



Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church

November 28, 2021 10:30 a.m.
First Sunday of Advent

Order of Worship

**indicates to stand as you are able.

Prelude

Toccata on Veni Emmanuel (O Come, O Come, Emmanuel)

arr. J. Denton

Isaiah 7:14: *Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.*

"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!"

(c. 12th century; Ancient Antiphons (Latin), versified in 18th century)
(translated by J.M. Neale, 1851; hymn is public domain) (this organ solo: Lorenz Publishing Co., 1983)

Introit

Surely the Presence of the Lord
(see insert)

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Candles

Annette Hinkle and Jane Preston

Response -insert

Emmanuel, Emmanuel

Passing of the Peace (L: Leader; P: People)

L: The peace of Christ be with you.

P: And also with you.

****Call to Worship**

Ashlee Hoffman

L: Blow the trumpet in Zion; sound the alarm on my holy hill.

P: Let all who live in the land tremble,

L: for the day of the Lord is coming.

P: It is close at hand.

L: Come, let us worship God.

****Hymn - 93**

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

****Silent Prayer of Confession**

****Common Prayer of Confession**

Lord, we have not kept watch for you. We have occupied ourselves with our own concerns. We have not waited to find your will for us. We have not noticed the needs of the people around us. We have not acknowledged the love that has been shown to us. Forgive us for our lack of watchfulness. Help us to wait to know your will. Help us to look out for the needs of others. Help us to work and watch for your coming. Amen.

****Assurance of Pardon**

L: Friends, this is the Good News of the Gospel...

P: ...in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

****Response – 82**

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus
(verse 1)

Moment with Children

Tito, Zyler and Paxton Baca

Children ages preschool—second grade dismissed to Sunday Experience
Please see announcement for special instructions

Word in Music

Come, Emmanuel

by P. Choplin

John 1:14: *The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.*

(Lorenz Publishing Co., 2011)

Prayer for Illumination

Scriptures

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Luke 21:25-36

L: The Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Waiting in Hope

Rev. Scott Hoffman

****Hymn - 92**

While We Are Waiting, Come

Invitation to Offering

There are numerous ways to give to the work of CMPC. Offering plates are located near the exits of the sanctuary for checks or cash to be left today. Cards with a QR code that will direct you to our online giving page are located in the pew racks. Donations can always be mailed to the church at any time using the address on the back page of the bulletin. Thank you for your gift!

Offertory

Emmanuel, with O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

arr. L. Shackley

An angel told Joseph in Matthew 1:23: *"Behold, the virgin shall be with child and shall bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which translated means, "God with us."*

"Emmanuel, Emmanuel; Emmanuel, Emmanuel; wonderful counsellor, Lord of Life, Lord of All; He is the Prince of Peace, Mighty God, Holy One; Emmanuel, Emmanuel."

(by Michael W. Smith, 1983; Meadowgreen Music Company; admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing)

"O come, thou Wisdom from on high, who orderest all things mightily; to us the path of knowledge show; and teach us in her ways to go. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel."

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****Doxology - 150**

As with Gladness Men of Old
(verse 3)

Prayers of Thanksgiving with The Lord's Prayer (using "debts")

****Hymn – 83**

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

****Benediction**

Postlude

Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord

by G. Blake

Isaiah 40: 3: *The voice of one crying in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert A highway for our God.*

(composed by G. Blake 1986 as an organ solo; Lorenz Publishing Co.)

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Announcements and Upcoming Events

Congregational Meeting

December 12th, Following Worship

The session has called a congregational meeting immediately following worship on December 12th for the purpose of electing officers of the church. All members are encouraged to attend.



Missing music stand

Joy's beloved music stand (gifted to her on the 25th anniversary of her employment at CMPC) has gone missing in the last weeks. If you have borrowed it or seen it, please return it ASAP.

Summary of the Nov. 15, 2021 Session Meeting

The Session passed three motions:

- To conduct a second Congregational Survey, with a goal of emailing it to church members by the end of the week.
- To maintain current covid-19 protocols in the church building for the time being - including the mask mandate and social distancing measures - with a commitment to ongoing review of CDC guidelines for Howard County as we approach Advent season.
- To resume passing the offering plates in the pews, dependent upon availability of volunteers to serve as ushers.

In other business, the 3rd capital campaign tally of lead gifts and advanced commitments - which was announced during worship service Nov. 14 - was restated: 36 households have pledged \$1.053 million thus far. The rest of the congregation is asked to submit their pledges on Commitment Sunday, Nov. 21, and the final total will be announced during worship service on Dec. 5.

