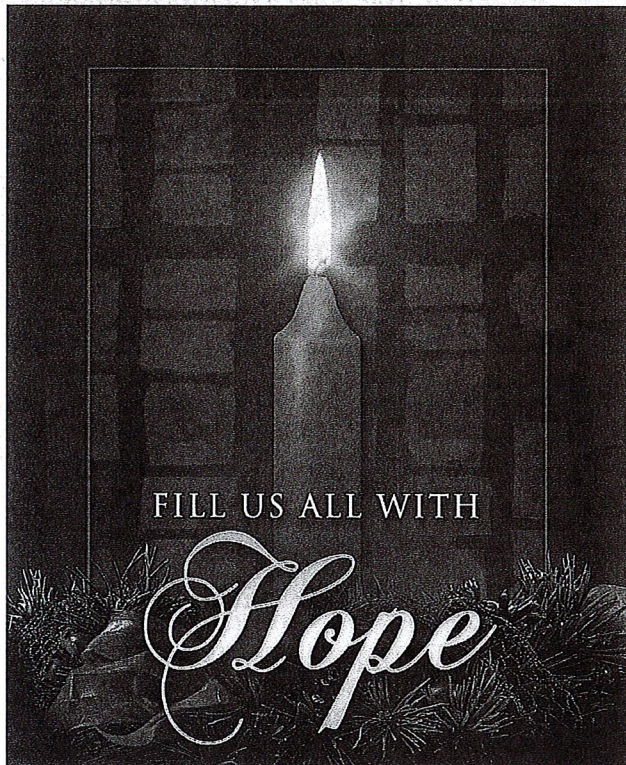


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**Order of Worship    November 27, 2022, 10am**

**1st Sunday of Advent**

**\*Please stand if you are able.**

**Prelude**      “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” arr. by John Purifoy

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Prayer of Invocation**

God of hope, you call us from the exile of sin with the good news of restoration; you build a highway through the wilderness; you come to us and bring us home. Comfort us with the expectation of your saving power, made known to us in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**\*Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ.

**Advent means coming. We are preparing for the full coming of God’s kingdom:**

‘The nations shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.’

**Let us walk in the light of the Lord.** —from Isaiah 2:4

**\*Opening Hymn #2**      “Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”

**Moment for All Ages**

**Special Music**      “How Beautiful” arr. by Lloyd Larson  
Dina Strasser, soloist

**Unison Prayer for Illumination**

**O God, our beginning and end, by whose command time runs its course: bless our impatience, perfect our faith, and, while we await the fulfillment of your promises, grant us hope in your Word. Amen.**

**Scripture**      **Matthew 24:32-44**

**The Lesson of the Fig Tree**

32 “From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. 33 So also, when you see all these things, you know that he is near, at the very gates. 34 Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place.

**Scripture (cont.)**      **Matthew 24:32-44**

**The Necessity for Watchfulness**

35 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. 36 “But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. 37 For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. 38 For as in the days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, 39 and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so, too, will be the coming of the Son of Man. 40 Then two will be in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. 41 Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken, and one will be left. 42 Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. 43 But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. 44 Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

**Sermon**      “Safe Passage”

**Hymn of Response GTG #92**      “While We Are Waiting, Come”

**Offering**

**\*Doxology**

**\*Unison Prayer of Dedication**

**O Mighty One, you have done and are doing great things for us, and holy is your name. Bless all we offer you—ourselves, our time, and our possessions— that through us your grace and favor may be made known to all the world, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.**

**Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer**

A voice is crying in the wilderness: let us prepare the way of the Lord. God of our salvation, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the church . . . Let us be a sign of your promised realm and make us ready to meet our Savior Christ when he comes again in glory.

God of our salvation, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the world . . . Make a way in the wilderness of this world. (cont.)



Bring justice and equality to every land  
and let all creatures know your saving love.  
God of our salvation, **hear our prayer.**  
We pray for this community . . . Send messengers of your  
way among us to kindle in us a passion for what is  
right and cleanse us from all corruption.  
God of our salvation, **hear our prayer.**  
We pray for loved ones . . . Let your tender mercy shine on  
them. Give light to those who wait in darkness and guide  
their feet into the path of peace.  
God of our salvation, **hear our prayer.**  
Prepare your way in us, O Lord, that we may rejoice and be  
glad when your reign of glory comes; through Jesus Christ  
our Lord...

**Passing the Peace**

**Closing Song #8** "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"

**\*Responsive Benediction**

Jesus is the Word made flesh in our midst.  
May his incarnation fill your hearts with joy and peace.

**O Lord, give us peace.**

Jesus is the promised Savior, born of Mary.  
May his birth among us renew your hope.

**O Lord, give us hope.**

Jesus is the King of kings and the Lord of lords.  
May the gift of his presence bring forth rejoicing.

**O Lord, give us joy.**

Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now  
and forever. **Amen.**

**Postlude** "Lift Up Your Heads" arr. by Karen Keene

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*Thank you to these members who are  
helping with worship today-*

*AV: Bill & Samantha Martz*

*Liturgist: Heather McAdoo*

**\*Please join us after worship for Advent Book Study  
on the book "Advent In Plain Sight" by Jill Duffield,  
November 27, December 4, 11, 18**

## 2 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Charles Wesley, 1744

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Rowland Hugh Prichard, 1831

1. Come, Thou long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus, Born to set Thy  
 2. Born Thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, Born a child and

peo - ple free; From our fears and sins re - lease us;  
 yet a King, Born to reign in us for - ev - er,

Let us find our rest in Thee. Is - rael's strength and con - so -  
 Now Thy gra - cious king - dom bring. By Thine own e - ter - nal

la - tion, Hope of all the earth Thou art; Dear de - sire of  
 Spir - it Rule in all our hearts a - lone; By Thine all - suf -

ev - ery na - tion, Joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.  
 fi - cient mer - it Raise us to Thy glo - rious throne.

# While We Are Waiting Come

Words by  
Claire Cloninger

Music by  
Don Cason

**VERSE**

F
C<sup>7</sup>/G
F/A
B<sup>b</sup>2
B<sup>b</sup>
Gm/B<sup>b</sup>
D/A
Gm
Gm/B<sup>b</sup>

1. While we are wait - ing, come; While we are wait - ing,  
 2. With pow'r and glo - ry, come; With pow'r and glo - ry,  
 3. Come, Sav - ior, quick - ly come; Come, Sav - ior, quick - ly

7
C<sup>2</sup>
C
F
C/G
F/A
Fmaj<sup>7</sup>/A
B<sup>b</sup>2(#4)
B<sup>b</sup>

come. Lord, Em - man - u -  
 come. Lord, Em - man - u -  
 come. Lord, Em - man - u -

12
Gm<sup>7</sup>
F/A
B<sup>b</sup>2
B<sup>b</sup>/D
F/C
C<sup>7</sup>
F

-el, while we are wait - ing, come.  
 -el, while we are wait - ing, come.  
 -el, while we are wait - ing, come.