

Wake Forest Presbyterian Church

Rooted in Christ | Growing together in faith | Reaching out to others

November 20, 2022

1st Sunday of Advent



Hope

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

WELCOME

*LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH — HOPE

*OPENING SONG

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

*O come , O come Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel
that mourns in lonely exile here,
until the Son of God appears.*

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

*O come, thou dayspring, come and cheer
our spirits by thine advent here.
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night
and death's dark shadow put to fight.*

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

*O come, desire of nations bind
all peoples in one heart and mind.
Bid envy strife, and sorrow cease;
fill all the world with heaven's peace.*

*Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee O Israel.
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee O Israel;
shall come to thee O Israel.*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of today and God of tomorrow, you say, “Bring your full self. There’s room for you here.” But we say, “Our lives are too messy.” You say, “Bring your hopes and your dreams. There’s room for you here.” But we say, “It’s too risky to hope.” You say, “Bring your grief and your prayers. There’s room for you here.” But we say, “Some things are easier to forget.” God of today and God of tomorrow, we know in our hearts that there’s room for us here. Forgive us for withholding our full selves from you. Forgive us for giving only our Sunday best. Help us remember, today and tomorrow, there’s room for every story. Amen.

(time of silence)

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer, Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

CHILDREN’S TIME

SUNG RESPONSE #188 v1

“Jesus Loves Me!”

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.

Little ones to him belong. They are weak, but he is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!

Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

SPECIAL MUSIC

“The Coming of the Lord”

SCRIPTURE READINGS

I Samuel 3:1-18

Isaiah 2:1-5

SERMON

“Prophetic Advent”

RESPONSIVE HYMN #82

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

***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.
By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all-sufficient merit raise us to thy glorious throne.***

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be 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.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY #606

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*CLOSING HYMN #93

“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”

*Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates;
behold the King of glory waits;
the King of kings is drawing near;
the Savior of the world is here.*

*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! I open wide
my heart to thee; here, Lord, abide.
Let me thy inner presence feel;
thy grace and love in me reveal.*

*BENEDICTION

*SUNG BENEDICTION #543 V5

“God, Be the Love”

*Christ in the eyes of all who see me,
Christ in the ears that hear my voice,
Christ in the hearts of all who know me:
O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.*

POSTLUDE