

Order of Worship – First Sunday of Advent – November 28, 2021

Gathering Music - “Walking In The Air” from *The Snowman* Arr. Blake

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude - “Still, Still, Still” Rose Christian, soloist

Call to Worship

Leader: We gather today with hope in our hearts

People: For the coming of the Lord is at hand

Leader: A voice cries out in the wilderness, “prepare the way of the Lord”

People: Make straight a highway for God

Leader: We wait for the Christ child, who is God made flesh

People: Born to set all people free

All: Let us worship God

Invocation

Opening Hymn #106 - Prepare the Way, O Zion

Lighting of the Advent Candle (insert whatever Dot has provided for this here)

Reading - “Nine” Leanne Terry

Anthem - “The Yearning”

There is a yearning in hearts weighed down by ancient grief and centuries of sorrow.

There is a yearning in hearts that in the darkness hide and in the shades of death abide,
A yearning for tomorrow.

There is a yearning, a yearning for the promised One, the First-born of creation.
There is a yearning for the Lord who visited His own,
And by His death for sin atoned, to bring to us salvation.

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, within our hearts the yearning.

There is a yearning that fills the hearts of those who wait the day of His appearing.
There is a yearning when all our sorrows are erased
And we shall see the One who placed within our hearts the yearning.

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, within our hearts the yearning.

Reading - "Zero" Paul Roark

Anthem - "E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come"

Peace be to you, and grace from Him who freed us from our sins
Who loved us all and shed his blood that we might saved be

Sing "holy, holy" to our Lord, the Lord, Almighty God
Who was and is and is to come, sing "holy, holy, Lord"

Rejoice in heaven all ye that dwell therein
Rejoice on Earth ye saints below
For Christ is coming, is coming soon
For Christ is coming soon

E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come, and night shall be no more
They need no light, nor lamp nor sun
For Christ will be their All

Reading - "A Multitude" Jim White

Anthem - "How Great Our Joy"

While by the sheep, we watched at night
Glad tidings brought an angel bright
How great our joy, how great our joy!

There shall be born, so did he say
In Bethlehem a child today
How great our joy, how great our joy!

There shall a child lie in a stall
This Child who shall redeem us all
This gift of love we'll cherish well
That evermore our hearts shall fill
Praise we the Lord, praise we the Lord
In Heaven on High

How great our joy!

Reading - "Four Hundred" Ellen Zink

Anthem - "And So We Wait"

For every dream left unfulfilled, every promise not yet kept
Still we know, you won't forget, you're just not finished yet
And every time you tell us "wait" is a chance to build our faith

And every time you tell us “no”, we see compassion overflow
So that your goodness we may know

And so we wait, and so we wait, and in this time you decorate
Our faith with gems of truth and grace
And so we wait, and so we wait

Remembering words that prophets said revives the hope that once was dead
But now please rise with Heaven’s might and conquer darkness with your light
O, come and save us all tonight

So come and be our Lion of Judah, step into our battlefield and fight for what is yours
Come and be our solid Rock of Ages, we need a place to stand
We need to see your hand, but if not now, you’ll come somehow

We will not hold onto the things you say cannot be ours
We know you’ll give your perfect Gift at just the perfect hour
But till then you’ll wrap your arms around us shielding us from doubt
And though your faithfulness surrounds us, still our hearts cry out

So come and be our Lion of Judah, step into our battlefield and fight for what is yours
Come and be our solid Rock of Ages, we need a place to stand
We need to see your hand, but if not now, you’ll come somehow

If not today, you’ll make a way
And so we wait

Anthem - "Would I Miss The Miracle?"

If angels filled the sky tonight, would I hear them sing
Would tomorrow find me saying it was all a dream
Would I leave my bed and go outside to hear their song
Would I go on sleeping until the morning dawned?

Would I miss the miracle? Would I see the King?
Or would my life be so consumed with ordinary things?
Would I miss the wonder, the hope that Christmas brings?
Would I miss the miracle? Would I see the King?

If a stranger knocked upon my door tonight in deepest need
In my life would there be room for anyone but me?
Would I hear the voice of God within a baby's cry?
Would I open up my heart and welcome Him inside?

Would I miss the miracle? Would I see the King?
Or would my life be so consumed with ordinary things?
Would I miss the wonder, the hope that Christmas brings?
Would I miss the miracle? Would I see the King?

Meditation - Paul Casner

Hymn #92 - While We Are Waiting, Come

Affirmation of Faith

We believe that God has come to us; that He brought us into being and gave us breath and purpose. We believe that God is coming to us; that He is not happy to leave us alone, that this

God will come to us as a human being, and be known to us in flesh and bone like ours. That Mary will soon give birth and Joseph will soon clap his hands in joy, that Jesus Christ will be born and our salvation made complete. We believe that God will come to us; that God will have the final word and the Word will be good, that this God will give us the presence of His Spirit to continue our work, that we are called to be disciples to all the corners of the earth, and that the day is coming when tears and pain will be no more, and all will well through the cry of a newborn baby in a manger.

Offertory - "The People That Walked In Darkness" from Handel's *Messiah* Paul Roark, soloist

The people of Israel were "walking in the darkness" of their pride, hypocrisy and impenitency. Isaiah prophesied that they will see a great light and be lifted from their darkness by the birth of the Savior, Jesus Christ.

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn #82 - Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

Postlude

Participating In Today's Service:

Bobby Chase, violin

Kristin Weber, violin

Patrick Monnius, viola

Austin Hoke, cello

Mike Neel, percussion

Stin Fox, bass

MARK YOUR CALENDARS



December 1 – Logos, 5:30 (Bingo Night)/Agape, 6:30 (Christmas Music with the Dormans)

December 4 – Hanging of the Greens, 9:30am

December 5 – Lessons & Carols

December 8 – Logos, 5:30 (Dancing the Night Away)/Agape, 6:30 (Revelation Study)

December 14 – Dot New Circle, 10am

December 24 – Christmas Eve Service, 6:00pm

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**We warmly welcome all who have come to worship with us today. If you are a guest at Donelson Presbyterian Church, we encourage you to fill out a yellow visitor card which you will find in the pew.

Pastoral Care Team: Chairs - Tina O'Connor and Joy Roark; Members - Lenna Aris, Velma Bartley, Melanie Caskey, Beth Chiles, Ann Cox, Charlene Dodson, Diane Ingram, Grace Lewis, Betty Polk, Jim White, Ruth White, Jill York

Christmas Services

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ADVENT I

CHOIR & STRING QUARTET | 10:15 AM

A service of spoken and musical reflections on waiting.

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ADVENT II

LESSONS & CAROLS, BAGPIPES | 10:15 AM

Our annual observance of the iconic King's College service.

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ADVENT III

CHOIR & BAND, HANDBELLS | 10:15 AM

A joyful celebration of contemporary Christmas music.

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ADVENT IV

JAZZ TRIO, CHILDREN'S CHOIR | 10:15 AM

Messages and music from "A Charlie Brown Christmas"

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CHRISTMAS EVE

TRADITIONAL CANDLELIGHT WORSHIP | 6:00 PM

Welcoming the Christ child on the holiest of nights

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