

**1st Sunday of Advent
November 27, 2022—11am**



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Our Mission Statement:

We are a community of believers in Christ called to be servants to all people.

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Everyone is invited to join in **bolded responses**.
+ Please stand as you are able.

+ **Gathering** +

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Prelude

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”
arr. Philip Keveren

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

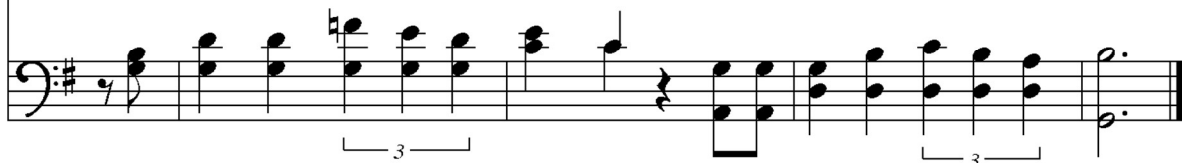
“He Came Down” ELW #253 v.1



1 He came down that we may have love; he came down that we may have love;
2 He came down that we may have light; he came down that we may have light;
3 He came down that we may have peace; he came down that we may have peace;
4 He came down that we may have joy; he came down that we may have joy;



he came down that we may have love;
he came down that we may have light; hal-le - lu - jah for-ev - er - more.
he came down that we may have peace;
he came down that we may have joy;



Text: Cameroon traditional

Music: HE CAME DOWN, Cameroon traditional; arr. John L. Bell, b. 1949

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+ Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things. **Blessed be God's name forever. Amen.**

Beloved, now is the time to wake from sleep. Let us confront our sins, and confess them to the one who is merciful and just.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of new beginnings, **we confess that we have not welcomed your holy reign. We have strayed from your paths. We prepare for war instead of peace. We dishonor one another and your creation. Purify us with your refining fire and set us again on your way of love, that we may bear fruit worthy of repentance, and welcome your coming among us. Amen.**

People of God, a new thing is growing in our midst, a tender branch, a living sign. By water and the Spirit you are joined to this wonder. You have put on ✝ Christ, and your sins have been washed away. Rejoice in the way of the Lord. **Amen.**

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+ Gathering Song

“A Story for All People”

As people wait in darkness, in fear of endless night, send forth your word of comfort, a message of great light. The world stands proud before you, conflicted, hungry, poor. Come, scatter pride and foolishness, and mend all souls with Savior love once more.

Refrain: A story for all people, old story new today.
A song of love and healing, a light to show the way.

We come into your presence, in hope and joy restored. With eager hearts we listen, and gather 'round your word. We watch and wait your coming and pray for greater trust, to know that while we wait for you, Emmanuel, you watch and wait with us.

A time of preparation: the guest is drawing near, as mountain places crumble and straightened paths appear. Prepare a humble welcome in ev'ry heart and home, and celebrate the promise of our God who is, and was, and is to come.

You call us to repentance, to turn and start again. You send your Holy Spirit to drown the pow'r of sin. We wonder in your mercy, your singing festal voice; and in your meal of bread and wine we join the invitation to rejoice!

Renewed by this encounter, we'll go out and proclaim. We'll tell of your salvation, and magnify your name. The servant words of Mary will swell the faithful soul, and you will bring your children home that day when all creation will be whole.

Dori Erwin Collins

+ Prayer of the Day

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Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

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+Word+

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading

Isaiah 2:1-5

A reading from Isaiah.

²In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. ³Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. ⁴He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. ⁵O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading

Romans 13:11-14

A reading from Romans;

¹¹Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

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+ Gospel Acclamation

“Alleluia”

Alleluia, Alleluia, I am the light of the world.
Alleluia, Alleluia, I am the light of the world.
Those who follow me will not walk in darkness.
Those who follow me will have the light of life.

