

Wesley United Methodist Church

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

November 27, 2022

First Sunday of Advent

At Wesley we foster a sanctuary culture by creating a safe environment where all feel welcomed, loved, accepted, valued, and affirmed for who they are, through intentional practices such as empathy, compassion, generosity, hospitality, and inclusion.

For the safety of every worshipper, please observe the following guidelines regardless of your vaccine status.

- **Wear a mask covering your mouth and nose all the time during worship.**
 - **Please let an usher know if you have questions, need assistance, or have a concern about health or safety.**
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Prelude

My Lord, What a Morning

Debbie O'Driscoll, organ
Franklin Ashdown b. 1942

Greeting & Announcement

*Advent Candle Lighting

Ivy Hammond, Liturgist

One: God's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains; we will go up to the mountain of God.

Many: God may teach us God's ways and that we may walk in God's paths.

One: The One who is coming will bring a new order to life, and teach us the way of peace.

Many: Awaken us, O God, as your salvation draws near.

One: We light this candle, trusting that Immanuel will surely come.

[The first Advent candle is lit.]

All: In this light we will await the coming of the Christ.

*Hymn

"Savior of the Nations, Come"

UMH 214

Savior of the nations, Come; Virgin's Son, here make thy home!
Marvel now, O heaven and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.

Not by human flesh and blood; by the Spirit of our God
was the Word of God made flesh, woman's offspring, pure and fresh.

Wondrous birth! O wondrous Child of the Virgin undefiled!
Human and divine in one, eager now his race to run!

God the Father is his source, back to God he runs his course;
down to death and hell descends, God's high throne he re-ascends.

Now thy manger's halo bright hallows night with newborn light;
let no night this light subdue, let our faith shine ever new.

*Please stand in body or in spirit.

*Praise Songs

Desmond Cheetham, keyboard
Jennifer Quansah, lead singer

God You're So Good

God you're so good. God you are kind.
God you are wonderful. My God, you are excellent...

Excellent is Thy name. Excellent is Thy might.
God you are wonderful. My God you are excellent...

I will lift up your name higher

I will lift up your name higher...

Great Jehovah you are wonderful
I will lift up your name higher...

Common Prayer (*unison*)

**Eternal God, in your providence you made all ages a preparation for the kingdom of your Son.
Make ready our hearts for the brightness of your glory and the fullness of your blessing in
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Children's Conversation

The Offering

Offertory

Savior of the Nations, Come

William Ness, organist

Robert Powell b. 1932

Tune: UMH 211

*Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

*Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People, & the Lord's Prayer

"Like a Child"

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Like a child born to pray and to show us the way,
like a child here to stay, Jesus comes.
Like a child we receive all that love can conceive,
like a child we believe, Jesus comes.

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Anthem		Wesley Chancel Choir David Potts, director Harry T. Burleigh, 1866-1949
	My Lord, What a Morning	
Hebrew Scripture Reading		Isaiah 2:1-5
*Gospel Reading		Matthew 24:36-44
Message		Rev. Byungmoo Lee
*Hymn	“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” (v. 1, 2, 6 &7)	UMH 211
	<p>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.</p> <p>O come, thou Wisdom from on high, and order all things far and nigh; to us the path of knowledge show and cause us in her ways to go. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.</p> <p>O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by thy justice here; disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death’s dark shadows put to flight. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.</p> <p>O come, Desire of nations bind all peoples in one heart and mind. From dust thou brought us forth to life; deliver us from earthly strife. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.</p>	
*Shalom		Mensah Essilfie
	<p>God’s peace be unto you, We wish you Shalom! The peace of God which transcends all understanding be with you forevermore.</p>	
*Benediction		
* Benediction Response	“People, Look East” (v. 1)	UMH 202
	<p>People, look east. The time is near of the crowning of the year. Make your house fair as you are able, trim the heart and set the table. People, look east: Love, the Guest, is on the way.</p>	
Postlude		William Ness, organist J.S. Bach 1685-1750
	Savior of the Nations, Come, BWV 661a	

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Common Prayer – *The United Methodist Book of Worship*, 249.
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