



# December 4, 2022

## Prepare the Way of the Lord!

## Make Ready! (Peace)

Thank you for viewing our online bulletin for December 4, 2022. Full texts of the readings and hymns are provided below.

### 8:30 AM Worship Leaders

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### 11:00 AM Worship Leaders

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### Make Ready!

“Blessed are the peacemakers,” Jesus says. At Jesus’ birth, the voices of angels ring in the heavens singing “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace and goodwill among all people.” Hebrew Testament proclaims “Jehovah-Shalom;” the very name of God is ‘peace.’ But Scripture also rails against those who deal falsely saying, “ ‘Peace, peace,’ when there is no peace!” (Jeremiah 6:14). Real and lasting peace remains both the greatest hope and the greatest challenge for humanity. And peace will not be achieved passively, will not come about on its own. Jesus blesses peace-makers for they are, he says, “the children of God.” All creation is waiting with eager longing for the revealing of the peace-makers.

We continue in this Advent time of preparation for the great gift that is coming into the world!

### Prelude

### Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus arr. Mark Hayes

Prelude

TBD

### Welcome and Gathering

### Call to Worship

People Look East

ELW 248 --- Verses: 1,3

People, look east. The time is near  
of the crowning of the year.  
Make your house fair as you are able,  
trim the hearth and set the table.  
People, look east, and sing today—  
Love, the Guest, is on the way.

Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim,  
one more light the bowl shall brim,

shining beyond the frosty weather,  
bright as sun and moon together.  
People, look east, and sing today—  
Love, the Star, is on the way

## Litany

Morning star, bright sun of righteousness: come and enlighten all who dwell in darkness and shadow.

**Lord Jesus, come soon, shine your light in a needful world!**

Lord of all nations, in you we find the unity God seeks for all people, for all creation.

**Lord Jesus, come soon, bring reconciliation and peace to a conflicted world!**

Immanuel, God with us, Word and Truth of the One:

**Lord Jesus, come soon, draw aside the veil that we may know the fullness of God!**

Bread of life, water of life, light of the world:

**Lord Jesus, come soon, be born anew in us and make your home in our hearts! Amen**

## Welcome

### Song of Celebration

*Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

UMH 196 --- Verses: All

Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus  
Born to set thy peo - ple 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 ev'ry nation  
Joy of ev'ry 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

## Greeting and Prayer of the Day

The light and life of God in the coming Messiah be with you all.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

God of peace, make us peacemakers. Guide us in the way of peace. Call us forth as your children, to live peace, so that all the world might come to know your Great Shalom ... a world ordered according to your goodness, grace and peace. **Amen.**

## Advent

### Advent Liturgy

#### **Reader 1:**

The Psalmist says: Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.

Surely his salvation is at hand for those who revere him, that his glory may dwell in our land. The Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase. Righteousness will go before him and make a path for his steps.

#### **Reader 2:**

In a season of conflict and strife, we light a candle to welcome the peace of God in the world. Let the light of peace shine and show us the way to the Father's heart.

### Lighting the Advent Candles

*Light 2 candles*

### Advent Prayer

God of all, we welcome your peace as healing balm, to restore what is fallen, to mend what is broken, divided and cut off. Bless us with peace as we await the One who comes to raise us to new life. Amen.

### Advent Response

#### *He Came Down*

ELW 253 --- Verses: "Peace"

He came down that we may have peace  
He came down that we may have peace  
He came down that we may have peace  
Hallelujah for evermore

## The Readings

### First Reading Isaiah 11:1-10

<sup>11</sup> A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. <sup>2</sup> The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. <sup>3</sup> His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; <sup>4</sup> but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. <sup>5</sup> Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. <sup>6</sup> The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. <sup>7</sup> The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. <sup>8</sup> The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. <sup>9</sup> They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for

the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. <sup>10</sup> On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

## **Psalm Antiphon**

### *Advent Psalm Antiphon*

Sterneman

Be still, be still.

Wait patiently for the Lord.

## **Psalm Reading Psalm 85:1-2,8-13**

1 Lord, you were favorable to your land; you restored the fortunes of Jacob. 2 You forgave the iniquity of your people; you pardoned all their sin.

### ***Antiphon***

8 Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.

### ***Antiphon***

9 Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land. 10 Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other. 11 Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky.

### ***Antiphon***

12 The Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase. 13 Righteousness will go before him, and will make a path for his steps.

### ***Antiphon***

## **Second Reading 2 Peter 3:8-15**

8 But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. 9 The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. 10 But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed. 11 Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, 12 waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? 13 But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. 14 Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; 15 and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

## **Gospel Acclamation**

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

Antiphon --- Verses: 1

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.

## The Gospel Mark 1:1-8

1 The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. 2 As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; 3 the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'" 4 John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. 5 And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. 6 Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. 7 He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. 8 I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

## The Message

### Children's Message

### Sermon

### Time of Reflection

*Time of Reflection*

ad libitum

## Prayers and Offerings

### Song of the Day

*We Are Waiting for Jesus*

ACS 905

We are waiting for Jesus; Jesus brings peace.  
We are waiting for Jesus; Jesus brings peace.  
Sun of justice, shine upon us;  
we are trusting in your promise.  
We are waiting for Jesus; Jesus brings peace.

