

Festival of Advent Lessons and Music

Prelude

Savior of the Nations, Come Nikolaus Vetter
Savior of the Nations, Come Dietrich Buxtehude
Savior of the Nations, Come Johann Sebastian Bach
Come Thou Now, Down from Heaven J. S. Bach
Of the Father's Love Begotten. Plainsong; arr. Fred Gramann

Introit

“Matin Responsory” Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina
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 83 “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”
First Lesson: ISAIAH 40:1-11 Old Testament, page 627

Anthem

“People, Look East” French folk melody; arr. Martin Shaw
Anthem text: Hymnal 105

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

Anthem

“Come, Come Emmanuel” Lynn Shaw Bailey and Becki Slagle Mayo
Come, come Messiah, come Emmanuel, promised one. Prophets of old have told of your coming; long have we waited, long have we prayed. Kingdoms and kings will bow down before you. Come, Emmanuel, today. We are your children; you are our Savior. Lovingly guide us, we pray. Help us to follow; help us to listen.

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

Anthem

“O Radiant Dawn” James MacMillan
O radiant dawn, splendor of eternal light, sun of justice: come, shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death. Isaiah had prophesied, “The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone.” Amen.

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

“Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming” Michael Praetorius

Anthem text: Hymnal 129

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

*Hymn 104 “O Lord, How Shall I Meet You”

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

Anthem

“Nova, Nova” Michael Bedford

The angel Gabriel by name unto the virgin Mary came with joyful news unto the same. Nova, nova, tidings of salvation. Then said the angel, “Do not fear. I bring glad news for you to hear: you will bring forth God’s Son so dear.” Then Mary looked unto the sky, “Be as it pleases God on high, whose name my soul shall magnify.” By her the Christ child comes to earth, in Bethlehem to have his birth; let all the world be filled with mirth!

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

Anthem

“Magnificat” Arvo Pärt

My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the mighty one has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to his promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever.

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

*Carol 108 “Of the Father’s Love Begotten”

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

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

Prayer of Dedication (*unison*)

Lord, we give you thanks that in the coming of Christ
your steadfast love and faithfulness have met
and your righteousness and peace have kissed.
May the gifts we offer this night lift up those in need
and prepare the way of your salvation. Amen.

*Carol 113 “Angels We Have Heard on High”

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Savior of the Nations, Come Paul Manz

Worship Leaders

Readers (*in order of reading*) Melanie Oh Pierce, John Borovicka, Holly O’Mara,
Grace Turner, John Dallas, Wydetta Carter, Beverly Washington

Liturgists Jeff Doane, Matt Helms

Music Children’s Choir; Youth Choir
Chancel Choir; Morning Choir; 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

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| Victoria G. Curtiss Associate Pastor for Mission | Alex Wirth Minister for Evangelism |
| Matt Helms Associate Pastor
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