



Worship Service for November 27, 2022 First Sunday of Advent

Prelude Marshall Davies

Chiming of the Hour Terri Sachnik

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

Terri Sachnik

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 Hope.**

***Hymn**

Congregation

TNCH # 122 "Come, O Long-Expected Jesus"

Come, O long expected Jesus,
Born to set all people free;
From our fears and sins release us;
Grant us your true liberty.

Israel's strength and consolation,
Hope to all the earth impart;
Dear desire of every nation,
Enter every longing heart.

Born all people to deliver,
Born a child, you came to reign!
Born to rule on earth forever,
Come, be known to us again.

By your own eternal Spirit,
Come to claim us as your own;
By your all sufficient merit,
Let us share your cross and crown.

Lighting the Advent Candles The Lowell/Jordan Family

It is the season of short days and long nights. We light this candle to remember that even in natural darkness, our lights shine. Let us slow down and listen to the sacred voice which is our guide, as we wait to celebrate the coming light – the experience of God’s Presence among us.

1st Biblical Witness

Terri Sachnik

The Gospel Of Mark 1:1 - 11

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, “See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make the paths straight,’ ” John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from

heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

2nd Biblical Witness

Pastor Mak

Psalm 42:1-6

As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and behold the face of God? My tears have been my food day and night, while people say to me continually, “Where is your God?” These things I remember, as I pour out my soul: how I went with the throng, and led them in procession to the house of God, with glad shouts and songs of thanksgiving, a multitude keeping festival. Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise my help and my God.

Reflection

“Hope Opens The Way”

Pastor Mak

Special Music

Plymouth Choir

“Bring Us Hope”

Bring us hope, bring us love;
bring us peace from above.
Bring us hope, bring us love,
peace and joy from above.
Bring us hope, bring us hope.

Bring us light, take our darkness away.
Bring us light, turn our night into day.
Bring us hope, bring us love,
peace and joy from above.
Bring us hope, bring us hope.

Hope to replace our hopelessness,
love to refill our emptiness,
peace in the midst of our distress;
oh, how we need Your joy!

Bring us hope, bring us love;
bring us peace from above.
Bring us hope, bring us love,
peace and joy from above.
Bring us hope, bring us hope.

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

Terri Sachnik

Plymouth's General Fund &
"Special Olympics Texas" - 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

Terri Sachnik

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

AAHH # 189 "Emmanuel, Emmanuel"

Emmanuel, Emmanuel,
Your name is called Emmanuel;
God with us, Revealed in us:
Your name is called Emmanuel.

Emmanuel, Emmanuel,
Your name is called Emmanuel;
God with us, Revealed in us:
Your name is called Emmanuel.

Benediction

Pastor Mak

Song Of Parting

Marshall Davies

“Deck The Halls”

Deck the halls with boughs of holly

Fa la la la la, la la la la

'Tis the season to be jolly

Fa la la la la, la la la la

Don we now our gay apparel

Fa la la la la, la la la la

Troll the ancient Yuletide carol

Fa la la la la, la la la la

See the blazing yule before us

Fa la la la la, la la la la

Strike the harp and join the chorus

Fa la la la la, la la la la

Follow me in merry measure

Fa la la la la, la la la la

While I tell of Yuletide treasure

Fa la la la la, la la la la

Postlude

Marshall Davies

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