay
Close to home, close to home.

Help us always make the choice
To cry out loud and be the voice that welcomes all.
Let us show the whole world how
To create change, 'cause here and now is where we're called.
We will work for justice and equality,
Give us joy that for our neighbors we might be
Close to home, close to home.

Help us set your Spirit free,
In your abundance, let us be your open arms;
Shelter from the endless storm,
A refuge where all might stay warm and safe from harm.
Let us be a sanctuary of your grace,
Give us love that we might always make this place
Close to home, close to home.

Children's Message

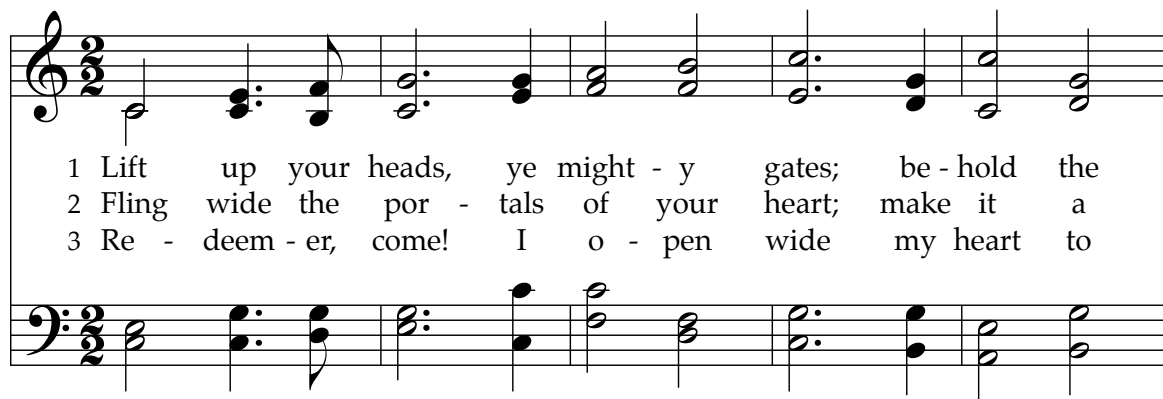
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† Offertory Hymn

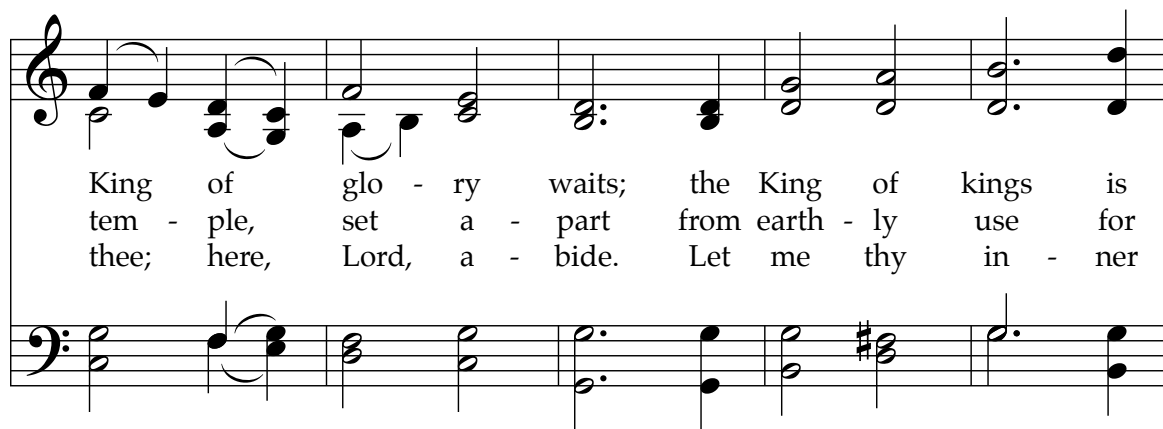
“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”

TRURO;

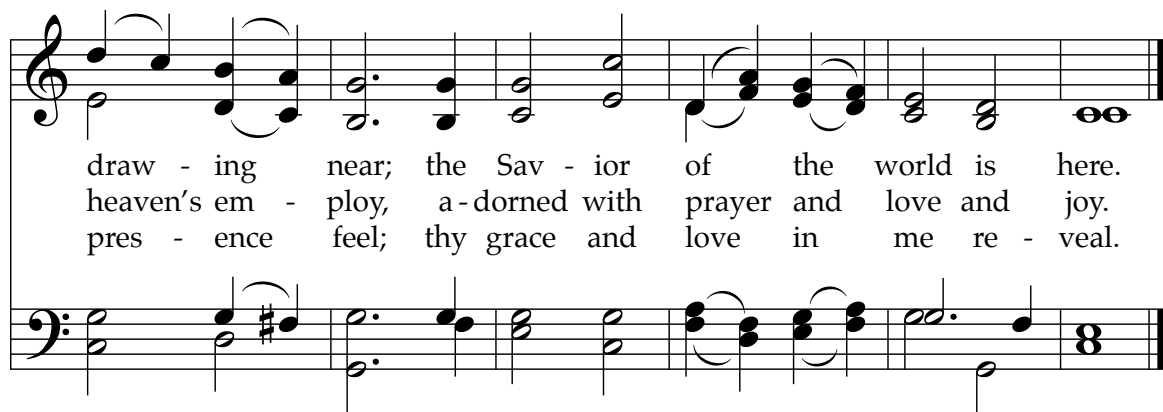
Words by Georg Weissel,
trans. Catherine Winkworth;
Music from *Musica Sacra*



1 Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates; be - hold the
2 Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; make it a
3 Re - deem - er, come! I o - pen wide my heart to



King of glo - ry waits; the King of kings is
tem - ple, set a - part from earth - ly use for
thee; here, Lord, a - bid. Let me thy in - ner



draw - ing near; the Sav - ior of the world is here.
heaven's em - ploy, a - dorned with prayer and love and joy.
pres - ence feel; thy grace and love in me re - veal.

