



Glendale Presbyterian Church



December 10, 2023 | 10 AM
Second Sunday of Advent

Reformed worship is centered around the Word, both the Word of scripture and Christ as the Word Incarnate. In worship we gather around the Word, engage with the Word, and respond to the Word.

Bold text is read by the congregation.

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

You may access the online order of worship to follow along on any digital device:



In the presence of a holy God, we become aware of the ways we fall short of God's best hopes for us, and the ways we have hurt others. We turn to God in prayer, asking for forgiveness.

Passing of the Peace is one of the most ancient responses in worship. We invite you to share a sign of peace with your neighbor.

+ At this time children are invited to come forward to the front pew for conversation around our texts for the week.

Gather

Welcome & Announcements | Rev. Kathleen Henrion

Prelude | "Winter" (Largo) The Four Seasons, Antonio Vivaldi | Carol Schmidt

*Call to Worship | Advent Wreath Lighting

*Hymn | Response to Advent Wreath Lighting | "Anthem" by Leonard Cohen

Ring the bells that still can ring

Forget your perfect offering

There is a crack, a crack in everything

That's how the light gets in, That's how the light gets in

Call to Confession | Liturgist

Prayer of Confession

We confess that though you assure us our fine has been paid, God of Comfort, we still insist on earning our way into your heart. We confess that you are beyond patient with us, but wish you would act quickly against those who hurt us. We confess that while your word will stand forever, it is our words of pain and anger that cause long term harm to others.

Your Messenger has come, Approaching God, crying out of your forgiveness and hope. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, you speak to us: not of punishment, but of peace; not of judgment, but of justice; not of a sentence, but salvation. And we offer our hearts in thanksgiving and hope. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

One: Hear the Good News God speaks to you:

I love you;

I forgive you;

I restore you to new life.

All: We will not ignore the fact that God comes: not to condemn, but to comfort us; not to scold, but to speak tenderly to us of hope, of love, of joy. Thanks be to God. Amen.

*Passing of the Peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Anthem | A Great Light, David Von Kampen ("Christmas Cantata") | Chancel Choir

