

INCLUDES ENLARGED HYMNS

# the sit-tights



*Learn to wait with the Messiah*



**AN ADVENT  
SERMON SERIES**

# BEVERLY HEIGHTS UNITED

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Welcome and Greeting

Elder Joe Williams

Announcements

Amy Lucas, Administrative Assistant

## THE LORD GATHERS US FOR ADVENT WORSHIP

Prelude

*Meditation on "Gabriel's Message"*

Lasky

Jinna Park, *Accompanist and Organist*

*The first note of the prelude marks the beginning of worship. Please use this brief period of time for prayer and preparation while keeping conversation at a low volume and to a minimum. Please refrain from clapping unless led to do so.*

Invitation to Worship

Dr. Kyle Bennett

Leader: Come, let us worship the LORD!

**People: We lift our hearts as we wait for Him.**

Choral Introit

*Rejoice and Sing*

Prayer of Invocation

\* Opening Hymn of Praise **No. 324**

vv. 1-4

*Christ Is Coming!*

Old Testament Lesson: Ezekiel 37:1-15

\* Congregational Response **No. 219**

vv. 1-3

*All Praise to Thee, Eternal Lord*

## THE LORD CLEANSSES OUR SIN

Unison Confession of Sin

**Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and apart from Your grace, there is no health in us. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare all those who confess their faults. Restore all those who are penitent, according to Your promises declared to all people in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for His sake, that we may now live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of Your holy Name. Amen.**

Silent Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon

Following the saintly fathers, we all with one voice teach the confession  
of one and the same Son, our Lord Jesus Christ: the same perfect in divinity and  
perfect in humanity, the same truly God and truly man, of a rational soul and a body;  
consubstantial with the Father as regards His divinity,  
and the same consubstantial with us as regards His humanity;  
like us in all respects except for sin;  
begotten before the ages from the Father as regards His divinity,  
and in the last days the same for us and for our salvation  
from Mary, the virgin God-bearer, as regards His humanity;  
one and the same Christ, Son, Lord, only-begotten,  
acknowledged in two natures which undergo no confusion,  
no change, no division, no separation;  
at no point was the difference between the natures taken away through the union,  
but rather the property of both natures is preserved and  
comes together into a single person and a single subsistent being;  
He is not parted or divided into two persons,  
but is one and the same only-begotten Son, God, Word, Lord Jesus Christ,  
just as the prophets taught from the beginning about Him,  
and as the Lord Jesus Christ Himself instructed us,  
and as the creed of the fathers handed it down to us.

***THE LORD SANCTIFIES OUR LIVES***

\* Advent Litany

Leader: I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in His word I hope;

**People: My soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning.**

Leader: O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with Him  
is plentiful redemption.

**People: And He will redeem Israel from all His iniquities.**

\* Advent Hymn **No. 195**

vv. 1-4

*Joy to the World! The Lord is Come*

*During the final verse, all children are invited to bring their bulletin and come to the front of the Chancel.*

Learning the Sit-Tights: an Advent Lesson for Children

Advent Countdown

\* Responsive Hymn *See next page*

v. 4

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

# Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and yet a king,

born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king dom bring.

By thine own — e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone;

by thine all suf - fi - cient mer - it, raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

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We are wait - ing, we are wait-ing, we are wait-ing for You. We are wait - ing, we are

wait-ing, we are wait-ing for You. We are wait - ing, we are wait-ing, we are wait-ing for You.

## \* Congregational Response

*Advent Doxology*

Boswell

*Congregation sings twice.*

Glo - ry in the high - est heav - en

to the Fa - ther and the Son

and the Spi - rit He has giv - en

hal - lowed be the Three - in - One.

