



## **Worship Service for December 11, 2022**

### **Third Sunday of Advent**

**Prelude** **Marshall Davies**

**Chiming of the Hour** **Blake Spencer**

**Praise & Worship Celebration** **Congregation**

**TNCH # 135 "O Come, All You Faithful"**

O come, all you faithful,  
Joyful and triumphant,  
O come now, o come now  
To Bethlehem.

Come and behold  
The ruler of all angels:  
O come in adoration,  
O come in adoration,  
O come in adoration:  
Christ is Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels,  
Sing in exultation,  
Sing, all you messengers  
Of heavenly love:

"Glory to God,  
All glory in the highest":  
O come in adoration,

O come in adoration,  
O come in adoration:  
Christ is Lord.

**Welcome**

Pastor Mak

**Centering Moment**

Pastor Mak

**Call to Worship**

Blake Spencer

LEADER: In Advent we watch and wait.

**ALL: We prepare to welcome the Christ Child into  
the world.**

LEADER: Come, Holy Child, come!

**ALL: In Advent we prepare for a life of discipleship.**

LEADER: We watch for signs of God's presence breaking  
into the world.

**ALL: Come, Holy Child, come!**

LEADER: We watch for signs of God's Divine Nature in each  
of us.

**ALL: Actions of compassion and grace toward each  
other and creation.**

LEADER: Come, Holy Child, come!

**ALL: Come, Holy Child! Remind us of our divine  
essence and holy calling to Joy.**

**\*Hymn**

**Congregation**

**TNCH #131 “It Came Upon a Midnight Clear” vs. 1-3**

It came upon the midnight clear,  
That glorious song of old,  
From angels bending near the earth  
To touch their harps of gold;  
“Peace on the earth, good will to all,  
Great news of joy we bring.”  
The world in solemn stillness lay  
To hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come,  
With peaceful wings unfurled,  
And still their heavenly music floats  
O'er all the weary world;  
Above its sad and lowly plains  
They bend on hovering wing,  
And ever o'er its Babel sounds  
The blessed angels sing.

And you, beneath life's crushing load,  
Whose forms are bending low,  
Who toil along the climbing way,

With painful steps and slow,  
Look now, for glad and golden hours  
Come swiftly on the wing;  
O rest beside the weary road,  
And hear the angels sing!

## **Lighting the Advent Candles** The Bowman/Clark Family

It is the season of short days and long nights. We light these candles to remember that even in natural darkness, our lights shine. As we join the flames of our souls, our lights burn even brighter, to be seen from farther away. Let us not be afraid to shine brightly together, inviting others to join with us in the day and in the night.

### **1st Biblical Witness**

Pastor Mak

Nehemiah 8:9 - 12

Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength." So the Levites stilled all the people, saying, "Be quiet, for this day is holy; do not be grieved." And all the people went their way to eat and drink and to send portions

and to make great rejoicing, because they had understood the words that were declared to them.

## **2nd Biblical Witness**

Blake Spencer

Psalms 16:7 - 11

I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me. I keep Holy Love always before me. Because God is at my right hand, I shall not be moved. Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure. For you do not give me up to Sheol, or let your faithful one see the Pit. You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

**Reflection**    “Joy Energizes The Journey”    Pastor Mak

## **Special Music**

Plymouth Choir

“Shine On Our World Today”

Shine on our world and light the darkness. Long have we waited for a sign.

Turn our midnight into morning. Turn our mourning into joy divine.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Come, Messiah, light our way.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Shine on our world today. (Come, o come.)

Shine on our world today.

Shine on our hearts and fill us with your joy as we celebrate your birth.

Turn our sorrow into gladness. Churn our spirits, stir us deep within.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Come, Messiah, light our way.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Shine on our world today. (Come, o come.)

Shine on our world today.

O Come, O bright and evening star, (Shine on our world today.)

and bring us comfort from afar! (Shine on our world today.)

Dispel the shadows of the night  
and turn the darkness into light.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Come, Messiah, light our way.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Shine on our world today. (Come, o come.)

Shine on our world today. (Come, o come.)

Shine on our world today. (O come, o come, Emmanuel.)

