

Worship at Glendale Presbyterian Church

December 2, 2018

Advent 1C

We Gather

Welcome

Prelude

Twos in the Moon of Wintertime

Sir Frances L. Callahan

Handbell Choir

Call to Worship

Advent has come and along with it another journey in need of beginning. And so we gather in hopeful anticipation of our Savior's birth. This journey of waiting will have moments of sabbath and service. I invite you to take a break from your busy lives to ponder and wonder as we seek the newborn king. May our worship direct our search to that which has saved and will save us forevermore. Come, let us worship and seek our savior with hope and thanksgiving!

Advent Candle Lighting

Love's Pure Light

Chancel Choir and Congregation

Hope for God's Presence

Responsive Litany

In this season of Advent, we long for God's presence.

Christ is our light and the source of our hope.

In this season of Advent, we search for God's truth.

Christ is our light and the source of our hope.

In this season of Advent, we seek God's guidance.

Christ is our light and the source of our hope.

In this season of Advent, we remember God's promise.

Christ is our light and the source of our hope.

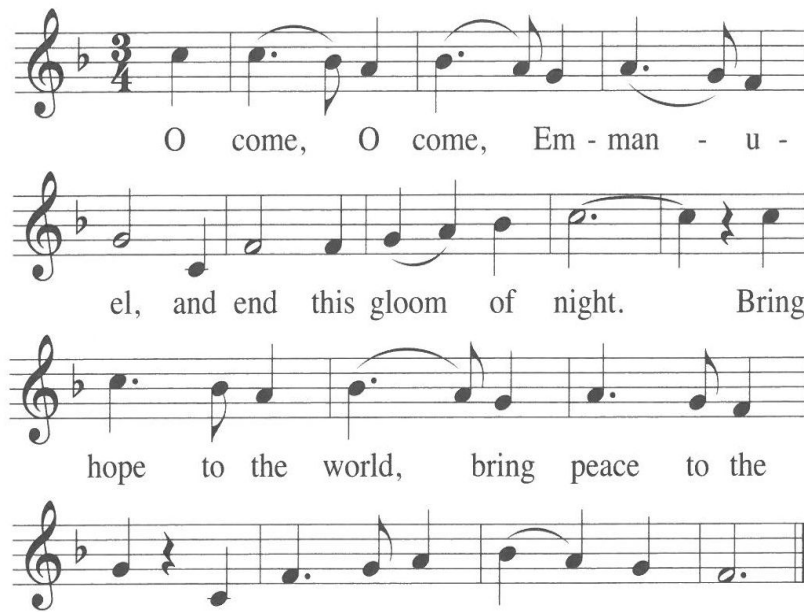
Candle Lighting

This morning we light the first candle, the candle of hope. This candle reminds us that God's promises give us reason to be filled with hope - hope for unity in a world of division, hope for healing in a world of pain, and hope for peace in a world filled with anger and strife. We remember that Christ is our light and the source of our hope.

Love's Pure Light Congregational part

"Gesù Bambino"
Music: Pietro Yon

Words and Arranged by
JOEL RANEY



O come, O come, Em - man - u -
el, and end this gloom of night. Bring
hope to the world, bring peace to the
earth, and fill us with love's pure light.

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+Prayer of the Day

Gracious God,
without the hope we have in you
we would be pitied above all.
With hearts open and thankful,
we come before your presence to wait, watch, and wonder.
We ask that you would come to us as we are
but not leave us as we were.
May we emerge from these travels
having found your newborn son

and having found our true selves along the way.
This we pray in the name of our coming Savior. **Amen.**

+Hymn 82

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Unison Prayer of Confession

Friends, the season of Advent is a time of preparation -
preparing to welcome Emmanuel to our midst.
Part of that preparation is the honest practice
of confessing our sins before God and one another.

Together, let us confess our need for forgiveness.

Loving and Merciful God,

today we light the candle of hope,

a beacon of light that shines in the darkness.

Today, we confess the ways we have caused others to feel hopeless.

Some feel the hopelessness of hunger because of our greed.

Others feel the hopelessness of violence because of our apathy.

Still others feel the hopelessness of racism because of our ignorance.

Forgive us, gracious God.

Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love,

Ps. 25

for they have been from of old.

This we pray in the name of your son, Jesus Christ.

Silence is kept.

Assurance (responsive)

The prophet Jeremiah reminds us
that the days are surely coming
when God will fulfill the promise God made to us.

A righteous branch is springing up!
God shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.

The Lord is our righteousness!

Friends, I proclaim to you that our sins are forgiven!

Alleluia! Amen!

The Peace of Christ (responsive) -

Be kind with one another,
and tenderhearted,
forgiving one another,
as God in Christ has forgiven you.

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

All who come to this sanctuary are welcome companions on this day.
Please turn to those nearest you and greet them with words of peace.