*Children ages kindergarten and younger are dismissed to the Nursery, Walkabouts Room or Runabouts Room.  
All other children remain in worship with their families.*

\* Scripture Reading

John 11:1-27

Sermon

**Sit-Tights: Learning to Wait with the Messiah**  
*Sitting in Place*

Dr. Kyle Bennett

***THE LORD RECEIVES OUR GIFTS AND HEARTS***

Call for the Offering and Offertory

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

arr. Raybould

Cindy Egeland and Elise Parrish, *flute*; Nathan Devlin and Karl Egeland, *violin*;  
Kate Jeon, *cello*; Noah Tan, *percussion*; Jinna Park, *piano*

\* Prayer of Thanksgiving followed by the Threefold Amen **No. 740**

Trinity Hymnal

***THE LORD SCATTERS US TO ADVANCE HIS KINGDOM***

\* Closing Hymn **No. 219**

vv. 4, 5

*All Praise to Thee, Eternal Lord*

\* Dismissal

\* Postlude

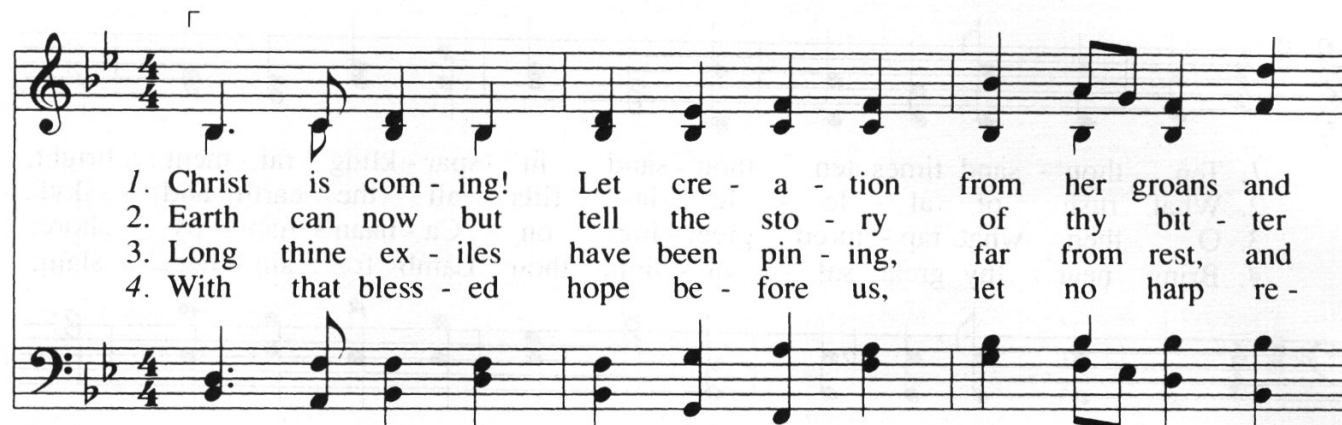
*Joy, Hallelujah!*

Hayes

*Please join us this evening for our Christmas Eve  
Candlelight Services at 5:00 PM and 9:00 PM.*

## Christ Is Coming!

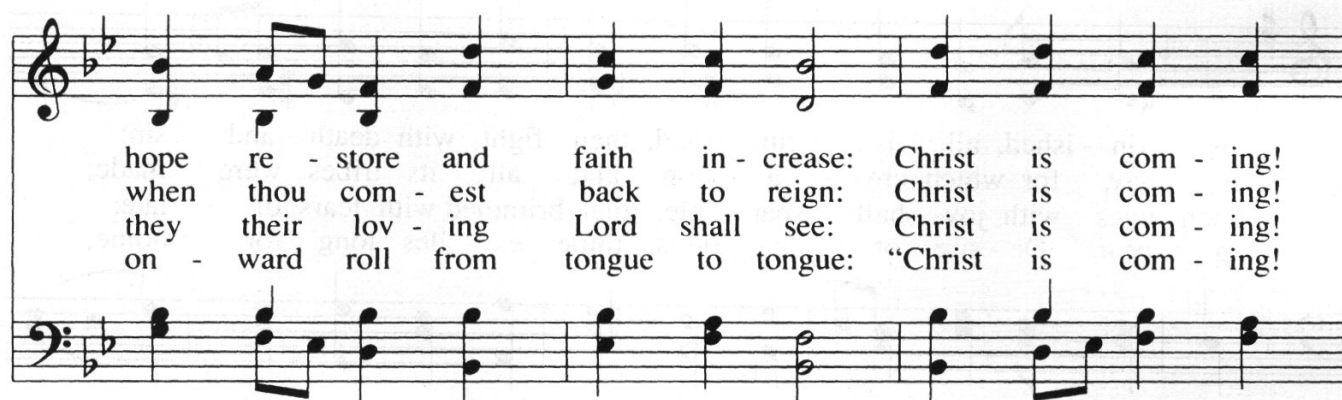
*We wait for the blessed hope—the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior,  
Jesus Christ. Titus 2:13*



