

*The beginning of the prelude is a call to silent,
personal preparation for the worship of God.*

Festival of Advent Lessons and Music

Prelude

Come Thou Now, Jesus, Down from Heaven Johann Sebastian Bach
Toccata on King's Weston. Ralph Vaughan Williams
arr. Matthew Compton
Sleepers Wake, a Voice Is Calling J. S. Bach
Silent Night. arr. Susan Geschke

Introit

"Matin Responsory" Robert W. Lehman
I look from afar and lo, I see the power of God coming and a cloud covering
the whole earth. Go ye out to meet him and say, "Tell us, art thou he that should
come to reign over thy people Israel?" High and low, rich and poor, one with
another, go ye out to meet him and say, "Hear, O thou shepherd of Israel,
thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep, tell us, art thou he that should come?"
Stir up thy strength, O Lord, and come to reign over thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

Call to Worship

*Hymn 88 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"
First Lesson: ISAIAH 40:1-11 Old Testament, page 627

Anthem

"Lift Up Your Heads" Larry Shackley
Lift up your heads, you mighty gates; behold, the King of glory waits;
the King of kings is drawing near; the Savior of the world is here! Alleluia!
Fling wide the portals of your heart; make it a temple set apart
from earthly use for heaven's employ, adorned with prayer and love and joy.
Redeemer come, with us abide, our hearts to you we open wide;
let us your inner presence feel, your grace and love in us reveal.
All praise to you eternal Son, whose advent has our freedom won,
whom with the Father we adore, and Holy Spirit, evermore!

Second Lesson: JEREMIAH 31:31-34 Old Testament, page 691

*Hymn 83 "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

Third Lesson: ISAIAH 35:1-10. Old Testament, page 623

**Stand as you are able.*

Anthem

“Christ the Apple Tree” Stanford Scriven
The tree of life my soul hath seen, laden with fruit and always green; the trees
of nature fruitless be, compared with Christ the apple tree. This beauty doth
all things excel, by faith I know, but ne’er can tell the glory which I now can see
in Jesus Christ the apple tree. For happiness I long have sought, and pleasure
dearly I have bought; I missed of all, but now I see ’tis found in Christ the
apple tree. This fruit doth make my soul to thrive; it keeps my dying faith
alive, which makes my soul in haste to be with Jesus Christ the apple tree.
I’m wearied with my former toil, here I will sit and rest awhile; under the
shadow I will be, of Jesus Christ the apple tree.

Fourth Lesson: MICAH 5:2-4 Old Testament, page 815

*Carol 121 “O Little Town of Bethlehem”

Fifth Lesson: ISAIAH 11:1-9 Old Testament, page 602

Anthem

“Come, Messiah, Come” Lynn Shaw Bailey and Becki Slagle Mayo
O promised one, O prince of peace, Emmanuel, Messiah, come.
Lord, reveal your mercy. Guide us, Lord, we pray.
May we see your light and walk your way. Alleluia.

Sixth Lesson: ZEPHANIAH 3:14-18. Old Testament, page 826

*Hymn 360 “Christ Is Coming!”

Seventh Lesson: LUKE 1:26-38 New Testament, page 53

Anthem

“The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came” Basque carol
The angel Gabriel from heaven came, his wings as drifted snow, his eyes
as flame. “All hail,” said he, “O lowly maiden Mary,” most highly favored
lady, gloria. “For know a blessed mother you shall be, all generations praise
continually, your Son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold.” Then gentle
Mary meekly bowed her head, “To me be as it pleases God,” she said.
“My soul shall laud and magnify God’s holy name.”

Eighth Lesson: LUKE 1:39-56. New Testament, page 53

*Hymn 99 “My Soul Gives Glory to My God”

Ninth Lesson: JOHN 1:1-18. New Testament, page 86

Anthem

“Lux Aurumque” Eric Whitacre
Light, warm, and heavy as pure gold, and the angels sing softly to the
newborn baby.

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer (*unison*)

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.

Offering

Offertory Anthem

“E’en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come” Paul Manz
Peace be to you and grace from him who freed us from our sins, who loved
us all and shed his blood that we might saved be. Sing holy, holy to our Lord,
the Lord almighty God, who was and is and is to come. Rejoice in heaven, all
ye that dwell therein; rejoice on earth, ye saints below, for Christ is coming soon.

*Carol 129 “Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming”

*Benediction

Postlude

Dialogue from *Magnificat* Jean François Dandrieu

Worship Leaders

- Readers** Martha Brown, Robby McDonell, Eric Olson, Sue Thompson,
Arlene Raine, Clara Radtke, James Ford, Kathy Kidder, Matt Helms
- Liturgist** Matt Helms, Associate Pastor
- Music** The Children’s Choir; the Youth Choir;
Cole Seaton and Gillian Hollis, soloists; Hannah Nelson, flutist
The Chancel Choir; the Morning Choir; the Handbell Choir
John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music
Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist
Katy Sinclair, Associate Director of Music for Children and Youth
Hsing-Huei Huang, Children and Youth Choir Accompanist
Briana Belding-Peck, Director of the Handbell Choir

Shannon J. Kershner Pastor
Victoria G. Curtiss Associate Pastor for Mission
Matt Helms Associate Pastor
for Children and Family Ministry
Hardy H. Kim Associate Pastor for Evangelism
Rocky Supinger Associate Pastor for Youth Ministry

Judith L. Watt Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care
Nanette Sawyer Minister for Congregational Life
Jeffrey Doane Parish Associate for Older Adults
Abbi Heimach-Snipes Pastoral Resident
John Buchanan Pastor Emeritus