



**NORTHRIDGE
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

November 27, 2022

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Sunday Mornings at Northridge

Nametags

You are not anonymous here! It's important to us to call each other by name. We encourage you to wear your nametags, which are found on the kiosk in the narthex, or fill out a temporary nametag at the welcome table. If you are in need of a new nametag, please contact Sarah Bennett at sarahb@northridgepc.org.

9:00 a.m. Outdoor Worship

Join us for this more casual service in the lower parking lot. Children are welcome at the “playground” area, which features activities based on the day’s scripture and is monitored by our childcare team. Questions? Contact Emily Cox at emilyc@northridgepc.org.

10:00 a.m. Connection Hour

In between the two services, join us for connection opportunities for kids, youth, and adults. Right now, catch our Advent series, “Holy Disruption: Discovering Advent in the Gospel of Mark.”

11:00 a.m. Sanctuary Worship

Join us in the sanctuary at 11:00 a.m. for our more traditional service (which is also available via livestream). Kids can borrow items from our sensory library in the narthex to stay engaged during worship.

On the Way

What does it mean to be “on the way?” After all, a life of discipleship is a life of being “on the way.” During Advent, we’ll consider characters who are on their way to the manger, and what their journeys teach us about the life of faith.

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November 27, 2022 11:00 a.m.

First Sunday of Advent

GATHERING

We invite you to be fully present by silencing your cell phone during worship.

Chiming of the Hour

Introit

Darkness Cannot Drive Out Darkness

Chris Shelton

Welcome

PREPARING FOR GOD'S WORD

✠ *indicates an invitation to rise in body or spirit*

Call to Worship and Lighting of the Advent Wreath

We will light candles as we wait – candles of peace for tempest-tossed days, candles of grace to ease heavy burdens, candles of love to inspire our living.

We light candles that will burn all the year long.

As we enter this season of waiting, may we silence all that distracts us.

May we be present to the Presence.

✠ Gathering Hymn #83

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

STUTTGART

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, the noise of the world is loud and so often we forget the good words you have for us. We tune out the words of faith choosing instead the half-empty promises of the world and we forget. We forget that in the beginning we were made good. We doubt that we could possibly be enough. We hustle for our self-worth and wear ourselves out aiming for perfection. We deflect words of praise. We hide behind shiny first impressions.

silence for personal confession

Forgive us.

Trusting our worth is the hardest job. Open our ears as you open our hearts, so that we might rest on the foundation of goodness you have laid for us.

Gratefully we pray, amen.

Assurance of Pardon

✠ Passing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

✦ Veni Emmanuel

**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.**

Young children are invited to Room 117 for songs, stories, and playtime.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Selections from Luke 1:5-57

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

On the Way: Zechariah

Rev. Betsy Lyles Swetenburg

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

✦ Affirmation of Faith

We are an Advent people, a people of hope.

For us, Advent is a time of waiting, and so we wait: we wait for the coming of the One who is the fulfillment of God's promise and the fulfillment of hope. Even so, we are not a naïve people.

We know that the world will continue to be filled with pain and sorrow. We know that hatred and violence will continue to exist. We know that death and separation will continue to be a part of our lives.

But because we are an Advent people, we know that none of these things will win in the end. The Holy One is coming, to make holy once again all that was, is, and ever will be. And in our waiting and our hoping, we work and worship, pray and play, in all things hoping and insisting that peace, love, and joy will reign in our lives and in our world, now and forever.

✦ Affirmation Response

Hymn #92, vs.1

While we are waiting, come; while we are waiting, come.

Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.

The Prayers of the People and The 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.

Call To Give

(To give via text, send a text message to [1-844-958-4345](tel:1-844-958-4345) with the amount of the gift.
If you pledge, this offering will be applied to your pledge.)

Offertory

Lead Us to Your Light

Carol E. Browning

✦ Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all creatures here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; One holy God, whom we adore. Amen.**

✦ Prayer of Dedication

SENDING

✦ Sending Hymn #79

Light Dawns on a Weary World

TEMPLE OF PEACE

✦ Charge and Benediction

**Go out into God's world in peace; have courage; hold on to what is good;
return to no one evil for evil; strengthen the faint-hearted;
support the weak; help the suffering; honor all persons;
love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.**

Closing Voluntary

Wachet Auf, Ruff uns die Stimme, BWV 645

J.S. Bach

Leading worship today:

Rev. Betsy Lyles Swetenburg, Pastor
Savannah Shivers, Dickson Pastoral Resident
Bryan Page, Director of Music
Destin Wernicke, Organist
Sarah Bennett, Director of Communications
Rebecca Jones, Soundboard Operator
Charles Spell, Lay Reader

One & Done Choir

Today's music is provided by our One & Done Choir, which is a no-commitment way to participate in worship through music. If you would like to sing but don't want a long-term commitment, join us Sunday, January 29 by 10:30 a.m. that morning to learn the day's music. Coffee and doughnuts will be served at 10:15 a.m. for fellowship prior to warm-up. Questions? Email Bryan Page at bryanp@northridgepc.org.

A FEW NOTES ON WORSHIP

Find Us Online

Enjoy today's service? You can always revisit the livestream of this service on our YouTube channel by visiting www.youtube.com/c/NorthridgePresbyterian. You can also view or listen to previous sermons via YouTube or Spotify.

Visitors, we'd like to get to know you better!

