

**1ST SUNDAY IN ADVENT
GATHER IN GOD’S NAME**

(*=please stand if you are able)

**Prelude (A time for Silence and Reflection)
Opening Hymn**

“Prepare the Way of the Lord”
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Welcome
(Advent Wreath Readings Revised Common Lectionary Year A/Liturgical Lessons Written by Rev. Jessi Higginbotham
A service of lessons & carols/ Interactive children & family worship service Written by Sarah Are
Assurance of Pardon, Prayer of Illumination and Prayer of Confession by Rev.Stephen Fearing)

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Lighting the Candle
Advent begins with the Prophet Isaiah telling us...

In days to come the mountain of the Lord’s house shall be established as the highest of the mountains and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, “Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.” Advent is a time of waiting, anticipation, expectation. We are waiting to welcome the Christ child into the world. This year our Advent theme is "Welcome to the World." But what does the world look like today? What world is welcoming Christ? Are we filled with peace, kindness, and good will?

Today we light the candle of hope. We hope to be the kind of people who would welcome Christ's arrival. We hope the peace of Christ will spread throughout our community. We hope for much, Lord, hear our prayers. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

Let us pray, O Lord our God, our source of wisdom and knowledge, fill our hearts with hope. Show us the way to a hopeful world as we welcome your son Jesus . Amen.

Hymn GTG# 88 **“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” (verse 1)**

Call to Confession (John 1:6-8, 19-23)
A man named John was sent from God. He came as a witness to testify concerning the light, so that through him everyone would believe in the light. He himself wasn’t the light, but his mission was to testify concerning the light. This is John’s testimony when the Jewish leaders in Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to ask him, “Who are you?” John confessed (he didn’t deny but confessed), “I’m not the Christ.” They asked him, “Then who are you? Are you Elijah?” John said, “I’m not.” “Are you the prophet?” John answered, “No.” They asked, “Who are you? We need to give an answer to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?” John replied, “*I am a voice crying out in the wilderness, Make the Lord’s path straight*, just as the prophet Isaiah said.”

Kinesthetic Prayer of Confession
Liturgist A: People of God, the prayer of confession tonight will be a kinesthetic prayer, which means we will use both our hearts and our bodies to pray. I invite you to join me in prayer, responding with actions as you are prompted. Let us pray. Friends, on the night of Jesus’ birth, Mary and Joseph struggled to find a place to lay their heads.

Liturgist B: If you, like the people of Bethlehem, have ever withheld hospitality to those within reach, please cross your arms.

Liturgist A: On the night of Jesus’ birth, the wise men traveled long and far, trying to get to Jesus.

Liturgist B: If you have ever let your faith take a passive, backseat position in your life, failing to take the steps necessary to deepen your faith, please bow your head.

Liturgist A: Joseph showed radical grace to Mary at a time when many would have shunned her in their disbelief.

Liturgist B: If you have ever failed to show grace to yourself or another, please close your eyes.

Liturgist A: Family of God, this is what sin feels like—being cut off from one another, in the dark, disconnected, and alone. However, we worship a redeeming God who pursues us even in our absence.

Liturgist B: Therefore, if you, like the shepherds, have ever looked for God’s love in this world, open your eyes.

Liturgist A: If you, like Mary, have ever treasured your neighbor as a gift from God, raise your head.

Liturgist B: If you, like Joseph, have ever forgiven yourself or someone else, uncross your arms, and grab the hand next to you.

Liturgist A: And if your head is still bowed, your eyes still closed, or your arms still crossed, open and uncross them—for you are forgiven by the grace of God.

Liturgist B: Friends, this is what the Kingdom of God feels like—heads up, eyes open, connected, forgiven, and known. Thanks be to God for a love like that. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of pardon
God’s creation knows no ending, God’s mercies are from everlasting to everlasting. In the name of the Resurrected Christ, I announce to you: our sins are forgiven! Alleluia! Amen.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen!

***Gloria Patri**
Glory be to our God on high,
sang hosts of angels long ago.
These great heralds brought Jesus nigh
To the place we long to go.

Prayer for Illumination
O God of Wisdom, give us hope in the reading of your word. Open our ears that we might receive its truth and join you in your dream for a renewed world where peace is the order of the day. Amen.

Scripture Reading Isaiah 2:1-5

This is what Isaiah, Amoz’s son, saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In the days to come the mountain of the Lord’s house will be the highest of the mountains. It will be lifted above the hills; peoples will stream to it. Many nations will go and say, “Come, let’s go up to the Lord’s mountain, to the house of Jacob’s God so that he may teach us his ways and we may walk in God’s paths.” Instruction will come from Zion; the Lord’s word from Jerusalem. God will judge between the nations, and settle disputes of mighty nations. Then they will beat their swords into iron plows and their spears into pruning tools. Nation will not take up sword against nation; they will no longer learn how to make war. Come, house of Jacob, let’s walk by the Lord’s light.

L: This is the word God. **P: Thanks be to God.**

Anthem:

Scripture Reading: John 1:6-8, 19-23
Narrator: There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him,

Levite: “Who are you?”
Narrator: He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed,
John the Baptist: “I am not the Messiah.”

Narrator: And they asked him,
Levite: “What then? Are you Elijah?”
John: “I am not.”

Levite: “Are you the prophet?”
John the Baptist: “No.”
Narrator: Then they said to him,
Levites: “Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?”

John the Baptist: “I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, ‘Make straight the way of the Lord,’”
Narrator: as the prophet Isaiah said.

L: This is the word of the Lord. **P: Thanks be to God.**

Reflection Rev. Jeniffer Rodriguez

Hymn GTG# 133 **“O Come All Ye Faithful”**

RESPOND IN GRACE

Offertory

We give Thee what we have, Lord
Oh praise thy name
We give Thee what we have, Lord, naught to withhold the same.
Oh thank you, Lord, for what You’ve done to give us what we need.
We give Thee what we have, Lord, Because we have believed.

*** Doxology**

O sisters, brothers, take your part
And worship God with humble heart.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
All creatures, bless the Father, Son,
And Holy Spirit, There in One!
Sing praises! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

Let us pray to God saying:
God of Hope, help us live your dream.
You dream of a world where we treat your creation with the respect it deserves,
when we till the good earth with repurposed tools that were once weapons of war.
Help us heal creation’s wounds, inflicted by our greed and apathy.
Help us take meaningful, comprehensive, and courageous steps to protect your creation.
God of Hope, help us live your dream.

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You dream of a world where children go to school without worrying about being shot,
where people of color don't have to be afraid of getting pulled over,
and police officers get home to their families safely,
where children's and women's bodies are treated with respect and dignity,
and where immigrants and refugees find welcome at the border instead of hostility.

God of Hope, help us live your dream.

You dream of a world where politicians put aside their differences for the common good,
where our laws are created not in the interest of the powerful but in the interest of the weak,
where no one has any undue barriers to exercise their right to vote,
and where those in marginalized communities feel valued by their elected representatives.

God of Hope, help us live your dream.

You dream of a world in which your congregations care for the communities they serve:
we pray this days for the folks in our neighborhood(s),

God of Hope, help us live your dream.

We pray for those on our hearts this day, either out loud or in silence...

God of Hope, help us live your dream.

***Lord's Prayer**

Hymn GTG# 93

"Lift Up Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"

Announcements

Benediction GTG#314

God is Good! **All the time!** All the Time! **God is Good!**

Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.

Christ be our light! Shine in your church gathered today. (Refrain)

The Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you

People: And also with you

Amen

Postlude

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***"A multicultural congregation worshipping together
where Jesus Christ is Lord; where men, women, and
children share in leadership; and where the strength
of our fellowship builds bridges to the community."***

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EVENTS HAPPENING IN 2022

- In person Hybrid worship at 11AM
- English Bible Study Thursday's at 11:00AM.
- Spanish Bible Study will be Wednesday's at 10:00AM.
- Prayer Time on Friday's at 11AM via zoom.
- Session Meeting Monday, December 5th at 7PM via zoom
- Worship Team meeting Tuesday, Dec. 13th at 9:30AM
- This year we will not have in person worship on Christmas Day Dec. 25th. We will be sharing a digital version of worship that will be done by the Hudson River Presbytery.
- Would you be interested in doing Christmas Eve Service this year? If so, please let Lindsay or Pastor Jeniffer know.
- Is there a Christmas song that you want us to sing during worship this Holiday season? Please call or email the Church office and let Lindsay know.

-Ossining Community Creche

Please join us as we celebrate the "Dedication of the 37th Annual Ossining Community Creche", at 2:00pm, on Sunday, December 4, 2022 (rain or shine) at Ossining's Washington Square, located at the corner of Croton Avenue and Todd Place. This beautiful nativity scene will be erected in front of the former Washington School (now the House of Refuge) until January 7, 2023. The December 4th Ceremony will include honoring the deceased committee volunteers. An invocation (prayers and blessings) by the pastor of Saint Augustine's Church, Father Brian T. McSweeney, and concluding with everyone singing Christmas Carols. All are welcome. What a wonderful way to start celebrating the true meaning of Christmas. For further information, please call 914-741-9251.

- We have also started collecting Christmas gifts for the kids at First Steps. This year we have 31 boys and 29 Girls. Last day of collection is Sunday December 4th. You can also share your monetary donations. Please do not wrap gifts.

-Zoom worship Service at 11:00AM

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Prayers and Praise

Please pray for Everyone in leadership

Please pray for Keeping Communities Safe

Please pray for Children/ families

Please pray for The Boateng Family

Please pray for The Otu's family

Please pray for The Supina/Ruess family

Please pray for The Sevilla's family

Please pray for Those who harm

Please pray for Peace in the middle of violence

Please pray for The Dyckman's Family

Please pray for The Ozuna Family

Please pray for The Reda's family

Please pray for People struggling with cancer. For healing

Please pray for For the physical and spiritual shape of our nation

Please pray for For leaders, people in a position of authority

Please Pray for Lima family

Please pray for Israel and Palestine

Please Pray for the Denzer Family

Please pray for Heather Blenkinsopp

Praise Songs and Hymns

JESUS CHRIST: ADVENT

88 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest
3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy
4 O come, thou Root of Jes - se, free thine own from



cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
all things might - i - ly: to us the path of knowl - edge
tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the
Sa - tan's tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell thy peo - ple



here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
show; and teach us in her ways to go. Re - joice! Re - joice!
law in cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.
save and give them vic - tory o'er the grave.



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

- 5 O come, thou Key of David, come, and open wide our heavenly home;
make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.
- 6 O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer
our spirits by thine advent here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.

- 7 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.

One stanza of this paraphrase of the great O Antiphons may be sung on each of the last days of Advent as follows:

Dec. 17: O Wisdom (2)

Dec. 20: O Key of David (5)

Dec. 23: O Emmanuel (1)

Dec. 18: O Lord of might (3)

Dec. 21: O Dayspring (6)

Dec. 19: O Root of Jesse (4)

Dec. 22: O Desire of Nations (7)

These titles of the coming Christ appeared in daily Vesper antiphons sung during the week before Christmas; their roots date at least to the reign of Charlemagne. Both text and tune are the fruit of 19th-century efforts to reclaim Christian treasures from pre-Reformation sources.

TEXT: Latin prose, pre-9th cent.; trans. composite
MUSIC: Plainsong; adapt. Thomas Helmore, 1852; arr. John Weaver, 1988
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VENI EMMANUEL
LM with refrain

O Come, All Ye Faithful 133

1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant; O come
 2 True God from true God, Light from light e - ter - nal, born
 3 Sing, choirs of an - gels; sing in ex - ul - ta - tion; sing,
 4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing; Je -

ye; O come ye to Beth - le - hem! Come, and be - hold him,
 of a vir - gin, a mor - tal he comes; ver - y God, be -
 all ye cit - i - zens of heaven a - bove! Glo - ry to God, all
 sus, to thee be all glo - ry given; Word of the Fa - ther,

Refrain

born the King of an - gels!
 got - ten, not cre - at - ed! O come, let us a - dore him; O come, let
 glo - ry in the high - est!
 now in flesh ap - pear - ing!

us a - dore him; O come, let us a - dore him, Christ, the Lord!

From its Roman Catholic origins, this 18th-century hymn has spread to worldwide use by many denominations in both Latin and vernacular versions. Once popular with a wide range of hymn texts, this tune is now firmly associated with this Christmas text from which it is named.

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates 93

1 Lift up your heads, ye mighty 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.