



Lessons & Carols

Sunday Worship Services
December 10, 2017

First Presbyterian Church, Evanston

Order of Worship
December 10, 2017

Second Sunday of Advent

Prayer through Poetry before Worship

O come, O come, and be our God-with-us
O long-sought With-ness for a world without,
O secret seed, O hidden spring of light.
Come to us, Wisdom, come unspoken Name
Come Root, and Key, and King, and holy Flame,
O quickened little wick so tightly curled,
Be folded with us into time and place,
Unfold for us the mystery of grace
And make a womb of all this wounded world.
O heart of heaven beating in the earth,
O tiny hope within our hopelessness
Come to be born, to bear us to our birth,
To touch a dying world with new-made hands
And make these rags of time our swaddling bands.

- Malcolm Guite

Prelude

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

(Words: Charles Callahan; Music: Paul Manz)

(The text to our hymn "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" has its origin in the "O Antiphons," Magnificat antiphons used at Vespers of the last seven days of Advent as early as the 8th century; first seen as a hymn in Cologne in 1710; metricized in English poetry by J.M. Neale, 1861, & H.S. Coffin, 1916 / The music is derived from a 15th-century French plainchant, and first paired with the text in 1851)

Welcome & Call to Worship

Jesus says: I am coming soon.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

God has promised us a new creation

where righteousness will be at home.

Let us worship God.

Lesson 1

Genesis 3: 8–15; 17–19

God tells sinful Adam that he has lost the life of Paradise and that his seed will bruise the serpent's head.



Congregational Response in Song

O Emmanuel*

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.

Congregational Hymn **Savior of the Nations, Come***

Blue #14

(Verses 1, 3, 4)

(Words: Attr. Ambrose of Milan, 4th c., paraphrased by Martin Luther, 1524, transl. William Morton Reynolds, 1850; Music: Based on plainsong melody; Eyn Enchiridion, Erfurt, 1524; as in Songs of Syon, 1910)

Lesson 2

Genesis 22: 15–18

God promises to faithful Abraham that in his seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed.

Congregational Response in Song

O Adonai*

O come, Adonai, Lord of might,
Who to Thy tribes, on Sinai's height,
In ancient times didst give the law
In cloud and majesty and awe.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.



Choral Response: Pop-Up Choir

The Lord Will Come and Not Be Slow

(John Milton, 1648 / Old 107th from the Scottish Psalter 1635)

The Lord will come and not be slow,
his footsteps cannot err;
before him righteousness shall go,
his royal harbinger.

Truth from the earth, like to a flower,
shall bud and blossom then;
and justice, from her heavenly bower,
look down on mortal men.
Rise, God, judge thou the earth in might,
this wicked earth redress;

for thou art he who shalt by right
the nations all possess.

The nations all whom thou hast made
shall come, and all shall frame
to bow them low before thee, Lord,
and glorify thy name.
For great thou art, and wonders great
by thy strong hand are done:
thou in thy everlasting seat
remainest God alone.

Lesson 3

Isaiah 9: 2; 6-7

The prophet foretells the coming of the Savior.

Congregational Response in Song
O Clavis David*

O come, Thou Key of David, come
And open wide our heav'nly home;
Safeguard for us the heavenward road,
And bar the way to death's abode.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.



Choral Response

The Lord Shall Come and Not Be Slow

(Zebulon M. Highben, 2011)

The Lord shall come and not be slow;
His light is soon appearing.
Prepare, you children here below
Who are these tidings hearing:

Your king eternal, Lord on high,
In humble form and lowly,
Transforms a simple oxen stall
Into a throne most holy.

Arise, O sleepers, trim your lamps!
Their flames so swiftly burning
Reveal the path to hope and peace,
The dawn for which you're yearning.

For Christ shall come and not be slow;
His light is now appearing!
Rejoice, you saints on earth below!
His reign of love is nearing.

Come forth, you weary, meek, and poor!
Forget your strife and labor.
Messiah comes to those who toil,
Bestowing God's own favor.

