



WELCOME TO WEST SIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CONNECT • GROW • SERVE

First Sunday of Advent • November 28, 2021

11:00 AM TRADITIONAL SERVICE

PRELUDE/WELCOME/*CALL TO WORSHIP/OPENING PRAYER

The world says, "All is lost." **God says, "All is loved."**

The darkness says, "The light is dying." **The light says, "The fire is catching."**

Fear says, "Cover your eyes and your ears." **Hope says, "Wait, watch and listen."**

Choir: Come now, O Prince of hope, make us one body. Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile all people.

*OPENING HYMN #9

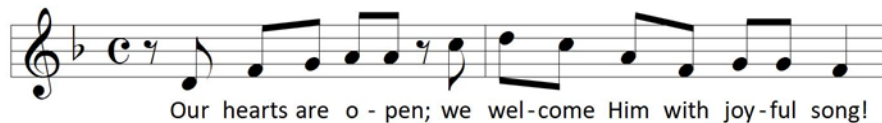
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

VENI EMMANUEL

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Choir: Prepare your hearts to receive the **hope** of the world.

Congregation:



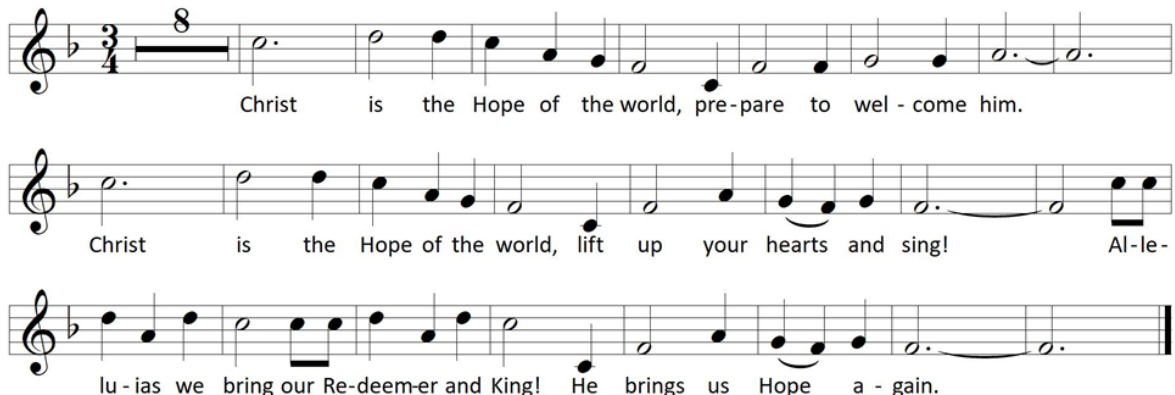
The Family: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world; anyone who follows Me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

Family member: Why do we light one candle?

Family member: We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ. Advent means COMING. We are preparing ourselves for days of **hope** as we hear Psalm 25, verse 5: Lead me in Your truth, and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation; for You I wait in hope all day long.

The Family: Let us walk in the light of the Lord!

The Response:



Family Member: In silence, let us confess our sin and pray for God's forgiveness as we prepare for the second coming of Christ.

**Please stand*

WEST SIDE IS A WELCOMING CHURCH, ROOTED DEEPLY IN CHRIST, INVITING ALL TO CONNECT, GROW AND SERVE.

Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth Thou art:
dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***THANKSGIVING HYMN #9, Refrain**

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 25:1-10

ANTHEM

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Richard E. Fry

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.

Born Thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King,
born to reign in us forever, now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
Be Thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
by Thine all sufficient merit raise us to Thy glorious throne.

Lisa Bremer, soprano

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 21:25-36

SERMON

Advent Questions: What Does It Mean to Live Contemplatively?

Rev. Marc Oehler

RESPONSE OF FAITH

Psalm 27:14

Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!

***HYMN #2**

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

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ADVENT MISSION VIDEO Neighbors Helping Neighbors: Social Service Association of Ridgewood and Vicinity

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING/OFFERTORY

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Text GIVE to 551-227-2131. Thank you for your gift!

***DOXOLOGY**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God whom we adore. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

***CLOSING HYMN #14**

Savior of the Nations, Come

NUN KOMM DER HEIDEN HEILAND

ANNOUNCEMENTS/BLESSING

CHORAL RESPONSE

Come Now, O Prince of Peace

Geonyong Lee

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POSTLUDE

Please join us for fellowship following the service.