Cold Weather Shelter seeks volunteers

CMPC will be supporting the CWS program this year from December 27th through January 3rd. We would like to be able to provide 2 volunteers per day and meals for the program guests residing at the hotel. If you are interested in volunteering or helping with meals or just want more information, please contact Todd Stubbs at todd.stubbs@gmail.com, or call 520.266.9276. More information can be found on our blog on the church website (www.cmpcusa.org/blog).

Faithfulness Received, Faithfulness Returned – Annual Operating Budget (AOB)

God's word promises us in Numbers 23:19 that God is perfectly faithful, steadfast, and true. Our God is wholly faithful to us. No matter what we do, the Lord will be there for us...that's faithfulness received. Likewise, it is important to be faithful to God...i.e. faithfulness returned. Faithfulness requires us to realize that we are in need of a Savior and that God is in control of our lives. We are to be faithful to God, because God is faithful to us.

As we embark on our third and final capital campaign, I would like to remind everyone that we also have a need to increase our Annual Operating Budget over the next few years in order to cover the costs of our monthly mortgage debt. To that end, I kindly ask each of you to pray on how to grow in your faithfulness and consider a small increase in your pledge to the Annual Operating Budget, knowing that each increase "received" will be "returned" to the glory of God through the expanded and faithful ministry of CMPC in years to come.

In Christ,
Jennifer Weinel
Annual Operating Budget Campaign Leader

Online Pledging Comes to CMPC

The capability to pledge online through the CMPC Bridge is now available for the annual Operating Budget, also known as the General Fund, and the "Faithfulness Received, Faithfulness Returned" ministry expansion capital campaign. Please complete only one of the online "pledge card" or a paper pledge card; do not complete both. Detailed instructions on how to pledge online are available on the CMPC blog. If you have any questions, please contact Joyce Danzig at joyce.danzig@gmail.com.

Greening of the Church

The Fellowship Committee and Shelley Clemens will be hosting the Greening of the Church on Saturday, December 4th beginning at 9:00am. Coffee and donuts will be provided in the morning along with lunch around 11:30/12:00. We are looking for volunteers to assist or just join in for some Advent fellowship!

If you plan to join us, please RSVP to Shelley by text/call at 443-756-2345.



Shawl Ministry

Did You Know-

that the Prayer Shawl Ministry has existed for over 15 years, that we have met via Zoom throughout the pandemic to knit and crochet shawls, baby blankets, hats and pocket prayers while supporting each other and adding prayers for those who receive them?

Did You Know-

that hundreds of members or friends have received shawls for joys, sorrows, or celebrating life events and have sent us notes to tell us what they have meant to them?



Did You Know-

that you could join us on Thursday mornings, 10am to 11:30 via the Zoom link that you can obtain through the office (office@cmpcusa.org) or contact Laura Frantz (franz4ever@gmail.com) for more information.

Our Financial Resources Doing God's Work

An update on some details about our finances. Thank you for your generosity to CMPC!

As of October 31, 2021 (83% of calendar year):

Actual Income \$388,193 - 78% of budget

Actual Expenses \$384,199 - 76% of budget

Sunday Experience has returned

Calling all parents of children preschool through second grade: Sunday Experience will return on November 21st!

1. After the Moment with Children, parents will need to escort their child/children downstairs to the area below the sanctuary. Classroom LOVE will be for preschoolers and Classroom FAITH will be for Kindergarten through Second grade.

2. Each parent will be asked to answer COVID-19 questions when checking in their child/ren.

3. After the worship service, parents are asked to be prompt in picking up their child/ren.

* Masks will be worn the entire time.

The Monday Morning Women's Bible Study Group

Come join the Monday Morning Women's Bible Study Group. We meet every second and fourth Mondays of each month from 9:30-11:30 in the Trinity Room of the church. Members enjoy prayer time, Bible study, fellowship, and mission projects as well as regular lunch outings. The group meets from September to May. We will be using Erica Wiggernhorn's *Unexplainable Jesus* book and DVDs in our study this year. All women of the church and members of the community are welcome to participate in this loving Christ-centered group. Please contact Miriam Miller at 410-531-6528, or jtmillerj@verizon.net or Barbara Petro at 410-300-6279 or bapetro@aol.com for more details.

Join the Handbell Choir!

The CMPC Handbell Choir, Bells of Joy is recruiting new ringers. Although the ability to read music is a plus, it is definitely not a requirement! We can teach you how to play handbells. The Handbell Choir typically plays for the worship service about once a month and practices at 8:00 pm on Wednesdays in the sanctuary. For more information, contact Sally Berlowitz (sberlowitz@verizon.net) or Cindy Pettit (cindycpettit@gmail.com).

