

Order of Worship for 11/28/21

10am CST

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*Today's beautiful floral arrangement is from Ron & Belinda Breit
in thankfulness for their family near & far.*

Ringing of the Bell

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

Advent Candle Lighting Ceremony

We Wait In Hope (Joel Raney)

Choral Introit

Litany

Leader: Advent is a time to wait

People: We wait in hope for the Lord; he is our help and our shield.

Leader: During Advent we wait for light in the darkness.

People: We wait in hope for the Lord; he is our help and our shield.

Leader: During Advent we wait for freedom from captivity.

People: We wait in hope for the Lord; he is our help and our shield.

Leader: During Advent we wait for comfort in sorrow.

People: We wait in hope for the Lord; he is our help and our shield.

Leader: During Advent we wait for power In weakness.

People: We wait in hope for the Lord; he is our help and our shield.

Candle Lighting

Refrain (all)

**We wait in hope for the morning light,
For the love of Christ to illuminate the night
We wait with joy for the Savior's birth,
We wait In hope for peace on earth**

Call to Worship

Leader: The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill my promise to my people.

People: Justice and righteousness will fill the land and all will live in peace and safety

Opening Prayer (all)

Holy One, you have promised us that the day of our salvation is near. Keep us faithful in love and watchful in prayer, so that we may stand with confidence and joy at the coming of Christ, our redeemer and Lord. Amen.

Opening Hymn

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

#9 Presbyterian Hymnal

1.
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.

2.
O come, Thou Day-spring, come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight. (Refrain)

3.
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. (Refrain)

Prayer of Confession (all)

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, O Promised One. We confess to you that at various times this week we have been impatient, fearful, uncaring, faithless, despairing and unloving. But once again we come to this time of Advent and await your presence.

Give us the patience to seek the meaning of these busy days.
Give us the faith to wait in times of pain and trouble.
Give us the compassion to wait for one another.
Give us the courage to wait for the Messiah even when we are threatened
by the Herods of this world.
Give us the hope to wait for the Savior even when we cannot hear the
angels singing.
Give us the love that does not wait when it meets Christ in our
neighbor. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Hymn of Response

He Came Down

#2085 Sing the Faith

1.
He came down that we may have love; (3x)
Hallelujah forevermore.

2.
He came down that we may have peace; (3x)
Hallelujah forevermore.

3.
He came down that we may have joy; (3x)
Hallelujah forevermore.

**First
Scripture Reading**

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Special Music:

On Jordan's Stormy Banks (arr. Norman Johnson)
Pastor Dave & Jonah Comstock

1.
On Jordan's stormy banks I stand,
And cast a wishful eye
To Canaan's fair and happy land,
Where my possessions lie.

Refrain:
I am bound for the promised land,
I am bound for the promised land.
O who will come and go with me?
I am bound for the promised land.

2.
All o'er those wide extended plains
Shines one eternal day;
There God the Son forever reigns
And scatters night away. [Refrain]

3.
No chilling winds or pois'nous breath
Can reach that healthful shore;
Sickness and sorrow, pain and death,
Are felt and feared no more. [Refrain]

4.
When shall I reach that happy place,
And be forever blest?
When I shall see my Father's face,
And in His bosom rest? [Refrain]

**Second
Scripture Reading**

Luke 21:29-36

Sermon

"Living in the Already/Not Yet"
Pastor David Comstock

Hymn

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

#276 Presbyterian Hymnal

1.

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not;
As Thou hast been Thou forever will be.

Refrain:

Great is Thy faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

2.

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. (Refrain)

3.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! (Refrain)

Offertory Call & Offertory Music

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

376 Presbyterian Hymnal

1.

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven to earth come down,
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling, All Thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus, Thou art all compassion, Pure, unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation, Enter every trembling heart.

2.

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit Into every troubled breast!
Let us all in Thee inherit, Let us find that second rest;
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning, Set our hearts at liberty.

3. Come, Almighty to deliver, Let us all Thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never, Nevermore Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise Thee without ceasing, Glory in Thy perfect love.

4

Finish, then, Thy new creation; Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see Thy great salvation Perfectly restored in Thee;
Changed from glory into glory, Till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee, Lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Benediction

Postlude

Love Divine, All Love's Excelling

Arr. Carol Tornquist

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