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Worship Bulletin for November 30, 2025

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Introit

Let All Mortal Flesh

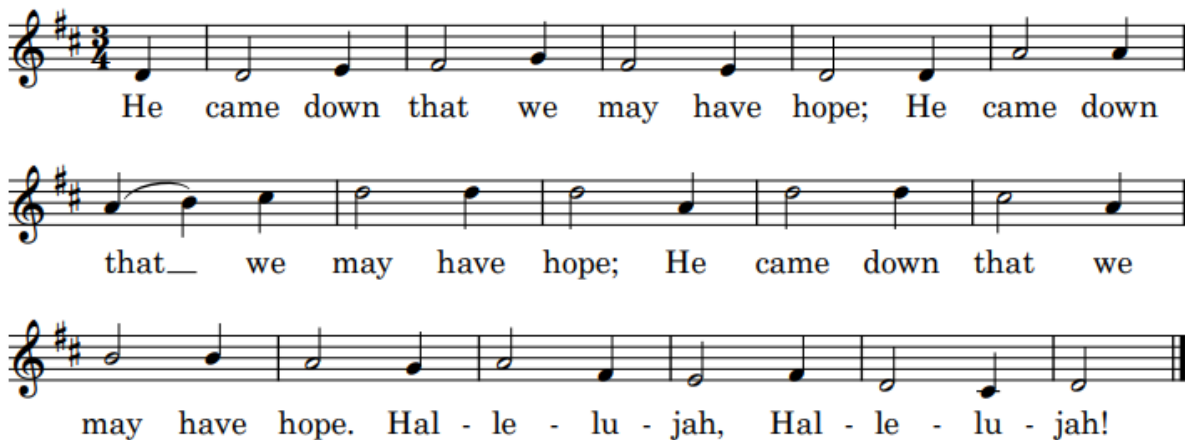
Bell Choir

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting the Advent Candle

Dorothy Glaum and Keith McKenzie

He Came Down, 2x (Hope)



Prayer

Loving God, as we enter this Advent season,
We open all the dark places in our lives and our memories
to the healing light of Christ.
Show us the creative power of hope.
Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you,
That we may walk in the light of Christ.

***Call to Worship (responsive)**

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord!"

Come, Let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,

That we may learn God's ways and walk in God's paths.

Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.

Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates; behold the King of glory waits;
the King of kings is drawing near; the Savior of the world is here.

Fling wide the portals of your heart; make it a temple, set apart
from earthly use for heaven's employ, adorned with prayer and love and joy.

Redeemer, come! I open wide my heart to thee; here, Lord, abide.

Let me thy inner presence feel; thy grace and love in me reveal.

Prayer of Confession (unison)

In this season of sales, shopping, and stress, God of Light, we confess how easy it is to slip off your paths. We can become so focused on having good times, we forget to take the time to do good for your people. We find ourselves strangely jealous over the gifts others receive, yet have trouble accepting those gifts of peace and serenity you hand out so freely. Forgive us, Breath of Hope. By your mercy, we can once again walk the streets of your kingdom, being alert for the signs of your grace and hope in our midst. Teach us your ways of peace and reconciliation, that we may truly live as the disciples of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Time for silent reflection.

Assurance of Grace (responsive)

This is the good news: you will be swept away in the waters of mercy, salvation carrying you home to God's heart.

Peace, serenity, healing, hope—these gifts, and more, are ours in this Advent season of watching and waiting. Thanks be to God. Amen.

***Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

Anthem

When He Comes on that Day

Choir

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

(Those with prayer requests worshipping online, please text Anne the day before so your request can be lifted-831345-6324)

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Song of prayer *Come and Fill Our Hearts with your HOPE* (pew song sheet)

Prayers lifted to God and 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Awake! Awake, and greet the new morn, for angels herald its dawning.
Sing out your joy, for soon he is born, behold! the Child of our longing.
Come as a baby weak and poor, to bring all hearts together,
he opens wide the heavenly door and lives now inside us forever.

To us, to all in sorrow and fear, Emmanuel comes a-singing;
his humble song is quiet and near, yet fills the earth with its ringing;
Music to heal the broken soul and hymns of loving-kindness.
The thunder of his anthems rolls to shatter all hatred and violence.

In darkest night his coming shall be, when all the world is despairing,
as morning light so quiet and free, so warm and gentle and caring.
Then shall the mute break forth in song, the lame shall leap in wonder,
the weak be raised above the strong, and weapons be broken asunder.