+Gathering Song 113 (refrain)

Gloria in excelsis Deo!
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Sharing the Story

Opening the Word with Young Disciples

Scripture Reading

Luke 21:25-36

Let us pray...Guiding God,
without the presence of your Holy Spirit,
we are hopelessly lost on this Advent journey.
Come to us in this place
as we gather to hear your Word.
Open our hearts to receive your Word
and our minds to understand it. **Amen.**

25 "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. 26 People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. 27 Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. 28 Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

29 Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; 30 as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. 31 So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. 32 Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. 33 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

34 "Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, 35 like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. 36 Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Liz Rolf Kanerva

Anthem

Canticle for Advent

Larson

Chancel Choir

Eucharist

Offering

Invitation

Trusting in the sure promises of Christ, and grateful for the Spirit's sustaining power, let us bring our tithes and offerings to God.

Offertory

Carol for Advent

Besig

Trio: Deb Rose, Peggy Mayfield, Leslen Sanders

Martha Keeley, flute

*Doxology 84 (verse 4)

Creator of the Stars of Night

*To God the Father, God the Son,
and God the Spirit, Three in One,
praise, honor, might, and glory be
from age to age eternally. Amen.*

+Prayer of Dedication

God of righteousness, you have saved us from the worst the world can do and have promised to redeem the whole creation when Christ comes again. In faith and hope we offer our gifts of money and self, that we may be part of what you are doing in the world even now, as we watch for Christ's coming in glory. Amen.

+Hymn 103

Come Now, O Prince of Peace

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving (responsive)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

God of our salvation,
we do not deserve your love and yet you lavish it upon us.
Not being content to be apart from us,
you came to us in human form,
donning flesh and becoming one of us.
You are not a God that is removed from our reality
but is intimately present in our lives and our struggles.
We lift up to you our thanks for your presence among us.
We give thanks for your son, Jesus Christ,
the very incarnation of your being on this earth.

With all of creation, with all peoples in every time and place
we join the ever lasting chorus:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

**heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

We remember how you called your servant Mary to bear your son,
how you called your servant Joseph to accompany her,
how you called the wise men to search and the shepherds to ponder,
how you called John to proclaim and Jesus to be baptized,
how you called Peter and the disciples to follow and serve.

With them, we gather on the night on which Jesus was betrayed,
when, after having dinner with his friends, he took the bread,
blessed it and broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying,
take, eat, do this in remembrance of me.

Likewise, he took the cup and, pouring it, said,
this is cup of the salvation, shed in my blood, for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this in remembrance of me.

For as long as we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the resurrection of our living savior until he comes again.

As we wait, during this blessed rest known as the season of Advent,
we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

We give thanks for your gifts of grace,
and ask that your Holy Spirit would come to bless this sacrament,
that you might draw near to us.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,
all glory and honor are yours, Holy God,
both now and always. **Amen.**

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.

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Prayer after Communion

Sending

+Hymn 94

Now the Heavens Start to Whisper

+Blessing and Charge

+Congregational Response 127 (refrain)

*We'll walk in the light, beautiful light.
Come where the dewdrops of mercy shine bright.
O, shine all around us by day and by night.
Jesus, the light of the world.*

Postlude

Classic Trumpet Tune
Smith

The Prayer of Confession and Great Thanksgiving were written by Rev. Stephen M. Fearing.

Our Life Together

Christmas Season Decorating

This Sunday, December 2 - after worship

Following worship, the Connect Commission asks the congregation to stay for a bit to complete the Christmas decorating in the sanctuary and church. Garlands and wreaths will require fluffing and the tree will need to be decorated among other tasks! Enjoy good company and cup of hot cocoa as we prepare for Christmas!

Evening of Trombone and Friends

Friday, December 7 - 7 pm

All are welcome to a free concert featuring Gabe Mueller

GPC Sunday School Toy Drive

As you do your Christmas shopping, please consider picking out a new toy for the GPC Sunday School Toy Drive! The drive will benefit local children through the organization Santa's Helpers. Donations are being accepted through Sunday, December 16th. Thank you!

Gifts for the Babe

Discipleship Commission

In preparation for Christmas, the Discipleship Commission is asking the congregation to participate in a "Gifts for the Babe" mission project again this year, to support Nurses for Newborns. The following is a suggested list of items needed by Nurses for Newborns: **Blankets, Wipes, Diapers, Bath Supplies, Pacifiers, Toys, Laundry Supplies**

Gift bags will be provided starting 12/2. All gifts will be received at worship on 12/23 and on Christmas Eve.

Christmas Luncheon

Tuesday, December 18th - 11:30 am

The Presbyterian Women invite members and friends to gather for lunch at the Egg and I to share in fellowship and Christmas good cheer. The cost of lunch is \$15. Please call the church office at 314-822-2545 to RSVP.