



HUDSON MEMORIAL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



To know, love, and serve God in Jesus Christ

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



WELCOME

Service for the Lord's Day

December 4, 2022

We Gather to Worship

People's Preparation

“Use the opportunity of Advent to acknowledge all that is not right in the world and in our lives and to yearn together for our coming Savior. Use this Advent to further develop the spiritual practice of waiting...become more resilient in the face of adversity by showing how it is possible to hold in tension grief and joy, lament and hope.”

- Reverend Joyce Borger, *Reformed Worship*

Prelude

*Savior of the Nations, Come
Sleepers Wake! A Voice Astounds Us*

J.S. Bach
J.S. Bach

Welcome

Call to Worship*

One: What are you waiting for?

Many: Let the PEACE of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body, you were called to PEACE. And be thankful.

One: Lord, you establish PEACE for us; all that we have accomplished you have done for us.

Many: Where is your PEACE?

One: Submit to God and be at PEACE with him, in this way prosperity will come to you.

Many: PEACE comes with Christ.

One: Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth PEACE to those on whom his favor rests!”

Many: From the God of PEACE.

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus be with you.

Many: PEACE is near: God with us!

One: Let us worship God!

Opening Hymn #88*

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (verses 1-4)

88 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest
3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy
4 O come, thou Root of Jes - se, free thine own from



cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
all things might - i - ly: to us the path of knowl - edge
tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the
Sa - tan's tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell thy peo - ple



here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
show; and teach us in her ways to go. Re-joyce! Re-joyce!
law in cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.
save and give them vic - tory o'er the grave.



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

Advent Candle Lighting

One: Advent is a time of waiting.

Many: We wait in HOPE.

One: As we wait, we join the Spirit's work in spreading peace wherever our lives take us. And as peace spreads, so does Christ's light. Today, we light the candle of peace.

Many: As we wait, let us be people of peace.

Advent Hymn #92

While We Are Waiting, Come

Verse 1: Choir

“While we are waiting, come; while we are waiting, come.
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.”

Verse 2 & 3: Choir and Congregation

“With power and glory, come; with power and glory, come.
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.”

“Come, Savior, quickly come; come, Savior, quickly come.
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.”

Service of Friendship

*Please sign the Friendship Book, passing it down the pew and then back to the center aisle.
Guests, please provide your contact information.*

Children’s Message

Laura McHenry

Choral Response

Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn

Haugen

We Repent and Seek Forgiveness

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

God of Courage, We confess our impatience. For many of us it is scary to slow down. The vulnerability of an uncluttered moment initially feels insecure. Forgive us for resigning ourselves to despair, forgive us for violent thoughts and words, forgive our bitterness and our well-honed hatred. Press against these things with your hope, peace, joy and love. We ask this in the strong name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Gloria Patri #581*

“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.”

Passing the Peace*

We Hear God’s Word

First Lesson

John 1:1-18

NT p. 91

Anthem

Come Quickly, Lord

“Come, quickly, Lord, we wait for peace, come, quickly, Lord, may all conflict cease.
We hear you whispering, we long to hear your full voice.
We hear you calling gently, urging us to follow you.
And when we follow you, will we find peace?”

Come, quickly, Lord, we wait for hope, come, quickly, Lord, in darkness we grope.
We glimpse your beauty here, we long to view glorious realms
Where all reside in light that you provide to guide our paths.
And when we walk in light, will we find hope?

Lord, we wait for you. Are you here already? Guiding us, but we refuse to follow.
Help us turn to you. Help us to follow you. Help us to love you. Help us live for you.

Come, quickly, Lord, we wait for love, come, quickly, Lord, descend from above.
We feel your presence here, we long to dwell in your grace.
O Christ now come to bear our burdens, showing us the way.
And when we dwell in you will we find love?

Come, quickly, Lord, we wait for joy, come, quickly, Lord, our talents employ.
We know the gifts you give, we long to use them for you.
Help us to see the need and give us strength to ease the pain
And when we do your work, will we find Joy? Come, quickly, Lord, we wait.”

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Prayer of Illumination

Second Lesson

John 9:1-12

NT p. 102

One: This is the word of the Lord.

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Mac Schafer

We Respond in Faith

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come

Paul Manz

Doxology #609*

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

“Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God, all creatures high and low.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia!”