Scan this QR code for more information so we can be in touch. We believe the church is a gift that everyone deserves to enjoy. It's a community of people committed to doing life together—enduring heartaches, celebrating joys, seeking out laughter, pursuing a more just world, and following the path Jesus set out for us. If you think Northridge may be right for you, please reach out to Rev. Betsy Swetenburg at betsys@northridgepc.org.



LIFE TOGETHER

Realm Online Directory

Have you joined Realm yet? You should've received your email invitation in September. If you didn't, no worries! Email Sarah Bennett at sarahb@northridgepc.org and she can help you get set up. We can't wait for you to use this new tool!

NCDC Open House

Northridge Child Development Center will be hosting an open house Thursday, December 1 from 5:00-6:30 p.m. Everyone is invited.

Northridge Without Borders

Help us resettle a refugee on Saturday, December 3! Meet at the church at 8:30 a.m. Can you help or donate items? Sign up at www.northridgepc.org/connect/registration.

S'mores & Singing

Join us in our front parking lot at 6:15 p.m. on Saturday, December 3 as we sing some beloved sacred and secular songs.

Women's Advent Service

On Monday, December 5 at 7:00 p.m., we will gather in the sanctuary for this service focused on quiet reflection. All women are invited.

✠ Veni Emmanuel

O come, O come, Em-man - u - el, and ran-som cap-tive Is - ra - el, that
 mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 Re - joice! Re - joice! Em-man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

AFFIRMATION RESPONSE

JESUS CHRIST: ADVENT

While We Are Waiting, Come

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Verse 1

While we are wait - ing, come;
 while we are wait - ing, come.
 Je - sus, our Lord, Em - man - u - el,
 while we are wait - ing, come.

WAITING (Cason)
SM

✠ Doxology

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Christ, all crea - tures
 here be - low; Praise Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more - One
 ho - ly God, whom we a - dore. A - men.

83 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

1 Come, thou long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;
 2 Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art;
 3 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and yet a king,
 4 By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone;

from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.
 dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
 born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.
 by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

With its opening "Come," this hymn sounds the note of entreaty and invitation that characterizes the Advent season (from the Latin *adventus* = "coming"). Its blending of memory and hope helps us to give voice to our present faith as we stand between the past and the future.

TEXT: Charles Wesley, 1744
 MUSIC: Witt's *Psalmodia Sacra*, 1715, alt.

STUTTGART
 8.7.8.7
 (alternate tune: HYFRYDOL, 82)

84 Creator of the Stars of Night

1 Cre - a - tor of the stars of night, your peo - ple's ev - er -
 2 When this old world drew on toward night, you came; but not in
 3 At your great name, O Je - sus, now all knees must bend, all
 4 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, and God the Spir - it,

The Latin original of this text for Advent dates from at least the 9th century, and the English version was created a millennium later as part of the 19th-century recovery of early Christian hymns. It is provided here with its traditional plainchant setting.

TEXT: Latin hymn, 9th cent.; trans. John Mason Neale, 1851; as in *The Hymnal 1940*, alt.
 MUSIC: Sarum plainsong, Mode IV, 9th cent.; harm. Alfred V. Fedak, 2011
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CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM
 LM
 (alternate harmonization, 671)
 (alternate tune: PUER NOBIS NASCITUR)

88 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest
 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy
 4 O come, thou Root of Jes - se, free thine own from



cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
 all things might - i - ly: to us the path of knowl - edge
 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the
 Sa - tan's tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell thy peo - ple



here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 show; and teach us in her ways to go. Re-joice! Re-joice!
 law in cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.
 save and give them vic - tory o'er the grave.



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

- 5 O come, thou Key of David, come,
 and open wide our heavenly home;
 make safe the way that leads on high,
 and close the path to misery.
 Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
 shall come to thee, O Israel.
- 6 O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer
 our spirits by thine advent here;
 disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
 and death's dark shadows put to flight.
 Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
 shall come to thee, O Israel.
- 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.

One stanza of this paraphrase of the great O Antiphons may be sung on each of the last days of Advent as follows:

Dec. 17: O Wisdom (2)

Dec. 20: O Key of David (5)

Dec. 23: O Emmanuel (1)

Dec. 18: O Lord of might (3)

Dec. 21: O Dayspring (6)

Dec. 19: O Root of Jesse (4)

Dec. 22: O Desire of Nations (7)

These titles of the coming Christ appeared in daily Vesper antiphons sung during the week before Christmas; their roots date at least to the reign of Charlemagne. Both text and tune are the fruit of 19th-century efforts to reclaim Christian treasures from pre-Reformation sources.

79 Light Dawns on a Weary World



1 Light dawns on a wea - ry world when eyes be - gin to
 2 Love grows in a wea - ry world when hun - gry hearts find
 3 Hope blooms in a wea - ry world when crea - tures, once for -



see all peo - ple's dig - ni - ty. Light dawns on a
 bread and chil - dren's dreams are fed. Love grows in a
 lorn, find wil - der - ness re - born. Hope blooms in a



wea - ry world: the prom - ised day of jus - tice comes.
 wea - ry world: the prom - ised feast of plen - ty comes.
 wea - ry world: the prom - ised green of E - den comes.

Refrain



The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs;



the hills and moun - tains shall break forth with sing - ing!



We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace,



as all the world in won - der ech - oes sha - lom.

This is a hymn whose tune came first. Upon hearing it, the author recalled the watered garden of Isaiah 58:11, which in turn led to Isaiah 55:12, paraphrased in the refrain. Then came the stanzas, organized around their first two words: Light dawns, Love grows, Hope blooms.

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