1. Christ is com - ing! Let cre - a - tion from her groans and  
 2. Earth can now but tell the sto - ry of thy bit - ter  
 3. Long thine ex - iles have been pin - ing, far from rest, and  
 4. With that bless - ed hope be - fore us, let no harp re -



tra - vail cease; let the glo - rious proc - la - ma - tion  
 cross and pain; she shall yet be - hold thy glo - ry,  
 home, and thee: but, in heav'n - ly ves - tures shin - ing,  
 main un - strung; let the might - y ad - vent cho - rus



hope re - store and faith in - crease: Christ is com - ing!  
 when thou com - est back to reign: Christ is com - ing!  
 they their lov - ing Lord shall see: Christ is com - ing!  
 on - ward roll from tongue to tongue: "Christ is com - ing!"



Christ is com - ing! Come, thou bless - ed Prince of Peace.  
 Christ is com - ing! Let each heart re - peat the strain.  
 Christ is com - ing! Haste the joy - ous ju - bi - lee.  
 Christ is com - ing! Come, Lord Je - sus, quick - ly come!"



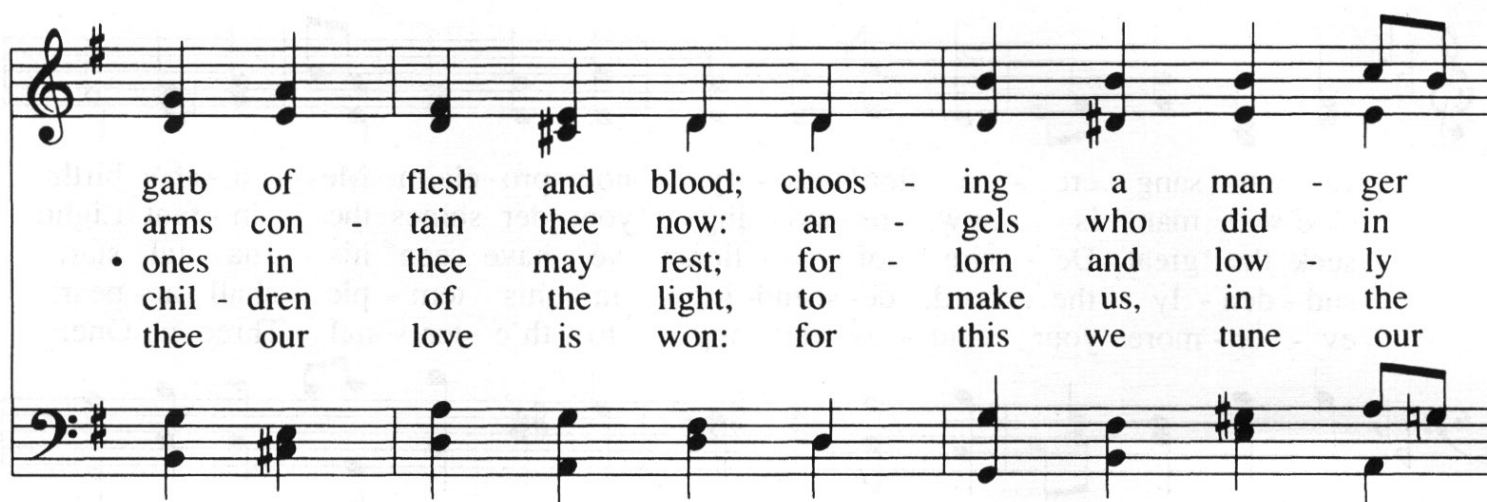
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## All Praise to Thee, Eternal Lord