Lesson 4

Isaiah 11: 1–3a; 4a; 6–9

The peace that Christ will bring is foreshown.

Congregational Response in Song

O Radix Jesse*

O come, thou Branch of Jesse! draw
The quarry from the lion's claw;
From depths of hell Thy people save,
And give them victory o'er the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

Choral Response

Es ist ein Ros entsprungen

*(Words: Anonymous;/ Music: Tune first appeared in print in 1599;
canon arr. Melchior Vulpius, 1570-1615)*

Es ist ein Ros entsprungen,
aus einer Wurzel zart,
wie uns die Alten sungen,
von Jesse kam die Art.

(A rose has sprung up,
from a tender root.
As the old ones sang to us,
Its lineage was from Jesse.)

Lighting of the Second Candle of Advent: Love

Congregational Hymn

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

Blue #48

(Words: German Carol, 15th c., trans. Theodore Baker (1851-1934), alt.;
Music: Alte Catholische Geistliche Kirchengesang, Cologne, 1599,
arr. Michael Praetorius, 1609)

Reflection & Prayer

Offering & Lesson 5 in Song
Luke 1: 26–35; 38

The angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary.



Noel de la Vierge

(Carol of the Virgin)

(Words: “*Or nous-Dites, Marie,*” Medieval French Carol, first published 1733;
Music: Setting by Stephen Mager, 1996)

O tell us, blessed Mary, of the angel Gabriel;
Make known to us the message that the angel came to tell.
What news of joy and wonder did he bring to Galilee?
What tidings of salvation did he speak unto thee?

(Mary): “Before me stood the angel, saying ‘Hail, full of grace!’
Such radiance fell about him and shone upon his face.
His startling salutation moved my trembling heart to fear,
Though pray’rfully I waited as the angel drew near.”

(Gabriel): “O highly favor’d daughter and ever-blessed one,
’Tis thou the Lord has chosen as the mother of His Son,
(Choir: “Ave Maria, gratia plena, Dominus tecum.” /
“Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with Thee”)
Whose kingdom everlasting shall endure while ages run (as the sun),
For by the Holy Spirit shall this marvel be done.”

(Mary): “Behold in me the handmaid of our King and heav’nly Lord.
Now may this come to pass then in accordance to thy word.
And ever shall my soul proclaim the greatness of the Lord;
My spirit shall rejoice in God my Savior adored.”

The angel then departed unto realms of endless light,
The Virgin thus conceiving by the Holy Spirit’s might,
The Word became incarnate here on earth with us to dwell,
As Christ the Son of Mary, our Emmanuel.

Lesson 6

Luke 2: 1; 3-7

St. Luke tells of the birth of Jesus.

Congregational Response in Song
O Rex Gentium*

O come, Desire of nations, bind
All peoples in one heart and mind;
Bid envy, strife and quarrels cease;
Fill the whole world with heaven's peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.



Choral Response **Away in a Manger**

(Words: Attrib. Martin Luther, 1483-1546, first in print 1883;

Music: Tune James R. Murray, 1887; setting by Carl A. Alexander, 2015)

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay,
The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.
Away...

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes;
I love Thee, Lord, Jesus, look down from the sky
And stay by my cradle 'till morning is nigh.
Alleluia.

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to stay
Close by me forever, and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,
And fit us for heaven, to live with Thee there.
Alleluia!

Lesson 7 in Song

Luke 2: 8–16

Glory to God from “Messiah”

(Words: Luke 2:8-11, 13-14; compiled Charles Jennens, 1700-1773; Music: G.F. Handel, 1727)

There were shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flocks by night. And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them, and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them: “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.”

And suddenly there was with the angel, a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God, and saying:

“Glory to God in the highest, and peace on earth, good will towards men.”



Lesson 8

Matthew 2: 1–12

The wise men are led by the star to Jesus.