Surely The Presence Of The Lord

Words and Music by
Lanny Wolfe

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CHORUS

D F#m Gmaj⁹ Em Em⁷

Sure - ly the pres - ence of the Lord is in this place, I can feel His might - y

6 A⁷ D G/D A⁷ D F#m

pow - er and His grace. I can hear the brush of an - gel's wings I see

11 Gmaj⁹ Em Em⁷ A⁷ Em A⁷ D

glo - ry on each face; Surely the pres - ence of the Lord is in this place.

Emmanuel, Emmanuel

Matt. 1:18-25
Liturgical Year/Advent

Words and Music by
Bob McGee

C /E F Dm G C(add2) /B
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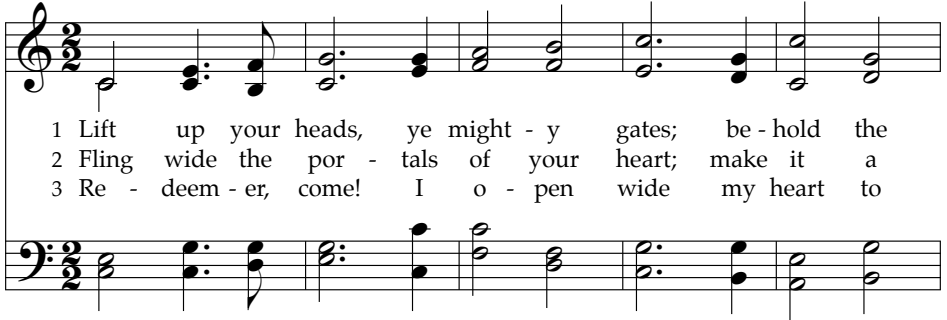
Am A/C# Dm7 G G7 C
his name is called Em - man - u - el.

C/E F Dm G7 C(add2) /B
God with us, re - vealed in us,

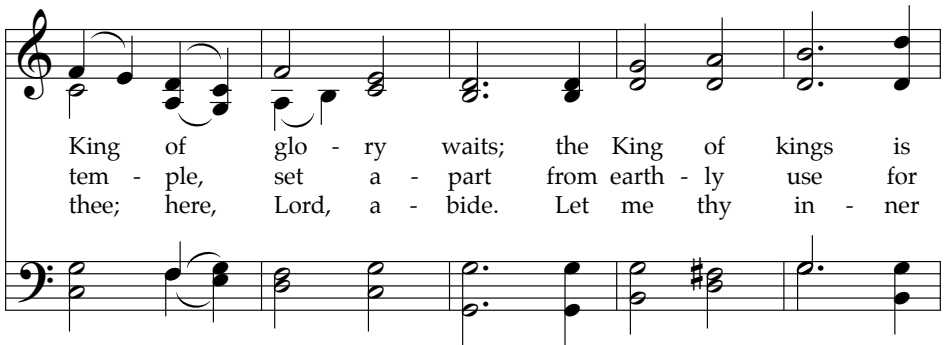
Am A/C# Dm G G7 C (F/C)
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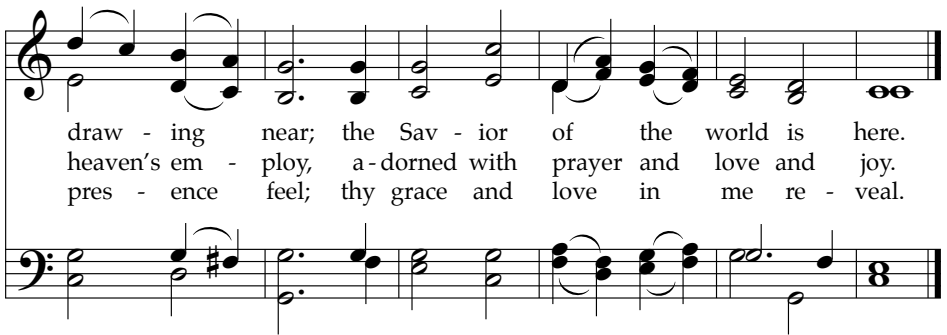
Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates 93



1 Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates; be - hold the
2 Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; make it a
3 Re - deem - er, come! I o - pen wide my heart to



King of glo - ry waits; the King of kings is
tem - ple, set a - part from earth - ly use for
thee; here, Lord, a - bide. Let me thy in - ner



draw - ing near; the Sav - ior of the world is here.
heaven's em - ploy, a - dorned with prayer and love and joy.
pres - ence feel; thy grace and love in me re - veal.

