

**1<sup>st</sup> 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.

Page numbers (p.) are in front half of the hymnal.  
Hymn numbers (#) are in back half of the hymnal.  
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**

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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.**

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

**First Reading**

Isaiah 2:1-5

**Second Reading**

Romans 13:11-14

**+ 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

**Young at Heart Message & Sermon**

The Rev. Judith Cobb

**+ 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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**+ Prayers of Intercession**

sung refrain: "Come by Here" TFF #43

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

**+ 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/#/tithely/give-one-time/475611](https://tithe.ly/give_new/www/#/tithely/give-one-time/475611).*

*Checks can also be sent to church:  
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**+ Offering Prayer**

**+ Great Thanksgiving**

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**+ Thanksgiving at the Table**

**+ Lord's Prayer** *(sins)*

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**+ Invitation to Communion**

**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.*

## 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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Naida Hearn

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### +Sending+

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

## Blessing

## Announcements

### + Sending Song

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### + Dismissal

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

## Postlude

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