



November 28, 2021—9:00 am  
Sanctuary

Today marks the first Sunday in Advent, a season of hope and anticipation, where Christians wait eagerly for the birth of Christ. For thousands of years, the prophets foretold the birth of the Messiah, the Anointed One, who would redeem God's people from the darkness of their sins. No matter how great the darkness, we find our hope in the Word Made Flesh, who promises the Light of His presence.

Prelude (8:50) *I Wonder As I Wander* arr. Ijames

Community Life Update (8:55)

Lighting of the Advent Candle of Hope

\*Hymn of Entrance

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear.  
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*  
Words: Trad. Latin, 12<sup>th</sup> c., Music: Plainsong, 13<sup>th</sup> c.

\*Call to Worship Psalm 130:5-8

Leader: I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,  
and in his word I hope;  
my soul waits for the Lord  
more than watchmen for the morning,  
more than watchmen for the morning.

People: O Israel, hope in the Lord!  
For with the Lord there is steadfast love,  
and with him is plentiful redemption.  
And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

\*Prayer of Adoration

\*Please stand if you are able.

\*Hymn of Praise

Hymnal, 196

<sup>1</sup> 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 ev'ry nation, Joy of every longing heart.

<sup>3</sup> Come to earth to taste our sadness, he whose glories knew no end;  
By his life he brings us gladness, our Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend.  
Leaving riches without number, born within a cattle stall;  
This the everlasting wonder, Christ was born the Lord of all.

<sup>4</sup> 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.

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#### Scripture Reading - Ancient Prophesies Fulfilled Through Christ's Coming

Matthew 12:9-21 quoting Isaiah 42:1-4

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

#### Advent Prayer

from The Book of Common Prayer

Leader: Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation:

**All: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

#### Moment of Silent Confession

#### Words of Grace and Peace

Isaiah 40:1-5

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.  
Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her  
that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned,  
that she has received from the Lord's hand  
double for all her sins.

A voice cries:

“In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord;  
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Every valley shall be lifted up,  
and every mountain and hill be made low;  
the uneven ground shall become level,  
and the rough places a plain.  
And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,  
and all flesh shall see it together,  
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.”

Tithes and Generous Giving

*In the Bleak Midwinter*  
The King's Ringers

arr. C. Dobrinski

*As you listen, rejoice in the wonder of Christ's Incarnation,  
thank God for this unspeakable gift, and offer yourself anew to Him.*

Prayers of the People

Journey Through Scripture Testimony

\*Pulpit Hymn

*K4-K5 may leave for Kids Church. One parent will need to escort the child to the Commons Area.*

In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan,  
earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone.  
Snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow, in the bleak midwinter, long ago.

Our God, heav'n cannot hold Him, nor the earth sustain,  
Heav'n and earth shall flee away when He comes to reign.  
In the bleak midwinter, a stable place sufficed the Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ.

*Gloria, Gloria, now my eyes have seen, Soli Deo Gloria, He salvation brings,  
As the Lord has promised, I may go in peace.*

What can I give him, poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd I would bring a lamb;  
If I were a Wise man, I would do my part; yet what I can, I give Him: give Him my heart.

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Scripture Reading

Hebrews 2:7-9, Psalm 8

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.                   **All: Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

*Wear the Crown*  
Series: Here Comes Your King

Jacob Virtue

Choral Response (*You may remain seated.*)

And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,  
And all flesh shall see it together:  
For the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

Words: Isaiah 40:5; Music: G.F. Handel, from "Messiah"

\*Hymn of Response

Hymnal, 230

<sup>1</sup> Thou who wast rich beyond all splendor, all for love's sake becamest poor;  
Thrones for a manger didst surrender sapphire-paved courts for stable floor.  
Thou who wast rich beyond all splendor, all for love's sake becamest poor.

<sup>2</sup> Thou who art God beyond all praising, all for love's sake becamest man;  
Stooping so low, but sinners raising, heavenward by thine eternal plan.  
Thou who art God beyond all praising, all for love's sake becamest man.

<sup>3</sup> Thou who art love beyond all telling, Savior and King, we worship thee;  
Emmanuel, within us dwelling, make us what thou wouldest have us be.  
Thou who art love beyond all telling, Savior and King, we worship thee.

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\*Benediction

*The flowers in the Sanctuary this morning are given to glory of God  
in honor of the baptism of Ellis Larue de la Houssaye  
by grandparents Jim and Beth Ellis and Lee and Kenneth de la Houssaye.*

**Assisting in Worship Today:**

Jacob Virtue, Senior High Director

Neel Skelton, Next Generation Pastor

**Advent - Mark Your Calendar!**

Advent season is here! Make plans to join us as we celebrate the coming of our Savior.  
Visit [mitchellroad.org/advent](http://mitchellroad.org/advent) to find out more about these events and to register for nursery.

<b>Carol Sing with Cherub Choir</b>	Sunday, December 5 at 6:30 pm
<b>Christmas Celebration with Choir and Orchestra</b>	Sunday, December 12 at 4:30 pm and 6:30 pm
<b>Cookies and Carols</b>	Sunday, December 19 at 6:30 pm
<b>Christmas Eve Candlelight Services</b>	Friday, December 24 at 4:30 pm (Sanctuary), 5:00 pm (Fellowship Hall) and 6:30 pm (Sanctuary)

**MR Kids - Family Advent Boxes**

Families are invited to pick up a Family Advent box today in the Commons Area or down in MR Kids (Gray Wing). In the box, you'll find activities for the family to enjoy this Advent season including a countdown calendar wreath, prayer dice, a fun memory game, an ornament to decorate, a craft, and more!

**December Elective: "Celebrating Christ Through the Carols"**  
10:10 am in the Sanctuary on December 5, 12 and 19

Join the Mitchell Road Music Team for this special Musical Elective! Each week will include musical improvisations, devotional thoughts, and congregational singing all based on carols that will warm your heart to the beauty and wonder of Christ's coming!

**Journey Through Scripture 2022 - Pick Up Your Booklet today!**  
In January, we are beginning our Journey Through Scripture together as we read through the Bible in 2022. Did you pick up your Journey Through Scripture booklet? If not, pick one up at the Welcome Desk today!