



December 4, 2022  
9:30 am  
Second Sunday of Advent

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GATHERING

PRELUDE

*“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”*

Charles Callahan Jr.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*HYMN NO. 95

*“Prepare the Way of the Lord”*

PREPARE THE WAY

Prepare the way of the Lord. Prepare the way of the Lord,  
and all people will see the salvation of our God.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

*Lighting the candles today is the Chancel Handbell Choir*

\*HYMN NO. 88 v. 1, 4

*“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”*

VENI EMMANUEL

1. O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Song of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.
4. O come, thou Root of Jesse, free from thine own from Satan’s tyranny;  
from depths of hell thy people save and give them victory o’er the grave.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Goodness Incarnate, we must confess that we have not lived as your children. We muddy the clear waters of baptism with the detritus of walking over those we claim to love. We sit in our lonely lives feasting on bitterness, when we could be feasting with those we are told not to trust. We wait for all our desires to be taken care of by you, while you hope we would fill the lives of others with your grace and hope. Forgive us, God of this holy season, and help us be as willing to draw near to others, so we might heal their brokenness, touch their loneliness, embrace your grief, and love them as you did when you came to us so long ago, as well as in these moments, in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Here is the good news:

Speak with the whispers of hope until it silences despair;  
sing with the carols of compassion until all join in the chorus;  
shower others with wonder and delight and join in God’s dance of grace.

**Thanks be to God. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! So, let us welcome others with open arms, just as we have been embraced in God’s love and laughter. Amen.**

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PROCLAIMING AND RESPONDING

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING	Romans 15:4-13	Page 153 NT
SPECIAL MUSIC	"O Day of Peace"	Hal H. Hopson
SECOND LESSON	Matthew 3:1-12	Page 2 NT
SERMON	"Reflecting the Sacred: Sacred People"	Rev. William Schram
JOYS AND CONCERNS		

\*HYMN NO. 347 vs. 1, 2      *"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"*      PICARDY

1. Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;  
ponder nothing earthly minded, for with blessing in his hand  
Christ our god to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.
2. King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth he stood;  
Lord of lords, in human vesture, in the body and the blood,  
he will give to all the faithful his own self for heavenly food.

### SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

#### THE INVITATION

The Advent promise is this: A child would be born called Emmanuel.

**That promise would be fulfilled in Bethlehem.**

That promise continues to be fulfilled around the communion table,

**where the risen Lord is with us in spirit and in truth, in power and in grace.**

Come to the family table of our Lord.

#### GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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.**

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe. You are the God of light in whom there is no shadow. Your gifts to us are from the from the very beginning of time. In creation, your Spirit gave form to the chaos and your word brought forth light on the face of the earth. You gave light to humanity, shaped by you to be in special relationship with you. You gifted Abraham and Sarah with a child whose descendants were to be a light in the nations. In the desert, you gave gifts of manna and water to the weary pilgrims whom you lead by cloud in day and pillar of fire at night. At last you sent your light into the world in the form of a tiny child, who grew to be the light of the world, our living bread and our living water and our guiding wisdom by day and by night. We join the angel chorus that greeted his birth:

#### RESPONSE OF PRAISE

**Gloria, in excelsis Deo.  
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!**

We thank you God, that you sent Jesus Christ to bring light and life to all who receive him. Help us receive your gift with joy and humility. As we receive bread and wine, may we open our hearts to receive your love and grace in Jesus Christ. Be born in us that we may give Christ's love to the world, through the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

## INSTITUTION AND DISTRIBUTION

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE 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**

### SPECIAL MUSIC

*"Of The Father's Love Begotten"*

Behnke

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**We give you thanks, O God, that you have come to us through Jesus Christ, both in the midst of time and history in Bethlehem, and in the timeless presence of Christ's spirit in the gifts of bread and cup. Send us out into the world rejoicing, ready to share your love with the people we meet. Through the grace of Jesus our Savior. Amen.**

### EXPRESSING OUR GRATITUDE

### INVITATION TO GIVING

### GOING FORTH

#### \*HYMN NO. 96

*"On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"*

WINCHESTER NEW

1. On Jordan's bank the Baptists cry announces that the Lord is nigh;  
a wake and hearken, for he brings glad tidings of the King of kings!
2. Then cleansed be every life from sin; make straight the way for god within,  
and let us all our hearts prepare for Christ to come and enter there.
3. We hail you as our Savior, Lord, our refuge and our great reward;  
without your grace we waste away like flowers that wither and decay
4. Stretch forth your hand; our health restore, and make us rise to fall no more.  
O let your face upon us shine and fill the world with love divine.

#### \*BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

*"Rejoice, Rejoice Believers"*

Paul Manz

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*\*Please rise in body or in spirit*

### WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Rev. William Schram  
Valerie Shondel, Interim Music Director  
Chancel Choir  
Chancel Handbell Choir  
Ray Liptak & Rob Thiemann, AV Engineers  
Michael Sperrazza, & Matthew Califf AV Team