Proclaim God's Word

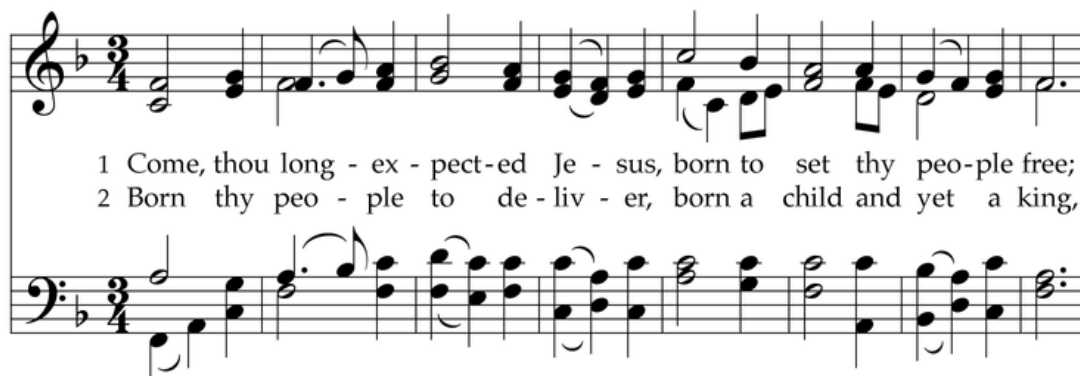
Prayer for Illumination | Liturgist

+Opening the Word with Young Disciples | Sue Van Patten

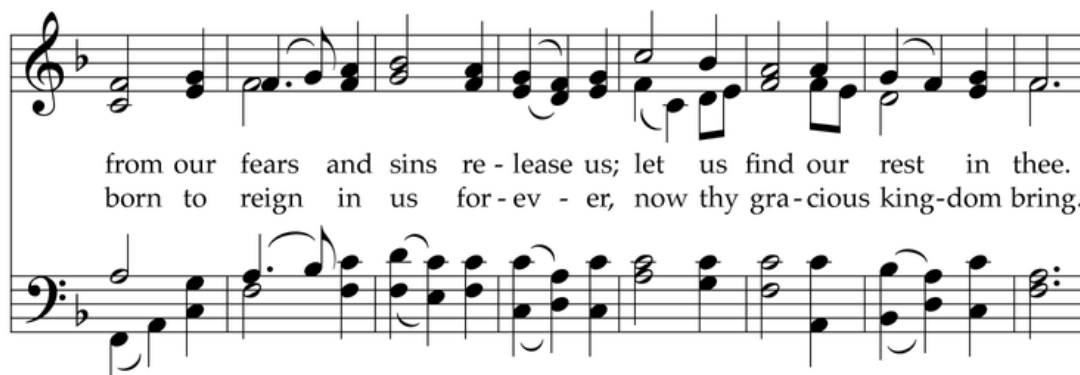
Hymn | GTG #82 | "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

Scripture | Isaiah 40:1-11 and Mark 1:1-8

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus 82



1 Come, thou long - ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo-ple free;
2 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and yet a king,



from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.
born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra-cious king-dom bring.



Is-rael's strength and con-so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art;
By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone;



dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long-ing heart.
by thine all - suf-fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo-rious throne.

With its opening "Come," this hymn sounds the note of entreaty and invitation that characterizes the Advent season (from the Latin *adventus* = "coming"). Its blending of memory and hope helps us to give voice to our present faith as we stand between the past and the future.

Respond to God's Word

* Hymn | GTG #88 | "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

Affirmation of Faith | The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Words of Offering | Liturgist

Minute for Mission | Peggy Mayfield: Christmas Joy Offering

Prayer of Dedication | Rev. Kathleen Henrion

*Doxology | GTG #582 | "Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me"

Prayers of the People | Rev. Kathleen Henrion

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.

*Hymn | GTG #97 | "Watchman, Tell Us of the Night"

*Blessing and Benediction | Rev. Kathleen Henrion

Postlude | "O Come, All Ye Faithful (Adeste Fideles)," "Angels We Have Heard on High" | Guest Organist, Peggy Mayfield

*Some Liturgies come from Thom M. Shuman's Lectionary Liturgies:
<http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com/>*

The Apostles' Creed from the ancient church comes as close as any other confessional statements to expressing the faith of all Christians, of all traditions, throughout church history.

Tithes and offerings may be left in the offering plate. Those who prefer to donate electronically are invited to donate through our church website:



Our congregation has a practice of staying seated for the duration of the postlude.

Our worship does not end with the postlude, but continues out into the world, where we are sent to love and care for God's people.



88 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest
 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy
 4 O come, thou Root of Jes - se, free thine own from



cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
 all things might - i - ly: to us the path of knowl - edge
 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the
 Sa - tan's tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell thy peo - ple



here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 show; and teach us in her ways to go. Re-joyce! Re-joyce!
 law in cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.
 save and give them vic - tory o'er the grave.



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

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| <p>5 O come, thou Key of David, come,
 and open wide our heavenly home;
 make safe the way that leads on high,
 and close the path to misery.
 Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
 shall come to thee, O Israel.</p> | <p>6 O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer
 our spirits by thine advent here;
 disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
 and death's dark shadows put to flight.
 Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
 shall come to thee, O Israel.</p> |
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7 O come, Desire of nations, bind
 all peoples in one heart and mind;
 bid envy, strife, and discord cease;
 fill the whole world with heaven's peace.
 Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
 shall come to thee, O Israel.

