

# First Presbyterian Church of Bethlehem

## First Sunday of Advent

### Digital Contemporary Service

**November 29, 2020**



#### CONGREGATIONAL SONGS OF PRAISE

##### **Even So Come**

**Chris Tomlin**

##### Verse 1

All of creation all of the earth  
Make straight a highway a path for the Lord  
Jesus is coming soon

##### Verse 2

Call back the sinner wake up the saint  
Let ev'ry nation shout of Your fame  
Jesus is coming soon

##### Chorus 1

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

##### Verse 3

There will be justice all will be new  
Your name forever faithful and true  
Jesus is coming soon

##### Bridge

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

##### Chorus 2

Like a bride waiting for her groom  
We'll be a Church ready for You  
Ev'ry heart longing for our King we sing  
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

Bridge  
God we wait we wait for You  
God we wait You're coming soon  
(REPEAT)

God we wait we wait for You  
Yes we wait You're coming soon  
God we wait You're coming soon oh

### **Prayer**

**Nathan Jess**

Verse 1  
Father hear my restless voice  
Speaking out your name  
Longing to be home at last  
Where my God abides

Chorus  
Holy is the Lord  
Holy is His name  
I'll forever sing  
Your glory to proclaim

Verse 2  
Lord of Heaven hear my cry  
Shouting out Your praise  
When this day will come to end  
There I'll join again

### **CALL TO WORSHIP AND PASSING THE PEACE**

#### **ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING**

##### **O Come, O Come Emmanuel**

Verse 1  
1 O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
And ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear.

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

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God, as we enter this season of Advent, we confess that we do not want to think about waiting and preparing. We struggle with the benefits of waiting in the best of times, and so much of our lives over the past eight months have been characterized by difficult waiting. We are so tempted to throw out the Advent practices waiting and preparing, and to run ahead and wrap the warmth of Christmas around us like a favorite old blanket. So we ask you to help us to wait, Lord; help us to see your glory not simply in the manger on Christmas Eve, but out here in the wilderness on your way. And help us to wait by joining in preparing your way in the wilderness, joining our voices in announcing the good news of your coming to us.**

## PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 40:1-11

SERMON                      “Preparing a Way in the Wilderness”                      The Rev. J.C. Austin

## SONG OF PRAISE

**Come Lord Jesus, Quickly Come**

**Nathan Jess**

Verse 1

Come Lord Jesus quickly come  
Come and heal I pray  
In the shelter of Your love  
Let me see Your face

Chorus

Ever faithful always good  
Lover of my soul  
Come unto the children lost  
Make Your people whole

Verse 2

Come Lord Jesus quickly come  
I am longing still  
Overwhelm my heart with love  
Moved to do Your will

Mid-Section

Awake my soul  
Come like the thunder  
O gentle whisper

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**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.**

## SONG OF PRAISE

### **Kingdom Come**

#### Verse 1

Even when the waters rise  
And the waves are crashing over  
We're hard pressed on every side  
But won't give up the fight  
Surely You are holding on

#### Chorus

Father let Your kingdom come  
Your will be done on earth  
Saviour can You hear us call  
We trust You are enough

#### Verse 2

Standing in Your victory  
Calling on the name of Jesus  
We won't stop until we see  
The lame rise to their feet  
Surely You have overcome

#### Bridge

To be thrown into flames and still to say  
My God He saves  
My God He saves  
To see suffering and pain and still to say  
My God He reigns

## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE