

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

The First Sunday of Advent

November 28, 2021

## THE GATHERING

### PRELUDE

WACHET AUF, RUFT UNS DIE STIMME, BWV 645

J.S. Bach

Samuel Libra, organ

### WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

#### 11 a.m. INTROIT

*Creator of the Stars of Night*

Sarum plainsong, Mode IV, 9th century

Creator of the stars of night, your people's everlasting light,  
O Christ, redeemer of us all, we pray you hear us when we call.  
When this old world drew on toward night, you came; but not in splendor bright,  
Not as a monarch, but the child of Mary, blameless mother mild. Amen.

#### 11 a.m. PRESENTING THE MEANS OF GRACE

### LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

8:30 a.m. Eric and Susan Lehmann

11 a.m. Ian, Ellie, May, Bebe, and Charlie Davis

As we light our first Advent candle,  
**we pray for the holy hope of God.**  
Come now, O Child of Mary.  
**Come now, thou long-expected Jesus.**

### \*HYMN 82

*Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*

HYFRYDOL

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *Read responsively*

O promised Christ, though we know you have promised to come be among us, we confess  
our selfishness and complacency in perpetuating an unjust world.

**God of hope, hear our prayer.**

We confess to you, O God of hope,

**our selfish hoarding of the gifts you have given to us.**

We confess to you, O God of hope,

**our impatience and fear that drive our reactions.**

We confess to you, O God of hope,

**our resistance to your righteousness.**

Forgive us, we pray.

**Restore in us renewed visions of your eternal kingdom.**

**Lord Christ, Word made flesh, our world waits for your hope.**

*Time for silent prayer*

**\*RESPONSE**

*Come, O Lord, and Set Us Free*

John L. Bell, arr.

Choir introduces; Congregation sings when indicated

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Come, O Lord, and set us free; give your peo - ple peace.

Come, O Lord, and set us free; come, Lord Je - sus, come.

**\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

**\*RESPONSE**

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

VENI EMMANUEL

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!

**\*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

*11 a.m. Children ages 3 through completed 3rd graders are welcome to come forward  
 and be dismissed through the side door for activities.*

## THE WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### FIRST READING

Malachi 3:1-4

#### RESPONSE

*"But who may abide?" from Messiah*

G.F. Handel

But who may abide the day of His coming, and who shall stand when He appeareth?  
 For He is like a refiner's fire. *Malachi 3:2*

Jason Steigerwalt, baritone; Samuel Libra, organ

#### SECOND READING

Luke 21:25-36

#### SERMON

*Waiting on the World to Change*

Rev. Jordan Akin

## THE RESPONSE

#### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*from the Iona Community*

We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus,  
 the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new. Who works in us and others  
 by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the church: to celebrate  
 God's presence, to live with respect in creation, to love and serve others, to  
 seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge

**and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

## **GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

*Please also see the information about ways to give on the inside of the front cover of the bulletin. You are invited to pass the Friendship pad found at the end of the pew.*

### **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.

Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell within,  
Rejoice on earth, ye saints below,  
For Christ is coming, is coming soon,  
For Christ is coming soon!

Sing Holy, Holy to our Lord,  
The Lord, Almighty God,  
Who was, and is, and is to come;  
Sing Holy, Holy Lord!

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! *Ruth Manz*

### **\*DOXOLOGY 143**

*Angels, from the Realms of Glory (stanza 4)*

REGENT SQUARE

**All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son,  
Evermore your voices raising to th'eternal Three in One.**

**Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King!**

## **SHARING GRACE**

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*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.**

## **THE SENDING**

### **\*HYMN 93**

*Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*

TRURO

### **\*BLESSING**

*We are called to go out from our worship to share the grace of God with one another and the world.  
You are welcome to remain seated for the Postlude or exit quietly.*

### **POSTLUDE**

*March of the Midnight Watchmen*

Charles-Marie Widor

*\*Please stand if you are able*

## IN WORSHIP TODAY

*For our worshipers who use hearing devices, please be reminded that we have the T-Coil system available. If you have the T-coil feature on your hearing device, and most devices do have that feature, you simply need to switch it to that setting. If you would like a unit, please ask an usher to provide one.*

### **PRESENTING THE MEANS OF GRACE**

*Our life is in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. The Bible is the written witness to Jesus Christ, therefore it is "The Word of Life." Our lives are claimed by God through our baptism. It is God's seal on who we are as the children of God, therefore it is "The Font of Identity." The Table is the center of our home in the Body of Christ, the place where we are welcomed, renewed, and strengthened for the life to which we are called, therefore it is "The Table of Sustenance."*

**THE CHANCEL FLOWERS** are given in memory of and thanksgiving for Mayann and Bill Mathis on their wedding anniversary, from their daughters Katherine Mathis and Sharon Satterly.

### **USHERS**

8:30 a.m. - Patti Ogden, Tom Tyrrell

11 a.m. - Brad Hume, Glen Hume, Emily Lawrence, Edie Wells, Diana Jester, Vivienne Linville  
(confirmand)

### **OUR WORSHIP LEADERS**

Rev. Jordan Akin, preaching; Rev. Steve Jester, liturgist; Kit Davis, lay reader.

The Octet (8:30 a.m.); Sanctuary Choir (11:00 a.m.); Jim Rittenhouse, Director; Samuel Libra, organist; Evan Vicic, Audio/Video Engineer; Jonathan Mueller, Camera

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### **WE LIFT UP IN PRAYER**

Jean Herp and her family on the death of her aunt, Elizabeth (Betsy) Gray, 11/19/21.

Charlie Castner and his family on the death of his brother, Henry Castner, 11/19/21.

Ellie Davis and her family on the death of her uncle, Rev. Gary L. Marks, 10/28/21.

Ruth Fitzwater and her family on the death of her brother, Roy Fitzwater, 10/30/21.

Jean Groskreutz on the death of her brother-in-law, Rev. Dr. Donald A. Groskreutz, 10/21/2021.

Rebecca Brown on the death of her aunt, Nancy Homan Goatley, 10/20/2021.

Betsy Baker and her family on the death of her father, Walt Baker, 10/14/2021.

### **WORSHIP INFORMATION**

**PROTOCOL & UPDATE:** The church's Re-opening Task Group, consistent with CDC and Presbytery advice, emphasizes that regardless of vaccination status, wearing masks while gathering inside the building is strongly encouraged. All individuals are strongly encouraged to mask for their own protection and as an additional layer of protection for those around them. Masks are required in the Weekday School spaces.

On November 16, Session approved the Task Group's recommendation that January 2, 2002 be set as a target date to adjust our masking protocol. The intention is to then strongly encourage masking for the unvaccinated and at-risk members of the congregation when in worship. The Task Group, composed of active elders, at-large members, and members of the church staff, will continue to monitor the situation and meet regularly to recommend any necessary changes.

**EARLY WORSHIP CHANGE:** Upon recommendation by the Worship Committee, our early Service for the Lord's Day has returned to 8:30 a.m. in the Chapel. Primary reasons for the decision were to allow our Adult Sunday School classes to have the time they need to gather and to allow for needed time for worship leaders in between the services.

**CHILDCARE:** Childcare is available in room 117 for children ages 5 and under during 9:00 Worship and for children ages 3 and under for the 11:00 Worship. Room 117 is in Hilbert Hall, adjacent to the Weekday School Atrium, entrance #1 or #9.

Parents may pick up their children from the lower-level educational space after 11:00 Worship has ended. Educational space is best accessed through the double doors near the Narthex marked 2PK. PreK – 3rd grades rooms 150-154. 4th & 5th grades – room 180.

KidCheck is a secure children's check-in system that enhances your provider's security system and simplifies the check-in process. KidCheck helps ensure no one can pick up your child without your consent. Signing up for KidCheck is easy and free for parents, guardians, and workers! Visit <https://go.kidcheck.com> or download the KidCheck app on an iOS or Android device. Stations can be found at the nursery outside Hilbert Hall and in the Common Space near door 6. For you and your child/ren's safety, beginning today, all doors except for door 3 and the main Sanctuary doors will be locked at 11:15. Please use one of these entrances if you will be arriving after this time.

**NAMETAGS:** We encourage all who come to worship each week to make a nametag so we can continue to welcome guests, and encourage our fellowship together. Look for the tags and markers at the entrances.

## UPCOMING EVENTS: Week of November 28, 2021

**TONIGHT - ADVENT WORSHIP at 6:30 p.m. - Chapel** - Come celebrate with our families this special time of worship with readings by our children and youth, and music led by our Children's Choirs.

**HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS' BIBLE STUDY:** Our next gathering will be for our Holiday Dinner on Thursday, December 2nd at 6:00 p.m. at Noosh Nosh (4816 Brownsboro Center, Louisville, KY 40207). All are welcomed to come for some fellowship whether they have come to Bible Study before or not.

**A SPECIAL LIVE STREAMED CONCERT with HARRY PICKENS-** Sunday, December 5 at 7 p.m. on YouTube **2ndPresLou**. Usher in the wonder of Advent and Christmas as jazz pianist, and friend of Second Pres., Harry Pickens, shares the songs of the season - as he says, "soul-streamed"! Harry is a master of weaving his heart and his music within the tapestry of so many musical styles - jazz, gospel, classical ... truly a "great and mighty wonder." Please invite your friends to join you, or enjoy this special time with family as you begin your Advent journey.

### **MISSION OF THE MONTH: Be A Beacon Of Hope This Christmas For A Cabbage Patch Family!**

Christmas can be a magical time, but for the families of The Patch it can be a time of overwhelming stress: wondering how you can purchase Christmas gifts for your children when the family budget does not cover regular monthly expenses. Because of you, Cabbage Patch children will still experience the joy of Christmas and the assurance that God hears their needs—the love of the Christ child can shine brightly. You have the opportunity to help these families in need by contributing in honor or memory of a loved one. Each time a donation is made, \$10 or more per honorarium request, a Christmas card will be sent to the person/family informing them of your generosity. Why not donate in honor of a schoolteacher, teacher, basketball coach, or grandparent? They will be touched by your thoughtfulness. Share your love for others by making a donation. There are offering envelopes in the pews, or you can Contact Jennifer Scott at 753-4446 or [jscott@cabbagepatch.org](mailto:jscott@cabbagepatch.org) for more information.

## **THE MINISTRY TEAM**

Rev. Steven P. Jester, Pastor  
Rev. Jordan Akin, Associate Pastor for Youth  
Jim Rittenhouse, Director of Worship and  
Music Ministries  
Lorie Williamson, Director of Children's  
Ministries  
Hayley Abell, Director of Weekday School  
Lisa Bickett, Pastoral Assistant  
Keith DeCosta, Sexton  
Samuel Libra, DMA, Communications Assistant  
and Organist

Tanner Williams, Receptionist/Admin. Assistant  
Christina Recktenwald, Children's Choirs  
Co-Coordinator  
Ricky Case, Children's Choirs Co-Coordinator  
Amy Heckmann, Childcare Coordinator  
Elizabeth Clay, Parish Associate  
Jackie Grimley, Bookkeeper  
Paula S. Roberts, Organist Emerita



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# Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus 82

1 Come, thou long - ex - spect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo-ple free;  
2 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and yet a king,

from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.  
born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.

Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art;  
By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone;

dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.  
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

With its opening "Come," this hymn sounds the note of entreaty and invitation that characterizes the Advent season (from the Latin *adventus* = "coming"). Its blending of memory and hope helps us to give voice to our present faith as we stand between the past and the future.

# Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates 93

1 Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates; be - hold the  
 2 Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; make it a  
 3 Re - deem - er, come! I o - pen wide my heart to

King of glo - ry waits; the King of kings is  
 tem - ple, set a - part from earth - ly use for  
 thee; here, Lord, a - bide. Let me thy in - ner

draw - ing near; the Sav - ior of the world is here.  
 heaven's em - ploy, a - dorned with prayer and love and joy.  
 pres - ence feel; thy grace and love in me re - veal.

Beginning as a paraphrase of Psalm 24:7–10, this text then applies the door imagery to the singer’s heart, and concludes with the individual’s welcome of the approaching Savior. It is set to a very effective anonymous 18th-century English tune that has served many texts.