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+ Gospel Reading

Matthew 24:36-44

The holy gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples,] ³⁶“About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴¹Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴²Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Young at Heart Message & Sermon

The Rev. Judith Cobb

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+ Song of the Day

“Even So, Come”

All of creation all of the earth, make straight a highway, a path
for the Lord Jesus is coming soon

Call back the sinner, wake up the saint, Let ev'ry nation shout of
Your fame Jesus is coming soon

Refrain: Like a bride waiting for her groom
We'll be a Church ready for You
Ev'ry heart longing for our King we sing

Even so come Lord Jesus come, even so come Lord Jesus come

There will be justice all will be new, Your name forever faithful
and true Jesus is coming soon

So we wait we wait for You
God we wait You're coming soon
So we wait we wait for You
God we wait You're coming soon

God we wait we wait for You God we wait You're coming soon
God we wait we wait for You God we wait You're coming soon
God we wait we wait for You Yes we wait You're coming soon
God we wait You're coming soon oh

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+ Nicene Creed

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With the whole church, let us confess our faith with the words of the Nicene Creed.

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and
the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and
glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic* and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

* universal

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+ Prayers of Intercession sung refrain: “Come by Here” TFF #43
As we prepare for the fullness of Christ's presence, let us pray for
a world that yearns for new hope.

Refrain: **Come by here, my Lord, come by here; come by
here, my Lord, come by here;. come by here, my
Lord, come by here;. O Lord, come by here.**

Traditional

God of all, your children everywhere cry out for mercy. Awaken
the global church to the urgent needs of our time. Break down
barriers of culture and custom and unite people of all faiths in
your redemptive and healing work.

God of wonder, the earth's beauty and abundance is your gift.
Teach us your ways of sharing resources and caring for life.
Guard fragile habitats, preserve the wild places, and protect
endangered plants and animals.

God of peace, you judge the nations. Beat our weapons into
tools for serving the neighbor. Strengthen the resolve of all who
work for an end to war. We pray for lasting peace in the land of
Jesus' birth.

Refrain

God of lovingkindness, you desire fullness of life for everyone. Fill
those who hunger. Comfort the grieving and attend to those
near death. Bring help and hope to any who are sick or needing
your care, especially those listed on our prayer list and those we
name now aloud or silently (*pause for names*).

God of promise, your goodness is everlasting. We give thanks for
the lives of the faithful who now rest in you. We trust that you will
bring us into the company of all the saints with rejoicing.

God of our longing, you know our deepest needs. By your Spirit,
gather our prayers and join them with the prayers of all your
children. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

Refrain

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+ Peace

+Meal+

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering

Thank you for supporting the mission of the church as you are able! Electronic donations can be made at

https://tithe.ly/give_new/www/#/tithe.ly/give-one-time/475611.

*Checks can be also be sent to church:
521 Providence Rd, Chesapeake, VA 23325*



+ **Offering Prayer**

Please stand as you are able.
Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept.

Eternal God, you make the desert bloom and send springs of water to thirsty ground. Receive these simple gifts of bread, wine, and money, and make us messengers of your mercy and love for all in need of your healing and justice. We ask this through Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

+ **Great Thanksgiving**

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The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

+ **Thanksgiving at the Table**

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+ Lord's Prayer

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Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

+ Invitation to Communion

Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God, who has come to save you.

Notes about Communion Distribution at Grace

When we're gathered around the table, there is enough food, drink, blessing, space and time for all to share in Holy Communion! GLC practices Eucharistic hospitality since we trust that God welcomes all who come to the table where Christ is both host and meal.

Wine (red) and grape juice (white) are distributed in individual cups. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

If you prefer to stay in the pew, there are prepackaged kits (wine, juice, and gluten free options) available at the sanctuary doors. If you prefer not to receive the wafer and wine/grape juice, you may kneel or stand at the rail with arms folded across your chest to receive a blessing.

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Communion Song

Jesus, Name Above All Names

Jesus, name above all names, beautiful Savior, glorious Lord.
Emmanuel, God is with us, blessed Redeemer, living Word

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+ Sending +

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Blessing

God the eternal Word, who dwells with us in Jesus, and who holds us in the grace of the Holy Spirit, ✠ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

Announcements

+ Sending Hymn

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+ Dismissal

Go in peace. Remember the poor. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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Soon and Very Soon



1 Soon and ver - y soon
2 No more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,
3 No more dy - in' there,
4 Soon and ver - y soon



soon and ver - y soon
no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,
no more dy - in' there,
soon and ver - y soon



soon and ver - y soon
no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King.
no more dy - in' there,
soon and ver - y soon



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, we're goin' to see the King!

Coda after stanza 4



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu -



jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

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Music: VERY SOON, Andraé Crouch

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