



THE COMMUNITY OF ST. PHILIP
AT WORSHIP
DECEMBER 8, 2019
ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS

Tolling of the Hour

Greeting The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Please sign and pass the friendship folder.

Voluntary

Sojourner's Prayer

Karen Buckwalter, 2017

Lighting of the Second Advent Candle

† **Hymn 83**

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

STUTT GART

Choir Carol

Hark, I Hear the Harps Resounding

INVITATION • from *Southern Harmony*, 1854
arranged by Craig Carnahan, 2014

Hark, I hear the harps resounding! "Christ is near," we hear them say.
"Cast aside the work of darkness, all you children of the day."

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, praise the Lamb!
Alleluia, alleluia, glory to the great I AM!

"Comfort, comfort now my people; tell of peace!" So says our God.
Comfort those who toil and tremble, mourning under sorrow's load.

Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
from our fears and pain release us; let us find our hope in thee.
Born thy people to deliver, born a child, and yet a King;
born to live in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.



Wisdom

O Wisdom, you came forth from the mouth of the Most High,
and reach from one end of the earth to another,
mightily and sweetly ordering all things:

Come and teach us the way of prudence.

ALL SING

Music at Hymn 88, verse 2

**O Come, thou Wisdom from on high,
who ord'rest all things mightily:
to us the path of knowledge show;
and teach us in her ways to go.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.**

First Lesson

THE GIFTS OF WISDOM

Proverbs 8:1–11

O.T. p. 590

Choir Carol

The Call of Wisdom

Will Todd, 2012

Lord of wisdom, Lord of truth, Lord of justice, Lord of mercy:
walk beside us down the years till we see you in your glory.
Striving to attain the heights, turning in a new direction, entering
a lonely place, welcoming a friend or stranger. I am here, I am
with you. I have called: do you hear me? Silver is of passing
worth, gold is not of constant value, jewels sparkle for a while;
what you long for is not lasting. Rulers govern under me with my
insight and my wisdom. Those who know me know my love,
those who seek me find their answer. God the Father and the Son,
Holy Spirit coeternal: glory be ascribed to you, now and to the
end of ages.

— words by Michael Hampel (based on Proverbs 8)



Adonai

O Adonai, Ruler of the House of Israel,
you appeared to Moses in the fire of the burning bush
and gave him your law on Mount Sinai:

Come, and with your outstretched arm, redeem us.

ALL SING

Music at Hymn 88, verse 3

**O come, O come, thou Lord of might,
who to thy tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times didst give the law
in cloud and majesty and awe.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.**

Second Lesson

MOSES AT THE BURNING BUSH

Exodus 3:1–6

O.T. p. 50

† Hymn 102

Savior of the Nations, Come

NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND



Root of Jesse

O Root of Jesse, you stand as an ensign to the peoples;
before you kings shall keep silence, all nations bow in worship:
Come and save us, and do not delay.

ALL SING

Music at Hymn 88, verse 4

**O come, thou Root of Jesse, free
thine own from Satan's tyranny;
from depths of hell thy people save
and give them vic'try o'er the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.**

Third Lesson

THE PEACEABLE KINGDOM

Isaiah 11:1–10

O.T. p. 640

Choir Carol

The Apple Tree

David Ashley White, 2019

The tree of life my soul hath seen,
laden with fruit, and always green:
the trees of nature fruitless be
compared with Christ, the apple tree.

His beauty doth all things excel:
by faith I know, but ne'er can tell
the glory which I now can see
in Jesus Christ, the apple tree.

For happiness I long have sought,
and pleasure dearly I have bought:
I missed of all, but now I see
'tis found in Christ, the apple tree.

I'm weary with my former toil,
here I will sit and rest awhile:
under the shadow I will be,
of Jesus Christ, the apple tree.

This fruit doth make my soul to thrive,
it keeps my dying faith alive;
which makes my soul in haste to be
with Jesus Christ, the apple tree.

— anonymous, New Hampshire, 1784



Key of David

O Key of David, scepter of the house of Israel,
you open and no one closes; you close and no one opens:
**Come and deliver us from the chains of prison,
we who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death.**

ALL SING

Music at Hymn 88, verse 5

**O come, thou Key of David, come,
and open wide our heav'nly home;
make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.**

Choir Carol

Lift Up Your Heads, O Ye Gates

William Mathias, 1973

Lift up your heads, O ye gates,
and be ye lift up ye everlasting doors,
and the King of glory shall come in.

Who is this King of glory?
The LORD strong and mighty,
the LORD mighty in battle.

Who is this King of glory?
The LORD of hosts,
he is the King of glory.

— Psalm 24:7–10



Dayspring

O Dayspring, brightness of the light eternal
and sun of righteousness:

**Come and enlighten those who sit in darkness
and in the shadow of death.**

ALL SING

Music at Hymn 88, verse 6

**O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer
our spirits by thine advent here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadow put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.**

† **Hymn 96**

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

WINCHESTER NEW



King of Nations

O King of nations, and their desire,
you are the cornerstone that binds two into one:

**Come and save the creature whom you have fashioned
from clay.**

ALL SING

Music at Hymn 88, verse 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.**

Offertory

Partita on *Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme*: I. Toccata Hugo Distler
(1908–1942)

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Emmanuel

O Emmanuel, our King and Lawgiver,
the desire of the nations and their salvation:
Come and save us, O Lord our God.

ALL SING

Music at Hymn 88, verse 1

**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.**

Seventh Lesson THE BIRTH OF JESUS THE MESSIAH

Matthew 1:18–23
N.T. p. 1

Choir Carol

Magnificat in C

Charles Villiers Stanford, 1909

My soul doth magnify the Lord,
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.
For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden.
For behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.
And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations.
He hath shewed strength with his arm.
He hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat
and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things.
And the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel
as he promised to our forefathers Abraham, and his seed forever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

— Luke 1:46–55

Final Lesson THE ADVENT OF CHRIST THE LORD

Revelation 22:12–13, 16–17, 20
N.T. p. 260

Prayers

Holy One, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

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.**

Charge and Blessing*Kindly remain in silence during the closing voluntary, or depart very quietly.***Voluntary**Partita on *Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme*: III. Fugue Hugo Distler

† Indicates worshipers are invited to stand in either body or spirit.

Words in bold type are to be read or sung together. **SERVING TODAY****ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTERS**Younger Elementary —Teachers:
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 **FLOWERS**

The flowers today are given by Sue and Dick Howard in loving gratitude for our wonderful church family at Advent.

 **WORSHIP NOTES**

Today's readings from the Revised Common Lectionary are:

*Isaiah 11:1–10 From Jesse's root, a child will come with the spirit of the Lord.**Psalms 72:1–7, 18–19 May the king rule with righteousness and defend the poor.**Romans 15:4–13 Trust God's promises in Scripture; rejoice and live in hope.**Matthew 3:1–12 John calls for repentance: prepare the way of the Lord.* **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

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