† **Doxology**

“Doxology for Advent”

VENI EMMANUEL;
Words by Thomas Ken,
Plainsong Melody adapt. Thomas Helmore

Em G C D7 G D G C G

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

5 Am Bm7 Em Am Em B7 Em A7 D Em

here be - low. Praise God a - bove, ye heaven - ly host. Praise

10 D Bm G C Am D7 G D Em Bm G

Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Re - joice! Re - joice! Em -

15 C D7 Em D G C G Am Em Bm Em

man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

Prayer of Dedication

Will Moody

Scripture Reading

Luke 1:57-80 | Philippians 1:3-11

Ramona and Dennis Taylor

Sermon

“Laying the Foundation”

Chrissy Tatum Williamson

Silent Reflection

Musical Reflection

“Somebody Build a Manger” GBC Adult Choir

Words and Music by
Joel Raney

Refrain:

Somebody build a manger, down in Bethlehem.
Somebody build a manger, down in Bethlehem.
Somebody build a manger, down in Bethlehem,
Because an angel told me the King is on his way.

Someone fill the lanterns. Someone light the way.
Someone find a stable where Emmanuel can stay.
Someone make him welcome, someone ring a bell.
Spread the tidings, share the joy!
Somebody go and tell everybody!

(Refrain)

Somebody clean the stable, down in Bethlehem. (3x)
Because an angel told me the King is on his way.

Somebody light a lantern, down in Bethlehem. (3x)
Because an angel told me the King is on his way.

Someone set the table, someone spread the news.
Somebody find a pillow for the Prince of Peace to use.
Someone make him welcome, someone ring a bell.
Hear the tidings, spread the joy!
Somebody go and tell everybody!

Somebody spread the good news! Down in Bethlehem. (3x)
Because an angel told me the King is on his way,
On his way; the King is on his way.

Somebody build a manger!

Pastoral Prayer

Christian McIvor

Invitation

Chrissy Tatum Williamson

† Hymn of Response 401 “The Church’s One Foundation”

AURELIA;
Words by Samuel John Stone,
Music by Samuel Sebastian Wesley

Celebrating Community

Chrissy Tatum Williamson

Benediction

Chrissy Tatum Williamson

As you leave this service, your service begins:
Comfort the homesick.
Open your doors to others.
Seek sanctuary.
Be brave enough to go home by another way.
And remember that here in God's house, all are welcomed—so come back soon.
In the name of our Foundation—God, Spirit, and Son—
go in peace.

Postlude

“Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne”
Cynthia Griesedieck

arr. Robert W. Thygerson

Today's mission offering benefits Hope Center. An independent non-profit currently housed at Pullen Memorial, Hope Center empowers emerging adults who are transitioning out of foster care in Wake County with the support and connections needed for a safe and stable adulthood. Through our monetary offering we can help **Lay the Foundation** for a young adult by providing the funds needed for a security deposit on their first apartment.

Next week's mission offering benefits Oak City Cares. Oak City Cares is a public-private partnership that exists to support the self-determination of our neighbors experiencing homelessness through trusting relationships and connections to coordinated services that increase their ability to be safely and stably housed. Through our offering of items that provide warmth, we not only recognize that not all homes have four walls and a roof, but we also help these individuals know that they are loved and cared for. Oak City Cares is truly working towards ensuring that there really is a **Home for All** here in Raleigh.

What to Bring: blankets, gloves, socks (new), hats, etc.

*Thank you to Cranberry Tree Farms for their gracious donation of wreaths
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Greystone Prayers and Praises

- Duane Long
- Donna Naeser
- Cathy Smith
- Chris Allen
- Carl Dawson's sister-in-law, Jo Dawson
- Sandra Hunt's father, Lloyd Parrish
- Joy Croom Griffin's husband, Ray Griffin
- Sylvia Cash's brother-in-law, Billy Walker
- Sylvia Cash's friend, Peggy Vaughan
- Sylvia Cash's friend, Juanita Luna
- Natalie Herrmann's mother, Lois Pfeifer
- John Vestal's family on the death of his sister-in-law, Kim Radwick, 11/22/21
- Deanna Choplin's family on the recent death of her cousin, Vic Thompson
- David Alston's family on the death of his great nephew, J. J. Ferguson, 11/22/21

Residential Health Care Facilities / Long Term Care

- Springmoor (SHC): Greta McMillan
- Sunrise at North Hills: Martha Castleberry, Sharon Wertz

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*With Christ as the Cornerstone, we will build a church of living stones,
where every member is a minister and is equipped to express God's love
by word and deed to all people.*

Based on 1 Peter 2:5, 6