Sealing of the Word: The Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

The Great Thanksgiving Prayer

One: The Lord be with you.

Many: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

Many: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Many: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Lord's Prayer

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.

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

For those worshipping online, we invite you to gather Communion elements from your home and partake of the Lord's Supper with the congregation.

Closing Prayer

We Bear and Follow the Word into the World

Closing Hymn #93*

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

Benediction*

Choral Response*

Born Thy People to Deliver

Charles Wesley

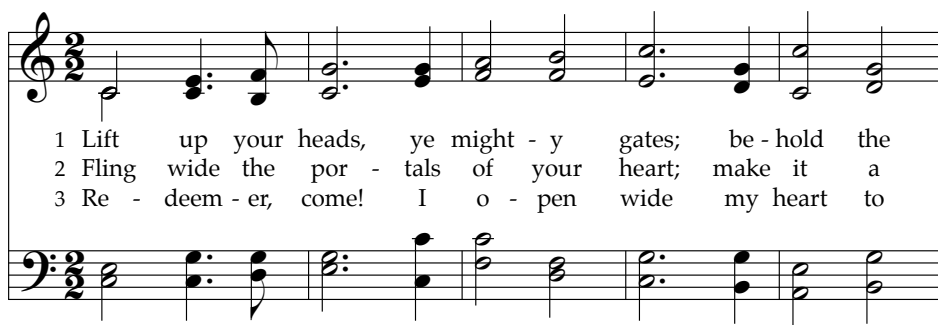
Postlude

From Heaven Above to Earth I Come

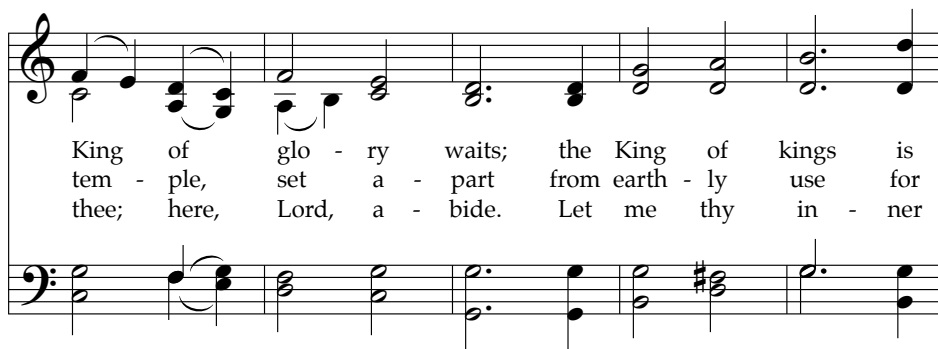
Pachelbel

*Rise, in body or spirit

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates 93



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 - bide. 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.

Welcome

We are delighted you have joined us for online worship today!

Worship Notes

Guest Organist today is Carol Yeargin.

Chancel Flowers today are given by Chancel Guild to the glory of God and in honor of Advent.

Greeters today - Karen Melling, Rick Melling, Tripp Bradshaw

Ushers today - Ace Ornt, Linda Ornt, Craig Morris, Teri Morris

Deacons and Elders serving Communion today are Tony Bedini, Jay Cummins, Karen Gaither, Sandy Geiger, Gil Graybill, Lizzie Graybill, Mary Greenoe, Glenn Schindo, and Caroline Smart.

Soundboard Set-up & Soundboard Operator - John Oldenburg

Livestream Operator - Skye Schafer

Deacon on Call (DOC) for December is Elizabeth Rankin. If you are in need of prayer, comfort or assistance, please call the confidential Deacon Prayer line at 919-787-1086.

Memory Book is open today to Memorials given July 29, 2021 - In Memory of Elaine Williams by Karen Belote, Michelle Roberts, and Carolyn Scott & John Whisler.

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Children and Their Families: Worship, Education and Helpful Hints

We enthusiastically welcome all children to HMPC!

