

Wesley United Methodist Church

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

December 4, 2022

Second 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

Three settings of *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

William Ness, organ

Robert Speed 1930-2017

Michael Burkhardt b. 1957

Edward Wetherill 1927-1990

Greeting & Announcement

*Advent Candle Lighting

Matilda Hammond-Raney, Liturgist

One: Blessed be the name of God.

Many: May the glory of God fill the whole earth.

[The first Advent candle is relit.]

One: The Spirit of God shall rest on people of faith.

Many: With righteousness God shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth.

One: Send again, O God, the spirit of wisdom and understanding;

Many: The spirit of counsel and might; the spirit of knowledge and the fear of God.

One: We light a second candle to illumine the path for the Spirit of God.

[The second Advent candle is lit.]

All: With gratitude for your presence, O God, we will prepare to welcome a new birth of your Spirit.

*Hymn

"Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

UMH 203

Hail to the Lord's Anointed, great David's greater Son!
Hail in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free;
to take away transgression, and rule in equity.

*Please stand in body or in spirit.

He comes with succor speedy to those who suffer wrong;
to help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong;
to give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light,
whose souls, condemned and dying, are precious in his sight.

He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth;
love, joy, and hope, like flowers, spring in his path to birth.
Before him, on the mountains, shall peace, the herald, go,
and righteousness, in fountains, from hill to valley flow.

To him shall prayer unceasing and daily vows ascend;
his kingdom still increasing, a kingdom without end.
The tide of time shall never his covenant remove;
his name shall stand forever; that name to us is love.

*Praise Songs

Desmond Cheetham, keyboard
Jennifer Quansah, lead singer

Unto the Lord be the Glory

Unto the Lord be the glory. Great things He has done...
Great things He has done. Greater things He will do.
Unto the Lord be the glory. Great things He has done...

Praise, O' praise, my God and King

Praise, O praise, my God and King.
Hymns of adoration, sing;
For his mercies, shall endure; Ever faithful, ever sure ...
Alleluia, Alleluia!
King of Kings and Lord of Lords!
For his mercies, shall endure; Ever faithful ever sure...

Common Prayer (*unison*)

Merciful God, you sent your messengers to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation. Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Children's Conversation

The Offering

Offertory Music

Variations on *Veni Emmanuel*

James Woodman b. 1957

Please stand at the conclusion of the third variation as the introduction to Doxology.

*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.

Solo

Carol for Advent

Don Besig b. 1936
David Potts, tenor
Istan Slamet, clarinet

Hebrew Scripture Reading

Isaiah 11:1-10

Epistle Reading

Romans 15:4-9a, 12-13

*Gospel Reading

Matthew 3:1-12

Message

Rev. Byungmoo Lee

Holy Communion

"The Great Thanksgiving"

UMH 13-14

*Hymn

"Heralds of Christ"

UMH 567

Heralds of Christ, who bear the King's commands,
immortal tidings in your mortal hands,
pass on and carry swift the news you bring;
make straight, make straight the highway of the King.

Through desert ways, dark fen, and deep morass,
through jungles, sluggish seas, and mountain pass,
build now the road, and falter not, nor stay;
prepare across the earth the King's highway.

Lord, give us faith and strength the road to build,
to see the promise of the day fulfilled,
when war shall be no more, and strife shall cease
upon the highway of the Prince of Peace.

*Shalom

Mensah Essilfie

God's peace be unto you,
We wish you Shalom!
The peace of God which transcends all
understanding be with you forevermore.

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

“People, Look East” (v. 2)

UMH 202

Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is planted there.
Give up your strength the seed to nourish, that in course the flower may flourish.
People, look east: Love, the Rose, is on the way.

Postlude

Toccata on *Veni Emmanuel*

William Ness, organ
Andrew Carter b. 1939

Advent Candle Lighting – by F. Richard Garland, The United Methodist Church Discipleship Ministries.
Common Prayer – *Book of Common Worship*, Westminster/John Knox Press, 1993, p. 174 ALT.
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