We are waiting for Jesus; Jesus brings peace.  
We are waiting for Jesus; Jesus brings peace.  
Loving Shepherd, walk beside us;  
stir our hearts, and gently guide us.  
We are waiting for Jesus; Jesus brings peace.

## Profession of Faith Advent Creed

We believe in God, Creator of all, whose love is more than mind can measure or time and space contain.

We believe in Jesus Christ, who unveils holiness in humanity and reveals to us the true nature of God; who embodies God's wisdom brought forth in fruits of hope, joy, peace and love.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, God's abiding and guiding presence, shining God's light at the center of ourselves and throughout God's world, calling forth from us lives of thanksgiving and praise, service and

sacrifice, compassion and generosity.

We believe in God's Word, spoken in creation, made flesh in Christ Jesus and writ large in Scripture for all to see.

We believe that the Kingdom of God is at hand and we embrace our calling as the Body of Christ in the world today, welcoming all into fellowship with us and serving in the name of the One who makes all things new, Jesus Christ our savior and lord.

Amen.

## Prayers of the People

**Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme (Awake, the voice commands) by Bach-Busoni (08:30am)**

*Special Music*

TBD --- Verses: All

## Special Music (11:00am)

*Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

Behnke --- Verses: All

## Offering Prayer

God of life, in this Advent season of preparation:

**We live in hope for your coming reign.  
We live in joy for your blessings in our lives.  
We live in peace for the sake of peace in our time.  
We live in love for you are love.**

Receive our gifts in honor of your Christ:

**Use them to bring hope, joy, peace and love into the lives of people, everywhere, and throughout the beauty of your creation. Amen**

## Communion Liturgy

### The Great Thanksgiving

*An Advent Communion*

Sterneman

The grace of God be with you all.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts in praise to God.

**We joyfully lift up our hearts to God.**

Let us give thanks and praise to God,

**For it is right to give thanks and praise.**

## Eucharistic Prayer Eucharistic Prayer

**Holy, Holy, Holy**

*An Advent Communion*

Sterneman

Holy, holy, holy One,  
God of love and radiant light.  
Blessed are You who comes from God,  
through heaven and earth your glory we sing  
Holy are You, hosanna,  
Blessed One, hosanna.

## Words of Institution

### Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.

## Holy Communion

### Invitation

### Communion Song

*Every Time I Feel the Spirit*

ACS 942

Refrain  
Ev'ry time I feel the spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.  
Ev'ry time I feel the spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.

Upon the mountain my Lord spoke,  
out of his mouth came fire and smoke. Refrain

All around me looked so fine,  
asked my Lord if all was mine. Refrain

Jordan river, chilly and cold,  
chills the body but not the soul. Refrain

### Communion Song

*Peace Like a River*

GtG 623

I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river  
I've got peace like a river in my soul  
I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river  
I've got peace like a river in my soul

I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean  
I've got love like an ocean in my soul  
I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean  
I've got love like an ocean in my soul

I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain  
I've got joy like a fountain in my soul  
I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain  
I've got joy like a fountain in my soul

I've got peace like a river, I've got love like an ocean  
I've got joy like a fountain in my soul  
I've got peace like a river, I've got love like an ocean  
I've got joy like a fountain in my soul  
I've got peace like a river in my soul

## Communion Prayer

Light of life and all creation, you have fed us with the bread of life and the wine of a new covenant, a foretaste of the feast to come.

**Prepare us to receive the gift of your Christ who is coming into the world.**

Prepare us to walk in his light and to generously share the blessings we receive in him,

**That the world may know you through the way and truth and life of your Christ. Amen**

## Sending Forth

### Announcements

### Blessing

### Sending Song

*I Want To Walk As A Child Of The Light*

ELW 815 --- Verses: All

#### Verse 1

I want to walk as a child of the light.  
I want to follow Jesus.  
God set the stars to give light to the world.  
The star of my life is Jesus.

#### Refrain

In him there is no darkness at all.  
The night and the day are both alike.  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.  
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

#### Verse 2

I want to see the brightness of God.  
I want to look at Jesus.  
Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path,  
and show me the way to the Father. Refrain

#### Verse 3

I'm looking for the coming of Christ.

I want to be with Jesus.  
When we have run with patience the race,  
we shall know the joy of Jesus. Refrain

## **Mission and Peace**

We go forth together.

## **Sharing God's Love.**

The peace of the Lord be with you all.

**And also with you.**

Let us sing together

## **Mission Response**

*Prepare the Way of the Lord*

GAT 400 --- Verses: Refrain

Prepare the way of the Lord  
Prepare the way of the Lord  
And all the people will see  
The salvation of our God

## **Postlude**

**Watchmen, tell us of the night arr. Mark Hayes**

*Postlude*

TBD