**Pastoral Prayer**

Pastor Mak

**Unison Prayer**

Pastor Mak & Congregation

**Together we defy the darkness by being the Light. We make violence tremble by being peacemakers. When chaos and trauma cause distress, we counter by reaching for love and remembering joy. This day, when**

people are going hungry, give us bread to share. This day, when people are angry and hurtful, give us forgiveness to offer.

When there is so much temptation to be selfish and careless, this day give us the strength to be kind and intentional. As we wait and prepare to celebrate the birth of a holy child, remind us that we are all born holy and deserve love and tenderness. In the many names of Love, may it be so.

**Invitation to Offering**

Blake Spencer

Plymouth's General Fund &

“Meals on Wheels program at NAM” - Loose Offering

**Offertory Music**

Marshall Davies

**Doxology**

Congregation

Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise God all creatures here below  
Praise God for all that Love has done  
Creator, Christ, and Spirit one Amen.

**Offertory Prayer**

Blake Spencer

LEADER: Even during Advent, a time set aside for waiting, it is often very hard for us to wait. Our world worships the power that acts quickly through force.

**ALL: The time, talent, and treasure of this offering is a way for us to act. A way for us to bring the Beloved Kin-dom here to earth.**

LEADER: We open our hearts and spirits to new birth and transformation.

**ALL: We commit what we have gathered to help us sow seeds of love into the world.**

**\*Hymn**

Congregation

TNCH # 148 "What Child Is This?" vs 1 & 3

What child is this, who, laid to rest,  
On Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet  
With anthems sweet  
While shepherds watch are keeping?  
This, this the angels sing,  
Is Christ, God's holy offering;  
Haste, haste your praise to bring  
The babe, the child of Mary!

Bring gifts of incense, gold, and myrrh;  
Come, join in jubilation;  
The Holy Child,



Though meek and mild,  
Has come with God's salvation.  
Raise, raise the song on high,  
The mother sings her lullaby;  
Joy, joy, for Christ is born,  
The babe, the child of Mary!

**Benediction**

Pastor Mak

**Song Of Parting**

Marshall Davies

“Feliz Navidad”

Feliz Navidad  
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Feliz Navidad  
Próspero año y felicidad

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Próspero año y felicidad

I wanna wish you a Merry Christmas  
I wanna wish you a Merry Christmas  
I wanna wish you a Merry Christmas  
From the bottom of my heart

I wanna wish you a Merry Christmas  
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**Postlude**

Marshall Davies

### **Today's Worship Participants**

Worship Leader: Blake Spencer

Sound: Lynette Lange

Video: Tony Trosclair

Projector: Amie & Shelby-Mak Friday

**Poinsettias In Memorial of:**

**From:**

**Elwood Hanson**

Diane Patch

**Edith Hanson**

Diane Patch

**Bryan Rieken**

Diane Patch

**Susan Rieken**

Diane Patch

**Claude and Alice Good**

Marcia Good

**Peter Shetler**

Marcia Good

**Gilbert Vines**

Mark Vines

**Valerie Sanders**

Mark Vines

**Rev. Beverly Bammel**

Mark Vines

**Jean Cowart**

Mark Vines

**Barbara Carol**

Mark Vines

<b>Lillian Kim</b>	<b>Mark Vines</b>
<b>Floyd and Susie Mechler</b>	<b>Jeff Mechler</b>
<b>Floyd and Clara Mechler</b>	<b>Jeff Mechler</b>
<b>Robert Mechler</b>	<b>Jeff Mechler</b>
<b>Betty and Hugh Connor</b>	<b>Mary and Jennifer Lowell</b>
<b>John and Flossie Lowell</b>	<b>Mary and Jennifer Lowell</b>
<b>Norman H. Sachnik</b>	
	<b>Terri Sachnik and Marcy Schmich</b>
<b>F. Lamar Sachnik</b>	
	<b>Terri Sachnik and Marcy Schmich</b>
<b>Poinsettias In Honor of:</b>	<b>From:</b>
<b>Ken Groome</b>	<b>Alice Groome</b>
<b>Blake Spencer &amp; Jim Wagner</b>	<b>Alice Groome</b>
<b>Scarlet and Indigo Gladden</b>	<b>Jeff Mechler</b>
<b>Carina, Abby, and Christian Vines-Mechler</b>	
	<b>Jeff Mechler</b>
<b>Mak Kneebone</b>	<b>Marcia Good</b>

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