

Service for the Lord's Day
Paw Creek Presbyterian Church • November 29, 2020
First Sunday of Advent



Preparatory Music

The Potter's Hand

arr. Carol Tornquist

Welcome and Lighting of one Candle on the Advent Wreath

*Grace be unto you, and peace, from the one who is and who was and who is to come,
and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness. "I am the Alpha and the Omega", says the Lord God.
Hallelujah!*

Prelude

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

arr. Mary McDonald

Call to Worship

from Isaiah 40

Comfort, comfort ye my people, says your God.
Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her,
that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned.
The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness;
prepare ye the way of the Lord;
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Hymn 88

"O Come, O Come, 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.*

*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.*

*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.*

Prayer of the Day

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection awaken us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and keep us blameless until the coming of your new day. For you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 64: 1-9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence – as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil – to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence!

When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him.

You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.

We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.

Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

Hymn 102

“Savior of the Nations, Come”

Savior of the nations, come; virgin’s son, make here your home.

Marvel now, O heaven and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.

Praise we sing to Christ the Lord, virgin’s son, incarnate Word!

To the holy Trinity praise we sing eternally.

Sermon

Come quickly, Lord

Offertory

Of the Father’s Love Begotten

arr. Mark Hayes

Prayers of God’s People

Beginning with announcements and prayer concerns; and concluding with *The Lord’s Prayer*

Hymn 104

“O Lord, How Shall I Meet You”

*O Lord, how shall I meet you, how welcome you aright?
Your people long to greet you, my hope, my heart's delight!
O kindle, Lord most holy, a lamp within my breast,
to do in spirit lowly all that may please you best.*

*You come, O Lord, with gladness, in mercy and good will,
to bring an end to sadness and bid our fears be still.
In patient expectation we live for that great day
when your renewed creation your glory shall display.*

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

arr. Mark Hayes

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