Congregational Response in Song
O Oriens*

O come, Thou Dayspring, from on high,
And cheer us by Thy drawing nigh;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.



Choral Response

Bethlehem Down

(Words: Bruce Blunt, 1927; Music: Peter Warlock, 1927)

“When He is King we will give Him a King’s gifts,
Myrrh for its sweetness, and gold for a crown,
Beautiful robes,” said the young girl to Joseph,
Fair with her first-born on Bethlehem Down.

Bethlehem Down is full of the starlight,
Winds for the spices, and stars for the gold,
Mary for sleep, and for lullaby music,
Songs of a shepherd by Bethlehem fold.

When He is King they will clothe Him in grave-sheets,
Myrrh for embalming, and wood for a crown,
He that lies now in the white arms of Mary,
Sleeping so lightly on Bethlehem Down

Here He has peace and a short while for dreaming,
Close-huddled oxen to keep him from cold,
Mary for love, and for lullaby music,
Songs of a shepherd by Bethlehem Down.

Lesson 9

John 1: 1–14

St. John unfolds the great mystery of
the Incarnation.

Congregational Response in Song
O Sapientia*

O come, Thou Wisdom from on high,
And order all things, far and nigh;
To us the path of knowledge show,
And cause us in her ways to go.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.



Congregational Response

O Come All Ye Faithful*

(Words: John Francis Wade c. 1740, transl. Frederick Oakley, 1841;

Music: John Francis Wade, c. 1740, harm. The English Hymnal, 1906 & David Willcocks, 1961)

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and
triumphant!
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him
Born the King of Angels:
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord.

God of God, light of light,
Lo, he abhors not the Virgin's womb;
Very God, begotten, not created:
O come, let us adore Him,

O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord.

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy
morning;
Jesus, to thee be glory given!
Word of the Father, now in flesh
appearing!
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord.

Congregational Hymn **Hark, the Herald Angels Sing***

(Words: Charles Wesley, 1739, alt.; Music: Felix Mendelssohn, 1840; arr. William Hayman
Cummings, 1855; v. 3 harm. David Willcocks, 1961)

Hark! The herald-angels sing
"Glory to the newborn king;
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled"
Joyful all ye nations rise,
Join the triumph of the skies
With the angelic host proclaim
"Christ is born in Bethlehem"
Hark! The herald-angels sing
"Glory to the new-born king"

Christ, by highest heaven adored
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold Him come
Offspring of a Virgin's womb:
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see,

Hail the incarnate Deity
Pleased as man with man to dwell
Jesus, our Emmanuel
Hark! The herald-angels sing
"Glory to the newborn King"

Hail the Heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings,
Risen with healing in His wings;
Mild He lays His glory by
Born that man no more may die
Born to raise the sons of earth
Born to give them second birth
Hark! The herald angels sing
"Glory to the new-born king"

Benediction

Postlude

Prepare a Way, O Zion

(Frans. Mikael Franzen, 1771-1847, Adapt. Charles P. Price, 1980;
Then Svenska Psalmboken, 1697, arr. Elda McGinty, 2016)

* Please stand as you are able

**Assistive listening devices are available in the back of the sanctuary.

Please return receivers at the end of the service.

Worship Service Leaders

Rev. Dr. Ray Hylton, Senior Pastor, Call to Worship, Reader, Blessing
Rev. Henry Coates, Designated Associate Pastor, Prayer in Poetry before
Worship, Reflection, Prayers

JJ, Courtney, Zadie, Mae, and Teo Ivaska, 9:00 am Advent Candle Lighting
& Readers

Tuah, Amanda, and Oliver Jenta, 11:30 am Advent Candle Lighting &
Readers

**Richard Bell (English & Reader Coordinator), Robert McConnell
(English), Noah McLeod (English), Zoe Myatt (English), Olga Ricketts-
Peart (English), Younan Shiba (Arabic), Go Sugiura (Japanese), Ben
Suzuki (Japanese), Richard Taiwo (Yoruba), Maude Toussaint-Comeau
(Haitian Creole)**, 9 am & 11:30 am Readers