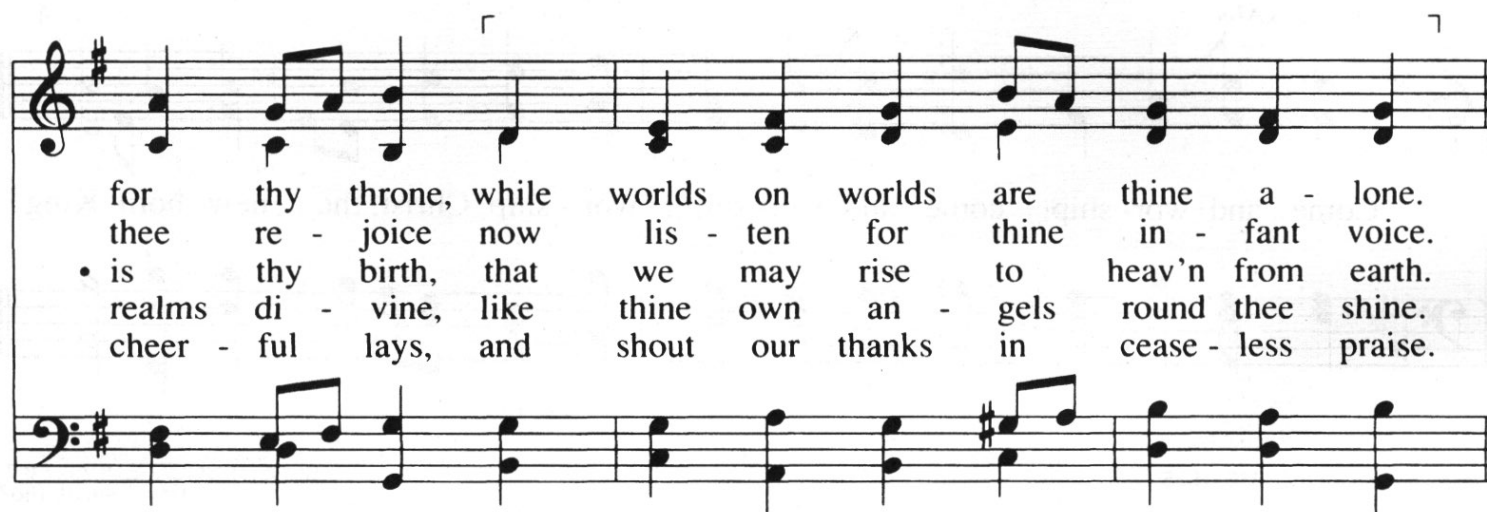
*You know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor. 2 Cor. 8:9*



1. All praise to thee, e - ter - nal Lord, clothed in a  
 2. Once did the skies be - fore thee bow; a vir - gin's  
 3. A lit - tle child, thou art our guest, that wea - ry  
 4. Thou com - est in the dark - some night to make us  
 5. All this for us thy love hath done; by this to



garb of flesh and blood; choos - ing a man - ger  
 arms con - tain thee now: an - gels who did in  
 • ones in thee may rest; for - lorn and low - ly  
 chil - dren of the light, to make us, in the  
 thee our love is won: for this we tune our



for thy throne, while worlds on worlds are thine a - lone.  
 thee re - joice now lis - ten for thine in - fant voice.  
 • is thy birth, that we may rise to heav'n from earth.  
 realms di - vine, like thine own an - gels round thee shine.  
 cheer - ful lays, and shout our thanks in cease - less praise.



## Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come

*Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Ps. 98:4*

1. Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth re - ceive her  
 2. Joy to the earth! The Sav - ior reigns: let men their songs em -  
 3. No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in - fest the  
 4. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the na - tions

King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room,  
 ploy; while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
 ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow  
 prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous - ness

and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture  
 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing  
 far as the curse is found, far as the curse is  
 and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his  
 and heav'n and na - ture sing,

sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.  
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 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heav'n and na - ture sing,

# THIS WEEK AT BEVERLY HEIGHTS

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

9:00 AM Christian Education for all ages  
10:00 AM Worship Service  
5:00 PM Early Candlelight Service  
9:00 PM Late Candlelight Service

## MONDAY, DECEMBER 25

*Merry Christmas!*

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26

*Church Offices Closed*

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27

*Church Offices Open 9 AM - 12 PM*

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28

*Church Offices Open 9 AM - 12 PM*

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29

*Church Offices Open 9 AM - 12 PM*

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

10:00 AM Worship Service  
11:00 AM Linger Longer Fellowship  
7:00 PM Springboard and Fusion Lock-In

## Reminder: Special Meeting of the Congregation

Please note that immediately following the conclusion of the worship service on Sunday, February 4, 2024, the congregational meeting from October 29 will resume and the congregation will vote on Session's request for dismissal from the EPC.

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