



**The First Sunday in Advent ~ November 26, 2022 ~ 5:00 pm**  
*Pastor Doug Croucher*

**Greeting**

**Call to Worship** *"Speak His Name" Praise Singers*

Speak His Name, Speak His Name; Speak the lovely name of Jesus.  
God is with us, call Him Emmanuel, Emmanuel.  
Speak His Name, Speak His Name; Speak the lovely name of Jesus.  
God is with us, call Him Emmanuel. Repeat

**Invocation**

**P:** We begin in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit  
**C: Amen**

**Confession of Sins**

**P:** Lord God, you have given Jesus to seek and find us and be the way by which we are rescued from our sins. Yet, we often look to ourselves and trust what we can do as the reason to be saved.

**C: Forgive us for ignoring your way and not trusting wholly in You. Forgive us for thinking or acting like we can do something to make things right between You and us. Forgive us for inventing some "other Gospel," for there is no other "Good News" than Your Son Jesus, our Rescuer.**

**P:** In Jesus there is true and reliable Good News. God gave us Jesus so that we can be fully assured that our sins are forgiven. So let us trust and rely on the Good News that God alone can give.

**C: Dear God, keep our faith strong and always directed to our one and only hope, Jesus Christ. May this genuine Good News assure us and sustain us. Amen**

**First Reading**

Isaiah 2:1–5, p.722

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Second Reading**

Romans 13:8–14, p.1206

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God**

**"Come to My Heart, Lord Jesus"** *Praise Singers & Congregation*

Thou didst leave thy throne, And thy kingly crown  
When thou camest to earth for me,  
But in Bethlehem's home Was there found no room  
For Thy holy nativity;  
O come to my heart, Lord Jesus; There is room in my heart for thee.

Heaven's arches rang when the angels sang. Proclaiming thy royal degree;  
But in lowly birth didst thou come to earth, and in greatest humility;  
O come to my heart, Lord Jesus; There is room in my heart for thee.

When the heavens shall ring, and the angel's sing at thy coming to victory,

Let thy voice call me home, saying, yet, there is room. There is room at my side for thee;  
My heart shall rejoice, Lord Jesus; When thou comest and callest for me.

### **Gospel Reading**

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

Matthew 24:36–44, p.1055

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

### **Songs of Praise** *Praise Singers & Congregation*

#### ***"We'll Call Him Jesus"***

We'll call Him Jesus, the name the angels whispered.  
We'll call Him Jesus, come from heav'n to be our friend.  
We'll call Him Jesus, the sweetest name in all the world.  
We'll call Him Jesus, He'll save us from our sin.

But when your heart is full of joy, you'll call Him "Wonderful."  
And when you've almost lost your way, you'll call Him "Counselor."  
And in the midst of your confusion, whisper "Prince of Peace."  
And when you're all alone, He'll be "Immanuel."

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#### ***"Holy Child"*** (Isaiah 9:6-7)

Holy Child, we look for Your coming  
Holy Child, Your coming brings peace.  
Light to our darkness, joy to our sadness,  
Holy Child, Your coming brings peace. *Repeat*

### **Message** *Pastor Doug Croucher*

#### **Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Anthem "Christmas Is Comin'"** *Praise Singers*

Refrain:

Christmas is coming, let the church bells ring! People celebratin' the birth of a King.  
Shoutin' Hosanna till the heavens ring. Christmas is comin', let the church bells ring.

Christmas is comin', Mary's baby boy, bringin' us a message of comfort and joy.  
Glory hallelujah, what a wonderful thing. Christmas is comin', let the church bells ring.

Glory filled the heavens. Music filled the night.  
Shepherds heard the angels sing. Wisemen saw the light.

Refrain

Christmas is coming, let the church bells ring! People celebratin' the birth of a King.  
Shoutin' Hosanna till the heavens ring. Christmas is comin', let the church bells ring.

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  
Glory filled the heavens. Music filled the night.  
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**Prayers of God's People**

**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 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 and ever. Amen

**Benediction**

P The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you  
and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**C Amen.**

**Blessing**

**Hymn #331 The Advent of Our King v. 1,2,5 & 6** *Praise Singers & Congregation*

1. The advent of our King  
Our prayers must now employ,  
And we must hymns of welcome sing  
In strains of holy joy.

2. The everlasting Son  
Incarnate deigns to be,  
Himself a servant's form puts on  
To set His servants free.
  
5. Before the dawning day  
Let sin's dark deeds be gone,  
The sinful self be put away,  
The new self now put on.
  
- △ 6. All glory to the Son,  
Who comes to set us free,  
With Father, Spirit, ever one  
Through all eternity.

**Go in peace † Serve the Lord!**

*Prepare*  
the way  
*of the*  
**LORD.**  
ISAIAH 40:3