One stanza of this paraphrase of the great O Antiphons may be sung on each of the last days of Advent as follows:


<i>Dec. 17: O Wisdom (2)</i>	<i>Dec. 20: O Key of David (5)</i>	<i>Dec. 23: O Emmanuel (1)</i>
<i>Dec. 18: O Lord of might (3)</i>	<i>Dec. 21: O Dayspring (6)</i>	
<i>Dec. 19: O Root of Jesse (4)</i>	<i>Dec. 22: O Desire of Nations (7)</i>	

These titles of the coming Christ appeared in daily Vesper antiphons sung during the week before Christmas; their roots date at least to the reign of Charlemagne. Both text and tune are the fruit of 19th-century efforts to reclaim Christian treasures from pre-Reformation sources.

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Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Capo 3: (G) (D) (G) (D) (G) (D) (Em) (D)
B \flat F B \flat F B \flat F Gm F




1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
2 World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

(D) (G) (C) (G) (Em7) (A7)
F B \flat E \flat B \flat Gm7 C7




and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

(A7) (D) (F#) (Bm)
C7 F A Dm





and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

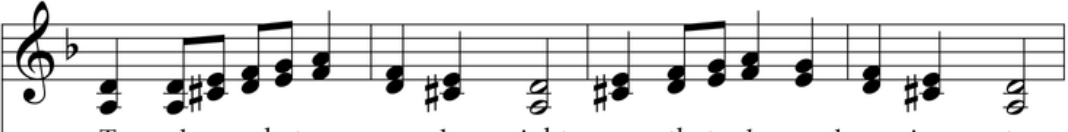

(Bm7) (D) (Bdim7) (Em7) (Dm)(A7) (D)
Dm7 F Ddim7 Gm7 Fm C7 F







As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

Watchman, Tell Us of the Night 97

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 1 Watch-man, tell us of the night, what its signs of prom-ise are.
 2 Watch-man, tell us of the night; high-er yet that star as-cends.
 3 Watch-man, tell us of the night, for the morn-ing seems to dawn.



 Trav-eler, what a won-drous sight: see that glo-ry-beam-ing star.
 Trav-eler, bless-ed-ness and light, peace and truth its course por-tends.
 Trav-eler, shad-ows take their flight; doubt and ter-ror are with-drawn.



 Watch-man, does its beau-teous ray news of joy or hope fore-tell?
 Watch-man, will its beams a-lone gild the spot that gave them birth?
 Watch-man, you may go your way; has-ten to your qui-et home.



 Trav-eler, yes; it brings the day, prom-ised day of Is-ra-el.
 Trav-eler, a-ges are its own; see, it bursts o'er all the earth.
 Trav-eler, we re-joice to-day, for Em-man-u-el has come!


**May be sung antiphonally.*

This unusual dialogue hymn alternates between the voice of a traveler and that of a watchman, setting up an exchange that creates parallels between the coming of dawn and the birth of Christ. The tune is named for a Welsh town whose name means "mouth of the bending river."

Sermon Notes

Prayer Requests

Healing and Wholeness

Prayers for Jay Kanerva, recovering from a heart ablation procedure.

Prayers for Julie Tighe who lost her friend, Mike, to cancer.

Continued prayers for Randy's brother, Buddy, as he participates in a clinical trial to treat brain cancer.

Continued prayers for Joan's granddaughter, Ellen, and for her Aunt Joan.

Announcements

Have a question about an event? An announcement to share? Contact the church office at 314-822-2545 or by e-mail to glendalepres@gmail.com

Webster-Rock Hill Ministries

Thank you to all who contributed gifts to serve the families of Webster-Rock Hill Ministries for Christmas.

Sunday School Teachers Wanted!

Are you looking for a fun and rewarding experience with the youth of GPC? Well, this is your lucky day! GPC is looking for Sunday School teachers for January and February for lessons on the Lord's Prayer.

