



Bold Text is read or sung by the congregation

PRELUDE & CHIMING THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING: PEACE

Isaiah 11:1-10 | Fenstermacher Family

ANTHEM

Christ, Be Our Light! | Grace Choir & Bells

CALL TO CONFESSION

Elder Bill Rose

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, in your presence
we confess our sin and the sin of this world.
We are called your people,
but we do not see ourselves as capable of being a blessing.
You love all people as your created ones,
yet we see some as worthy and others as insignificant.
Although Christ is among us as our peace,
we are a people divided against ourselves
as we cling to the values of a broken world.
Lord, have mercy upon us, heal and forgive us.
Set us free to serve you as agents of
your reconciling love in Jesus Christ.
(A time for silent confession)**

*HYMN

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (v. 1) | No. 88

**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.**

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"
TEXT: Latin Prose, pre-9th cent; trans composite
MUSIC: Plainsong; adapt. Thomas Helmore,
1852; arr John Weaver, 1988
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*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Glory Be to the Father | No. 581

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.**

"Glory Be to the Father"

TEXT: traditional liturgical text MUSIC: Paul M. Vaslie, 2008
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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 12:1-4

HYMN

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (v. 2) | No. 88

**O come, thou Wisdom
from on high,
who orderest all things mightily:
to us the path of knowledge show;
and teach us in her ways to go.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 1:1-17 (CEB)

SERMON

God's Long-Game | Rev. Cindy Carlisle

HYMN

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (v. 4, 7) | No. 88

**O come, thou Root of Jesse, free
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.**

**O come, Desire of nations, bind
all peoples in one heart and mind;
bid envy, strife, and discord cease;
fill the whole world with heaven's peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.**

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Christmas Joy Offering | Elder Sandy Winston

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

| Luke 1:47-55

In the depths of who I am I rejoice in God my savior. He has looked with favor on the low status of his servant. Look! From now on, everyone will consider me highly favored because the mighty one has done great things for me. Holy is his name. He shows mercy to everyone, from one generation to the next, who honors him as God.

He has shown strength with his arm. He has scattered those with arrogant thoughts and proud inclinations. He has pulled the powerful down from their thrones and lifted up the lowly. He has filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away empty-handed.

He has come to the aid of his servant Israel, remembering his mercy, just as he promised to our ancestors, to Abraham and to Abraham's descendants forever."

*HYMN

**Light dawns on a weary world
when eyes begin to see
all people's dignity.
Light dawns on a weary world:
the promised day of justice comes.**

REFRAIN:

**The trees shall clap their hands;
the dry lands, gush with springs;
the hills and mountains shall break
forth with singing!
We shall go out in joy,
and be led forth in peace,
as all the world in wonder
echoes shalom.**

Light Dawns on a Weary World | No. 79

**Love grows in a weary world
when hungry hearts find bread
and children's dreams are fed.
Love grows in a weary world:
the promised feast of
plenty comes.**

[REFRAIN]

**Hope blooms in a weary world
when creatures, once forlorn,
find wilderness reborn.
Hope blooms in a weary world:
the promised green of Eden comes.**

[REFRAIN]

"Light Dawns on a Weary World"

TEXT: Charles Wesley, 1744

MUSIC: Rowland Hugh Prichard, 1830; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906
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THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table
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.

God of wonder... sing of your glory:

Holy, Holy, Holy | No. 552

**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.**

Great are you... we sing of that mystery we call faith...

Christ Has Died... | No. 553

**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

We praise you...we pray together with the words Jesus taught...

Lord's Prayer | pg. 35

**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 | No. 554

Amen. Amen. Amen.

The Words of Institution
Communion of the People

COMMUNION SONG

Come, Come Emmanuel | Grace Choir

Prayer after Communion

***SENDING HYMN**

My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout | No. 100

**My soul cries out with
a joyful shout
that the God of my heart is great,
and my spirit sings of the wondrous
things that you bring to the
ones who wait.**

**You fixed your sight on your
servant's plight, and my weakness
you did not spurn,
so from east to west shall my name
be blest.**

Could the world be about to turn?

REFRAIN:

**My heart shall sing of the day
you bring.**

**Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears,
for the dawn draws near,
and the world is about to turn.**

**Though I am small, my God, my all,
you work great things in me,
and your mercy will last from the
depths of the past
to the end of the age to be.**

**Your very name puts the proud to
shame, and to those who would for
you yearn,
you will show your might, put the
strong to flight,
for the world is about to turn.**

[REFRAIN]

**From the halls of power to the
fortress tower,
not a stone will be left on stone.
Let the king beware for
your justice tears
every tyrant from his throne.**

**The hungry poor shall weep
no more,
for the food they can never earn;
there are tables spread;
every mouth be fed,
for the world is about to turn.**

[REFRAIN]

**Though the nations rage from
age to age,
we remember who holds us fast:
God's mercy must deliver us
from the conqueror's
crushing grasp.**

**This saving word that our
forebears heard is the promise which
holds us bound,
till the spear and rod can be crushed
by God,
who is turning the world around.**

[REFRAIN]

"My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout"

TEXT: Joseph Mohr, 1816 MUSIC: Franz Xaver Gruber, 1818
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***BLESSING**

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Preaching — Rev. Cindy Carlisle

Pianist—Patricia Provencio

Technology — Bob Jones, JT Thomas, Diane Thomas & Jim Collins

Liturgist—Elder Bill Rose

Choir Director—Brittney Williams

DEC 5-11

Events & Celebrations

MON 5	WED 7	THU 8	SAT 10	SUN 11
Unity Circle, 6:30PM	Zoom Bible Study, 12:00PM Desert Bloom Montessori Open House, 5:00 –8:00PM Deacons, 6:00PM Vision Team, 7:15PM	Hand Bells, 5:30PM Quilter's Guild, 6:30PM	Vision Team, 9:00AM	3rd Sunday in Advent Worship (Communion), 10:00AM Fellowship Hour, 11:00AM NA of EP, 3:00PM

Prayers & Concerns

Eric Regis	Priscilla Scott	Charlotte
Bob Hedicke	Frances Blankinship	Pat Bryant
Mildred Helm	Roger Crase	Doug Conway

Need to add or remove someone from the Prayers/Concerns list? Give us a call at (915) 755-8206 or email us at office@epgrace.com Names will remain on for 30 days, unless we are notified otherwise.

In order to help keep our community safe,
face mask wearing is encouraged during worship.
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For all offerings given in any form, thank you!



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