Rejoice, rejoice, take heart in the night.
Though dark the winter and cheerless, the rising sun shall crown you with light;
be strong and loving and fearless. Love be our song and love
our prayer and love our endless story; may God fill every day we share
and bring us at last into glory.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Speak to us, Lord.
Speak to us in the waiting, the watching,
the hoping, the longing,
the sorrow, the sighing, the rejoicing.
Speak to us by your Word in these Advent days,
and walk with us until the day of your coming. Amen.

First Lesson:

Isaiah 2:1-5

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The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation; neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

"But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in the days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so, too, will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken, and one will be left. Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

Sermon

Keep Awake

The Rev. Anne McAnelly

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

*Affirmation of Faith (by Bruce Prewer)

I believe in the Living God who is directly involved in the affairs of the world.

I believe that God chooses the meek and the poor to shame the proud and the rich.

I believe in the incarnate Word, leaping in a woman's womb, cradled in poverty.

I believe in Jesus, true son of Mary, true Son of God, who came among us in weakness, that we might come to know the profound strength available to common people who turn to God in trust and with love. Yes, my friends, this I truly believe.

Offering

Offertory

Longing for Light

Bell Choir

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Christ, all people here below;

Praise Holy Spirit evermore;

Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

Offering Prayer (unison)

We give you thanks and praise, O God, that you have built us up in faith and bound us together in love. By your grace, may all that we do and all that we give show glory to your name and serve the good of your people. Amen.

WE LIVE TO SERVE

*Hymn

The People Who Walked in Darkness

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The people who walked in darkness awaken to see a great light.
The people who dwelt in the land of the shadow
rise to a star shining bright.

(Refrain)

His name is Wonderful, Counselor, Almighty God,
Father forever, Prince of Peace.
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Father forever, Prince of Peace.

For God has enlarged the nation, and prospered the fruit of its land.
God's people are blest with the harvest of victory,
gift from a bountiful hand. **(Refrain)**

The yoke of despair and bondage, the chains of the slave master's rod
are shattered and scattered like dust in a windstorm,
loosed by the justice of God. **(Refrain)**

For us now a child is given, for all the despised and forlorn.
The rule of compassion shall rest on his shoulder.
God's own Messiah is born! **(Refrain)**

How vast is our God's dominion! How far truth and mercy extend.
The zeal of the Lord will accomplish its purpose:
justice shall reign without end. **(Refrain)**

Benediction

The service of worship ends, the service of neighbor and world begins

TODAY'S SERVERS

LITURGIST: Sandy Petznick

GREETER: Janet Maack

COFFEE HOSTS: Bill and Nancy Samsel

OFFERING COUNTER: Janet Maack

Unity Candle:

This week we pray for Cornerstone of Silicon Valley Presbyterian Church

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Week

Monday: **Bell Choir at 2:15PM, Thomas Lounge**

Tuesday, **Nurture Committee Meeting at 10AM, Zoom**

Bookstudy at 12:45PM, Zoom

Enrichment Meeting at 2:15PM

Thursday, **Choir Practice at 3PM**

Blue Christmas Service at 4PM

Christmas is often a time of celebration, parties, presents and holiday gatherings. Santa says, "Ho ,Ho, Ho" and we sing Christmas carols like Joy to the World. But what if you do not feel festive, joyful? You might find it hard to get into the holiday spirit. How do you navigate this season when your truth is not what the world is offering? Maybe the state of the world makes you anxious, fearful. Maybe you have lost a loved one and grief is your constant companion. Maybe you experienced a diagnosis or disappointment this year. Maybe you will not be with family this year and that makes you sad. You are not alone.

We are gathering on Thursday Dec. 4th at 4:00 for a service to honor your feelings, to make space in this busy holiday season to know that sometimes we feel blue around the holidays. We are offering a Blue Christmas Service, that is taken from the idea of the longest night, when we experience the most darkness and invite God's love and Christ's light into our hearts. We bring our faith into the space and invite God to help us as we await the birth of God's son. It is OK to feel your feelings, all of your feelings, even at Christmas time, because God sent Jesus into the world to hold us, save, us, redeem, us, forgive us, and to love us. Christmas is the time we remember the birth of Jesus, the one who came into the world so that we might know God. Join us for our Blue Christmas Service on Thursday Dec. 4th at 4:00.

Next Sunday, **Christmas Luncheon following worship, Hubler Hall**