With this year's Sunday School curriculum, it is easy to find a "workshop" that lines up with your interests. Workshops include art, bible skills and games, cooking, drama, digital media, music, science, and video. And the lesson plans are easy to follow and require a minimal time commitment. If this sparks your interest or you would like additional information, please get in touch with Matt Krob (matt.krob@slu.edu). Thank you!

Coffee Shop Office Hours

Pastor Kathleen's coffee shop hours this week will be at St. Louis Bread Co in Kirkwood, Wednesday from 1-3 pm.

Mark Your Calendar

On Sunday, December 17 we will be joining Webster Groves Presbyterian Church for 9:30 a.m. worship. Our choirs will join together for a special Christmas Cantata service.

Here's more info from the WGPC website:

Once again, the WGPC Chancel Choir and Glendale Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir with orchestra collaborate in a stirring Festival of Lessons and Carols. Featured work this year includes David von Kampen's "Christmas Cantata" as well as additional carols of the season. David von Kampen (b. 1986) is a composer and teacher from Lincoln, Nebraska. Composed in 2019, this 5-movement Cantata sets texts from the German hymnodist Paul Gerhardt in addition to passages from Isaiah and John. These settings deliberately avoid particularly "Christmassy" sounds, instead focusing on pairing these sturdy sacred texts with new melodies, interesting harmony, and colorful, supportive string accompaniment.

New Sign Message Board Letters

Additional message board letters for our sign in front of our building have been purchased using a memorial from Dick Schuchardt.

We are grateful to be able to continue his legacy of using that sign to share God's love and welcome.

Welcome

Welcome to Glendale Presbyterian Church! We are glad to have you join us for worship. If you are new to GPC, it is our prayer that you will experience the presence of God while you are here. At GPC, we share God's love through our work and play in our church and community.

Children & Worship

Children are always welcome in worship. The "Prayer Ground" is located in the front of the sanctuary where children are welcome to sit as is most comfortable to them and to engage with the materials up there throughout the service. In addition, the nursery is available for use by small children and their grown-ups near the Parking Lot Entry to the church. During the school year, children are invited to attend Sunday School following "Opening the Word with Young Disciples."

Worship Bags

All ages are invited to pick up a GPC worship bag in the Narthex (back of the sanctuary) that has items to be utilized to enhance their worship experience.

New Members

New members are received by the Session. If you are seeking a church home, we invite you to join the GPC family. Please contact Pastor Kathleen at 314-944-3334 or pastorhenrion@gmail.com for further information.

Prayer Request Cards

Blue prayer request cards are available upon entry to the building, as well as in pews. Please use them to note any joys or concerns you wish to have lifted in prayer. Place your prayer request card in the basket at either entrance to the Sanctuary before worship begins. If you need to fill it out during the beginning of worship, feel free to drop your prayer requests in the basket during the first hymn. The cards will be shared with the congregation, in worship, on the video of worship, and in the newsletter unless otherwise requested on the card.

Pastoral Care

To notify the church of illnesses, hospitalizations, or deaths; or to pass along a prayer request; or to arrange for Home Communion, Please contact the church office at 314-822-2545 or by e-mail to glendalepres@gmail.com or you are welcome to contact Kathleen directly via call or text at 314-944-3334. Or by email at pastorhenrion@gmail.com

Serving the Church

Interested in serving the church in some way? Contact the church office at 314-822-2545 or by e-mail to glendalepres@gmail.com and we'd love to connect you.

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Liturgist | Debbie Rose

Song Leader | Debbie Rose

Usher | Kathy Foresman

Greeter | Elaine Bidstrup

Online Host | Paige Stroud

Sunday School | Nancy Anderson (Bible skills)

Fellowship | Helen Quick

Counters | Terry Ulmer, Vicki Sorrells

Music Director | Carol Schmidt

Pastor | Rev. Kathleen Henrion

Sunday, December 17, 2023

**Worship at Webster Groves
Presbyterian Church**

9:30 am

**45 West Lockwood Avenue
Webster Groves, MO 63119**



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