First Presbyterian Church of Kirkwood

11:00 A.M.
Sunday, November 29, 2020

First Sunday of Advent

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Welcome and Announcements

Organ Prelude

“Wachet auf!”

JS Bach

We Address Ourselves to God

Based on Flames of the Spirit

Call to Worship

Leader: A new year begins, a new day dawns, a new season arrives.

People: We gather this day as people of hope.

Leader: For on this day it is hope that springs anew shaped by ancient visions.

People: We await and prepare for the birth of the child once again.

Leader: The one we call Emanuel, who is God with us.

People: The one who lived and lives among us in Spirit and in truth.

Leader: Come let us worship God in this most holy season.

Hymn

“Lo, He Comes With Clouds Descending”

Hymn No. 348

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (The people joining)

God of light who shines in deepest darkness, we hear you calling us out of hopelessness into hope. We admit our senses are dulled. We find it hard to see goodness in the commonplace, and overlook the possibilities of the holy and wonder what lies before us. Wake us up, O God. By your spirit, show us the way to really prepare for the coming of the child and to be willing to open our hearts to others, especially to those in need. May we not only seek your light, but also to share your light with one another. We ask these things in the name of your son who is the light of the world. Amen.

Silent Confessions

Assurance of Pardon

Response to Confession

“Come Now, O Prince of Peace”

Hymn No. 103

The Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us share that peace with one another.

Lighting of the Advent Candle of Hope
**We Hear God's Word**

First Reading                      Romans 13:8-14                      Pew Bible, N.T., pg. 162
Leader:  The Word of the Lord.
People:  Thanks be to God.

Psalm 80                           "O Hear Our Cry, O Lord"            Hymn No. 355

Second Reading                     Psalm 80                          Pew Bible, O.T., pg. 540
Leader:  The Word of the Lord.
People:  Thanks be to God.

Sermon                           "Moving In a New Direction"       The Rev. Dr. Karen Blanchard

**We Respond to God's Word**

Hymn                           "Now the Heavens Start to Whisper" Hymn No. 94

Pastoral Prayer

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.

Offertory Sentences

Offertory Anthem                   "E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come" Paul Manz

Peace be to you and grace from Him who freed us from our sins,
Who loved us all and shed His blood that we might saved be.
Sing Holy, Holy to our Lord, the Lord, Almighty God,
Who was and is, and is to come; sing Holy, Holy, Lord!
Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein,
rejoice on earth, ye saints below, for Christ is coming soon!
E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come, and night shall be no more;
They need no light nor lamp nor sun, for Christ will be their All!

Prayer of Dedication

**We Depart to Serve the Lord**

Hymn                           "The Days Are Surely Coming" Hymn No. 557

Benediction

Organ Postlude                  "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"       Paul Manz
Worship Leaders: The Rev. Dr. Karen Blanchard, Associate Pastor
The Rev. Dr. Tom Glenn, Parish Associate

Music Ministry: Chancel Octet; Bill Stein, Director of Music Ministries

Live Stream Host: Thank you for worshipping with us.

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PLEASE NOTE: The days to drop off food for KirkCare and food and school supplies for the Kirkwood School District are now Tuesday and Thursday (no longer Monday and Wednesday) from 9am-12pm.

ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

* Zoom Series: Starting Sunday, November 29 at 9:30am, Betsy Solomon of the Shepherd's Center, will talk about artwork of the Advent, Christmas and Epiphany seasons. This week the topic is The Nativity Story in Painting.
* The Men's Saturday Morning Bible Study Group meets at 11am on Saturday mornings. Contact Tim Morrison at timothy.lee.morrison@gmail.com to be added to the Zoom invitation list.
* Advent Bible Study on Zoom, Wednesdays, December 2, 9, and 16 at 10:00a.m.: Join us for this three-week Advent Bible study of the birth narratives of Jesus found in Matthew and Luke. If you would like to receive the Zoom invite for this study, please let Karen know at kblanchard@kirkwoodpres.org.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, 11/29
9:30am First Sunday in Advent
11:00am Zoom Adult Ed: Betsy Solomon

Monday, 11/30
8:00am Preschool
11:30am Staff Meeting

Tuesday, 12/1
7:00pm Youth Committee - Zoom

Wednesday, 12/2
5:30pm Midweek Advent Worship Service - Live Streamed
7:00pm Bell Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

Thursday, 12/3
10:00am Prayer Time - Sanctuary
7:00 pm Chancel Octet Rehearsal - Sanctuary

