Hope + Peace + Joy + Love



First Sunday of Advent

December 1, 2024

8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

GATHERING MUSIC

Larry Landusky

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Annie Bray

Break forth, O beautiful, heavenly light to herald our salvation.

He stoops to earth-the God of might our hope and expectation.

The King shall come when morning dawns and light and beauty brings.

Hail, Christ the Lord! Your people pray, come quickly, King of kings.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.



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^{*}Please stand if it is comfortable to do so

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Annie Bray

How can we prepare this house for the coming of Jesus, the King?

With garlands and wreaths of evergreens,

Whose leaves are ever living, ever green.

How shall we prepare this house for the coming of Jesus, the Son of God? By hearing again the words of the prophets who foretold the saving work of God.

For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, But that the world through Him might be saved.

All Glory to God in the highest!

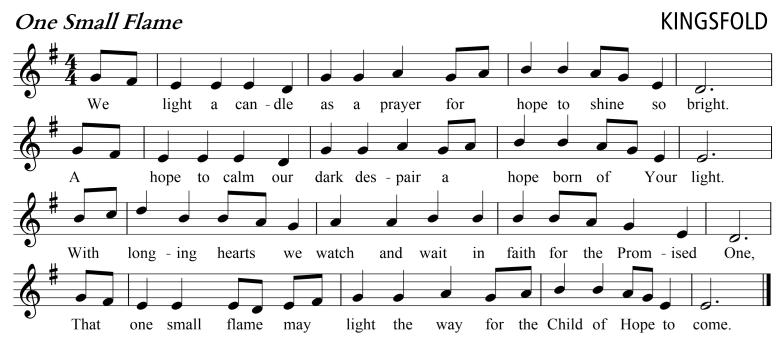
*PASTORAL PRAYER

Charles Johnson

ADVENT VIDEO

The Advent Wreath

The Advent Wreath is a vivid symbol of preparation. The circle of evergreens reminds us of the everlasting covenant offered in the birth of Jesus. The four candles symbolize HOPE, PEACE, JOY AND LOVE. Today, we light the first candle as a symbol of Christ, our HOPE.



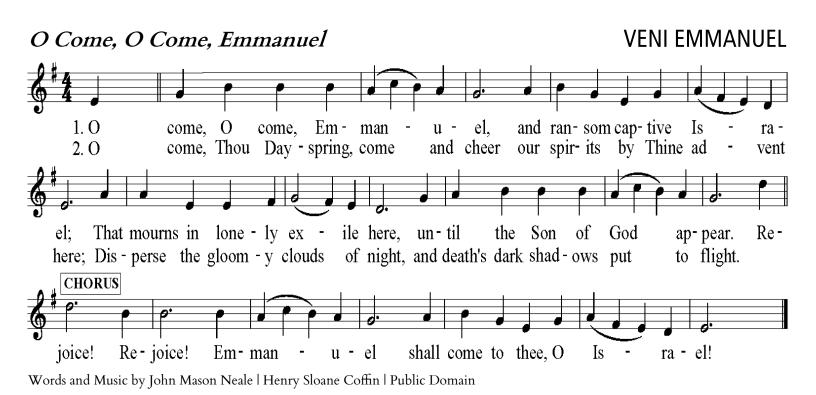
Words and Music by Pamela Martin | Ralph Vaughan Williams

¹We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— ² this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us— ³ what we have seen and heard we also declare to you so that you also may have fellowship with us, and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. ⁵ This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶ If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; ¹ but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁶ If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁶ If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God!

