

First Sunday of Advent

November 29, 2020

Music for Gathering

Call to Worship

Lighting of the Candles of Advent

The Widhalm Family

* Hymn #88, verse 1 "O Come, O Come, 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.**

* Prayer of Confession

**God of the future, you are coming in power to bring all nations under your rule.
We confess that we have not expected your kingdom, for we live casual lives,
ignoring your promised judgment. We accept lies as truth, exploit neighbors, abuse
the earth, and refuse your justice and peace. In your mercy, forgive us. Grant us
wisdom to welcome your way, and to seek things that will endure when Christ comes
to judge the world.**

* Assurance of Pardon

Prayer for Illumination

Sarah Greer

First Scripture

Isaiah 64:1-9

Second Scripture

Revelation 1:12-18

Sermon

"Do not be afraid."

Music for Reflection

"We Gather Together"

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Marilyn Puett, Sarah Greer, Robert Keefer, James Kurtz

Pastoral Prayer 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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power,

and the glory forever. Amen.

1. **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 newborn king!"**
2. **Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ the everlasting Lord,
late in time behold him come, offspring of the virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail the incarnate deity,
pleased in flesh with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"**
3. **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 we no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"**

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