- **Nursery** for infants, toddlers, and twos is located on the north end of the first floor and is available most Sundays from 9:15–12:15. Please sign in your child with one of our childcare workers. Staff are HMPC employees and experienced childcare professionals, and our nursery wing has its own security system. Members and guests participating in Worship can leave children with confidence, knowing they will be contacted by text message should it become necessary. The comfort and security of children is our highest priority.
- **We welcome all families** to begin Worship together in the Sanctuary. Please sign in children at the back of the Sanctuary near the Children's Worship Area and ensure each child is wearing his/her lanyard or a nametag. Following the Children's Message, all children age 3 yrs through 4th grade are welcome to go with the Children's Ministry volunteers to Sunday School.
- **Our Children's Music program**, Joyful Noise and Wee Worshipers, will gather from 11:30-12:15 in Geneva Hall. Children who are staying for music will be escorted directly from Sunday School to music without needing to be picked up in between. ****Pageant rehearsal today!****

Parents: Please join us for Coffee & Conversation in the Chapel! Pastor Mac will be leading the discussion today.

Blue Christmas Service Today at 6:00pm

The Deacons invite you to attend a special worship service today at 6:00pm in the Chapel. This season evokes many feelings, images, memories and stories which may be joyful, sorrowful, or a mixture of both. This “Blue Christmas Service” will provide the opportunity to name and hold space for grief, longing, sadness, and the sense of uneasiness many of us hold individually and collectively as we reflect on our personal situations and those of the community.

If you find the season difficult or would like a quiet time for reflection, please join us for the reading of scripture, prayers, contemplative music and the lighting of candles in recognition of the places of shadows in our lives that are indeed holy.

Participants should use the middle door of the main hallway or the Westminster Hall door.

Poinsettias

The Chancel Guild invites you to honor or remember a special person with a donation of \$15 toward Advent preparations, including poinsettias and greenery. Names will be listed in the December 18th worship bulletin. Information forms can be found by the Sanctuary entrances or outside of Room #103. Place it in the offering plate, or in Amy Claprod or Lesley Ash Jacobsen’s mailbox **by December 11th**. Designate ‘Chancel Guild/ Poinsettias’ on your check. You may take your donated poinsettia home with you after the Christmas Eve service.

December Special Offering Christmas Joy Offering

The Christmas Joy Offering has been a cherished Presbyterian tradition since the 1930s. The Offering distributes gifts equally to the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions and to Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color. The Assistance Program provides critical financial support to church workers and their families. Presbyterian-related schools and colleges provide education and leadership development while nurturing racial and ethnic heritage. This has been a Presbyterian commitment for nearly 140 years.



You can donate [online](#), text, mail your donation to the church, or give in the offering plate on Sundays in December. **Here is how to text to give:** Text amount to 888-906-0744 (*Example: 25 Joy*).

Our Mission Statement

To Know, Love and Serve God in Jesus Christ

Our Vision

A Community Enriched by Responding to the Wonder of God

Our Core Values

Worship, Generosity, Service, Nurture, Education & Gratitude

Session

Glenn Schindo, Clerk

Mac Schafer, Moderator

Debbie Kirk

Class of 2023

Ashley Edmister
Sandy Geiger
Rick Melling
Caroline Smart

Class of 2024

Tom Bradshaw
Cary Dickerson
Roger Howard
Joan Lester

Class of 2025

Dottie Burch
Carol Cox
Jay Cummins
Melinda Dickinson

Deacons

Class of 2023

Pat Balletta
Wilson Cheeley
Denise Crosson
Judie Greenawalt, Moderator
Keto Komono

Class of 2024

Ron Ash
Tony Bedini
Martha Chapman
Susan Krause
Elizabeth Rankin

Class of 2025

Billy Branch
Ruth Herpich
Joanna Hulsey
Gretchen McDuffie
Carolyn Scott

Ministers: Every Member of the Congregation

Mac Schafer	Pastor, Head of Staff
Debbie Kirk	Associate Pastor, Spiritual Growth & Nurture
Aleta Ash	Minister of Visitation
Barbara Loehr-Fox.....	Director of Music Ministries
Rich Richards	Director of Youth Ministries & Children's Music
Cary Dickerson.....	Director of Children's Ministries
Amy Claprod.....	Church Business Administrator
Lesley Ash-Jacobsen.....	Communications Specialist
Dorothy Roche	Preschool Director
Joyce Hawkins	Assistant Preschool Director
Sue Newton	Interim Pianist
Hope Parangi	Church Hostess



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