Hannah Dixon McConnell, Choir Director

**Julia Coll, Alyce Claerbaut, Laurie Kaeser, Darshaya Oden°, Beth Rice,
Annette Stover, Kay Sugiura, Linda Takushi, Grace Wood**, Sopranos
**Claire Di Vizio°, Carole Harriff, Bonnie Kath, Pam Pettibone, Peggie
Robinson, Carol Smith, Judy Taylor, Verna Todd, Anne Van Heukelem**,
Altos

Frank Laucerica°, Clark Robinson, Dave Taylor, Tenors

Tom Alrich, Doug Hood, Tom Kaeser, Bill Kath, John MacDonald,

Maxwell Seifert°, Go Sugiura, Basses

Pop-Up Choir pops up for the Choral Response to the Second Lesson.

Jack Harriff, Organist

Elda McGinty, Dir. of Music & Worship, Piano

Evan Fojtik, Flute; **Christie Miller**, Clarinet; **Fred Bryant**, Guitar; **Daniel**

Allen, electric guitar; **Scott Henrie**, Bass; **Kon Savoy**, Drums; **Tina**

Laughlin, Percussion

Neal Ostrovsky, Audio/Visual Coordinator

Elizabeth Ferguson, Worship Ministry Assistant

Stephen Ferguson, A/V Volunteer

Bill Floyd, Photographer of FPCE Stained Glass

Jim Teague, Program Design & Production

°Choir Section Leaders

Prayer Companions:

Gayle and Bob Hecker, 9 am

Kathleen Lin and Bob Bastian, 11:30 am

Holiday Services

Christmas Eve (Sunday, December 24)

Worship Service - 10 am

Family Pageant - 4 pm

Candlelight Service - 11 pm

New Year's Day (Sunday, December 31)

Worship Service - 10 am

Sunday Worship at First Presbyterian Evanston

9 a.m. Blended Service

Children are welcome in worship!**

Options for Families:

Infants/Toddlers – Crib Room

Ages 2-4 – Blue Room

Ages 4-8 – Children's Worship in the Choir Room following Children's Moment.

Children return to sanctuary during final hymn.

** Worship journals & children's bulletins are available in the back of the Sanctuary.

Changing tables & quiet space is available in the women's lounge (back corner of the Sanctuary).

Fellowship Time (Roy Hall, 2nd Floor) (10:10 am)

A time to connect with new and old friends over coffee, tea and cookies.

Sunday Education 10:30 - 11:15 am

Children's and Youth Christian Foundations Classes

Infants & Toddlers - Crib Room

Ages 2 & 3 - Yellow Room

Pre-K - Blue Room

Kindergarten - Orange Room

Grades 1 & 2 - Rm. 21 (lower level)

Grades 3 & 4 - Rm. 33 (lower level)

Grades 5 & 6 - 3rd Floor (East)

Sunday School Grades 7 & 8 -

NUBS Lounge, 3rd Floor

High School Sunday School Grades

9-12 - PYGS Lounge, Basement

Confirmation - Main Floor Choir Room

Adult Discipleship Learning

Advent Adult Sunday School (Dining Room) – “Come Thou Long Expected Jesus: Christian Faith in times of Crisis.”

Advent is a time of hopeful expectation for the coming of the Savior. Yet how do we keep hope alive in times of extreme crisis? Join Drs. William Myatt and Robert Hogg with Pastor Henry Coates as together we explore historical and contemporary crises and the response of Christians in times when hope was hard to keep.

12/10: Hitler, Holocaust, and the Crisis of German Christianity - Luke 2:10

12/17: Christianity and the Crisis of Poverty - Philippians 4:6

Single But Not Alone (Room 102) - “Understanding Life as Single Christians Through 1 Peter.” Meets TODAY. Facilitated by Karen Shaw.

11:30 a.m. Contemporary Service

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Children 4 and under – Crib Room

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