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE OF HOPE

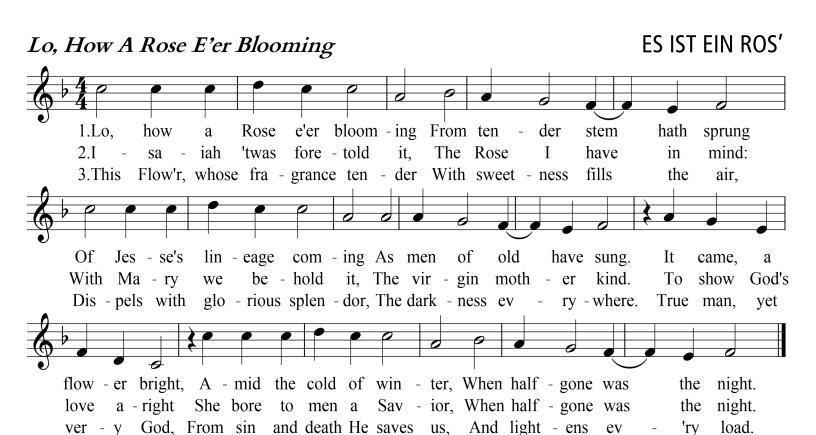


The Poinsettia

The Poinsettia is a many-pointed star that has become a symbol of the Star of Bethlehem.

CHILDREN'S TIME (10:45 AM)

Derlyn Gordon



The Wreaths, Garlands and the Tree

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From ancient times, **evergreens** have been considered a symbol of eternity, a sign of God's everlasting nature. Isaiah tells us that there will be no end to the reign of the Messiah. These are symbols of Christ's gift of eternal life and of the celebration of Christmas itself.

CHORAL RESPONSE

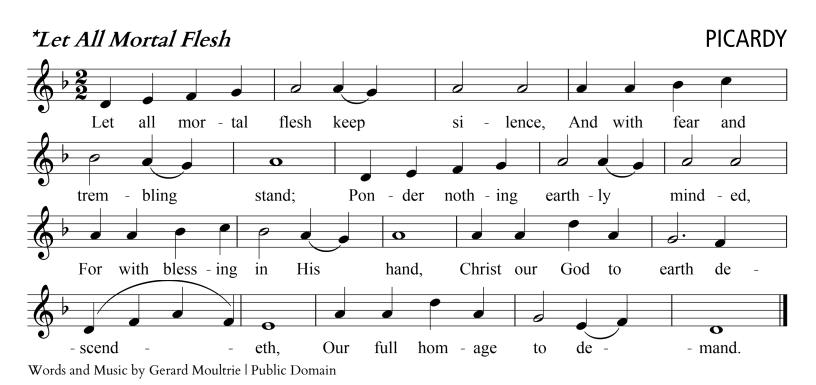
O Come Messiah by Lloyd Larson **Second Voices**

Charley Camp, LaMicha Hogan

Luke 21:25-36

²⁵ "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. ²⁶ People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷ Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. ²⁸ Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." ²⁹ Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰ as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. 31 So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³² Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. ³⁴ "Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, ³⁵ like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶ Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place and to stand before the Son of Man."

This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. Thanks be to God!



HOMILY

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

You are invited to dedicate your life to Christ, join our faith community, or answer a call from God to do ministry in this world by coming forward during the hymn and share this decision with a pastor.

*Hope, Peace, Joy and Love

BAUGH

Hope, peace, joy and love! These are gifts You bring from above. Jesus, Emmanuel, come to be, Light of Your hope reflected in me.

THE MORNING OFFERING

Please drop your connection card and offering in the plate as it is passed. If you would like to donate online, please go to secondb.org/give or @secondbaptistlbk on Venmo

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Nancy Sharp, Howard Darwin

OFFERTORY

What Child is This? arranged by Ian Wei

Marilyn Arland and Larry Landusky

*RECESSION OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

The Christ Candle exits today, only to return on Christmas Eve. Its disappearance from the Advent wreath stands as a symbol of remembrance that he will one day return.

Even so, Lord Jesus, quickly come!

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Please share the peace with those near you.

*Shine on Us SMITH

Lord, let Your light, light of Your face shine on us.

Lord, let Your light, light of Your face shine on us

That we may be saved, that we may have life

To find our way in the darkest night.

Let Your light shine on us. Let Your light shine on us.

*PASTORAL BENEDICTION

Charles Johnson

WE TAKE SERIOUSLY OUR MINISTRY OF PRAYER

Prayer cards are available. Please place your filled out card and offerings in the box on the rear wall of the Worship Hall or place in the offering plate as it is passed during worship.

ASSISTIVE LISTENING DEVICES ARE AVAILABLE FOR YOUR USE.

Please ask an usher for assistance as you enter the sanctuary for worship.

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