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NOVEMBER 29TH, 2026
8.00 + 9.30 + 11.00 AM

Gathering God's People

Word of Welcome

Prelude

"In the Bleak Midwinter (The Weary World Rejoices)"

Arr. Wyley Wilkin

In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan
Earth stood hard as iron; water like a stone.
Snow had fallen snow on snow, snow on snow.
In the bleak midwinter long ago.

Our God, heav'n cannot hold him, nor earth sustain.
heav'n and earth shall flee away, when He comes to reign.
In the bleak midwinter a stable place sufficed;
the Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ.

The people walked in darkness, a light on them has shone;
the weary world rejoices, Christ the Savior's born.

Angels and archangels may have gathered there;
cherubim and seraphim thronged the air;
but only his mother, in her maiden bliss
worshiped the Beloved, with a kiss.

The people walked in darkness, a light on them has shone;
the weary world rejoices, Christ the Savior's born.
A star shone o'er Jerusalem, God our flesh adorns;
the weary world rejoices, Christ the Savior's born.

Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Emmanuel;
Forever, Father, Prince of Peace, Emmanuel.

Oh we who walked in darkness, a light on us has shone;
the weary world rejoices, Christ the Savior's born.
Oh we who walked in darkness, a light on us has shone;
the weary world rejoices, Christ the Savior's born.

What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb,
if I were a wise man I would do my part,
yet what I can I give him, give my heart.

Invitation and Response

Advent Candle Lighting

Call to Worship

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7
Leader: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone…
…For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this."

Prayer of Invocation

Congregational Singing with Gospel Renewal

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

Veni Emmanuel

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear.

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, o come thou Lord of might, who to thy tribes, on Sinai's height, in ancient times didst give the law in cloud and majesty and awe.

O come, thou Dayspring from on high, and cheer us by thy drawing nigh; disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight.

Confession of Sin

Leader: Wonderful Counselor, we are a fractured people, torn apart by sin.
All: O come and heal our broken hearts.
Leader: Mighty God, we are enslaved by our own desires, addictions, and fear.
All: O come and cleanse us of our sin.
Leader: Everlasting Father, our world is full of darkness and hopelessness. We struggle to keep our eyes on You.
All: O come and bring us peace.
Leader: Prince of Peace, we fail in following You and shining as the light You are calling us to be.
All: O come and carry out your will in us. O come, Emmanuel, God With Us.

Wyley Wilkin

"Once Upon"

Hudson / Stiff

Once upon a midnight clear, heaven's song broke through the air. Peace and goodwill toward men, born now in Bethlehem.

Once upon a bed of straw, slept the Sovereign Son of God. Lord of the universe breathing the dust of earth.

Chorus: Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, our Messiah, name above every name, Gloria (in the highest).

Once upon a splintered cross, Jesus died to rescue us. All of our shame and sin nailed to the tree with him.

Once upon a brilliant day, Christ the Conqueror was raised. Heaven and nature sing, praise to the King of Kings.

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Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Therefore, as [Adam's] one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous. Now the law came in to increase the trespass, but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through righteousness leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Romans 5:18-21

"Christ the True and Better"

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Christ the true and better Adam: Son of God and Son of man.
Who, when tempted in the garden, never yielded never sinned.
He who makes the many righteous brings us back to life again.
Dying He reversed the curse, then rising, crushed the serpent's head.

Christ the true and better Isaac: humble son of sacrifice.
Who would climb the fearful mountain, there to offer up his life.
Laid with faith upon the altar, Father's joy and only son.
There salvation was provided: Oh, what full and boundless love!

Chorus: Amen! amen! From beginning to end: Christ the story, His the glory, Alleluia, Amen!

Christ the true and better Moses: called to lead a people home.
Standing bold to earthly powers, God's great glory to be known.
With his arms stretched wide to heaven, see the waters part in two.
See the veil is torn forever, cleansed with blood we pass now through.

Christ the true and better David: lowly shepherd, mighty King.
He the champion in the battle: where, o death, is now thy sting?
In our place He bled and conquered! Crown Him Lord of majesty!
His shall be the throne forever; we shall e'er His people be.

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Prayer of the People

Interlude

Culture Building
Greeting

Instruction in God's Word

Old Testament — Lamentations 1:1-6
New Testament — Luke 2:25-32

Preaching Today: James Forsyth

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Liturgy of the Table
Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sending

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Benediction