Friday, 12/4
8:00am Preschool

Saturday, 12/5
10:00am Prayer Time - Sanctuary
11:00am Men's Bible Study - Zoom

Sunday, 12/6
Second Sunday in Advent
9:30am Zoom Adult Ed: Betsy Solomon
11:00am Live-Streamed Worship Service

If you would like to be on our email list to receive information on the life of the congregation, please email Paula at paulab@kirkwoodpres.org
Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending

1. Lo, he comes with clouds descending,

2. Now redemption, long expected,

3. Yea, amen, let all adore thee,

once for our salvation slain;
comes in solemn splendor near;
high on thine eternal throne; Savior,

thousand saints attending join to
saints this world rejected thrill the
take the power and glory; claim the

Despite unclear musical origins, the result here is a characteristic early Methodist hymn tune, notable for its breadth and range. It effectively sets a text of similarly mixed sources, one that Charles Wesley regarded as related to "Thy kingdom come" in the Lord's Prayer.

TEXT: Stanzas 1, 3, Charles Wesley, 1758, alt.; stanza 2, John Cennick, 1752, alt.
MUSIC: Thomas Olivers, 1763; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

HELMSLEY
8.7.8.7.4.4.4.7
Sing the glad refrain: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Trumpet sound to hear: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Kingdom as thine own: Alleluia! Christ the Lord returns to reign.
Come, Lord Jesus; come, Lord Jesus! See the day of God appear!
Come, Lord Jesus. Thou shalt reign, and thou alone!
1 Come now, O Prince of Peace; make us one body.
2 Come now, O God of love; make us one body.
3 Come now and set us free, O God, our Savior.
4 Come, hope of unity; make us one body.

Come, O Lord Jesus; reconcile all people.
O Hear Our Cry, O Lord (Psalm 80)

Capo 1: (Bm) (D) (A) (C) (Em) (Bm)
Cm Eb Bb Db Fm Cm

1 O hear our cry, O Lord; now hear us as we pray.
2 En-throned a-bove all worlds, you shine with ho-ly light.
3 O Lord, the God of Hosts, turn not your face a-way.
4 O Lord, our God, re-turn; bring peace in-to each home.

(F#m) (D) (Bm) (F#m) (B7) (E)
Gm Eb Cm Gm C7 F

You guide us as a shep-herd leads, so keep us in your way.
Lord, pour your power up-on us all and save us with your might.
Our tears have been both food and drink; foes mock us night and day.
So let your face shine on us all; re-store us as your own.

(A) (Dm) (G) (C) (F) (B) (F#) (B)
Bb Ebm Ab Db Gb C G C

O come; Lord, come; re-store and save us now.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

The use of a refrain in this paraphrase of Psalm 80 effectively represents both the structure and the spirit of the original prayer for the restoration of God’s favor. Even in the midst of feeling cut off from God, there remains a sense of confidence in God’s unfailing mercy.
94 Now the Heavens Start to Whisper

1. Now the heavens start to whisper, as the veil is
growing thin. Earth from slumber wakes to listen
to the stirring, faint within: seed of promise, deeply

2. Heavy clouds that block the moonlight now begin to
drift away. Diamond brilliance through the darkness
shines the hope of coming day. Christ, the morning star of
hours of yearning, hurt, and need. In the lonely, in the

3. Christ, eternal Sun of justice, Christ, the rose of
wisdom's seed, come to bless with fire and fragrance

TEXT: Mary Louise Bringle, 2005
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Music Harm © 1978 Lutheran Book of Worship (admin. Augsburg Fortress)
planted, child to spring from Jesse's stem! Like the soil
splendor, gleams within a world grown dim. Heaven's ember
stranger, in the outcast, hid from view: child who comes to

neath the frost-line, hearts grow soft to welcome him.
fans to fullness; hearts grow warm to welcome him.
grace the manager, teach our hearts to welcome you.
The Days Are Surely Coming

1. The days are surely coming, says God to all the earth,
when you will see my promise: salvation come to birth.
My righteousness and justice will spread throughout the land
and you will be delivered by my almighty hand.

2. The days are surely coming, says Christ, the promised one,
when you will read my warning in moon and stars and sun.
The fullness of God’s presence, God’s promise, come to pass.

3. The days are surely coming when we will know at last
the righteousness and justice will spread throughout the land
and we will be delivered by God’s almighty hand.

This text uses imagery from Jeremiah 33:14-16 and Matthew 24:29-36/Mark 13:24-32/Luke 21:25-36. These passages are especially associated with the beginning of Advent, a season that looks forward to Christ’s second coming while also preparing us to remember his first coming.

TEXT: David Cambrell, 2009
MUSIC: Welsh folk melody; Llyrbeau Moliant, 1872; harm. The English Hymnal, 1906
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