Beginning as a paraphrase of Psalm 24:7–10, this text then applies the door imagery to the singer's heart, and concludes with the individual's welcome of the approaching Savior. It is set to a very effective anonymous 18th-century English tune that has served many texts.

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus 82

1 Come, thou long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;
2 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and yet a king,

from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.
born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.

Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art;
By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone;

dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

With its opening "Come," this hymn sounds the note of entreaty and invitation that characterizes the Advent season (from the Latin *adventus* = "coming"). Its blending of memory and hope helps us to give voice to our present faith as we stand between the past and the future.

92 While We Are Waiting, Come

1 While we are wait - ing, come;
 2 With power and glo - ry, come;
 3 Come, Sav - ior, quick - ly come;

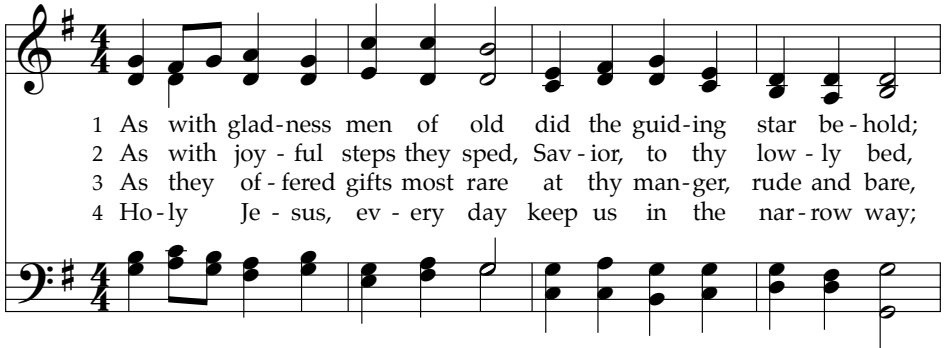
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 with power and glo - ry, come.
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Je - sus, our Lord, Em - man - u - el,

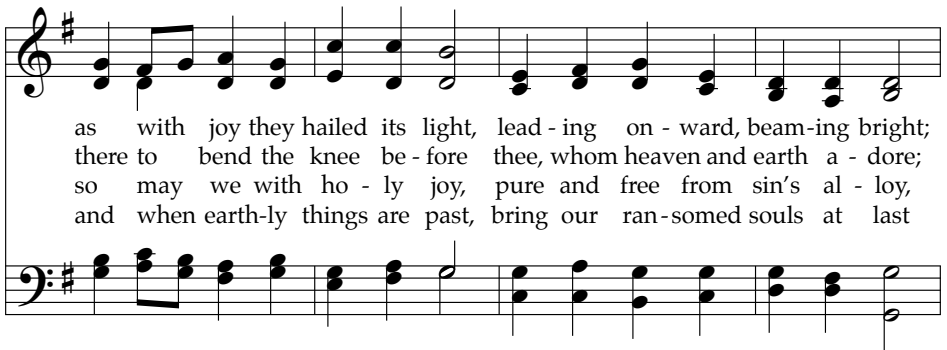
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This simple and meditative Advent hymn is so uncomplicated in both text and tune that it can be learned quickly and sung without reference to a book, which might make it effective as a prayer response. It would also lend itself to improvised stanzas on appropriate occasions.

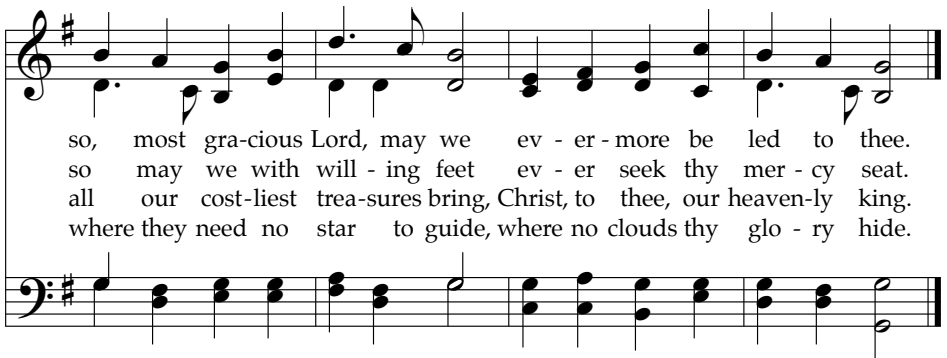
As with Gladness Men of Old 150



1 As with glad-ness men of old did the guid-ing star be-hold;
 2 As with joy-ful steps they sped, Sav-ior, to thy low-ly bed,
 3 As they of-fered gifts most rare at thy man-ger, rude and bare,
 4 Ho-ly Je-sus, ev-ery day keep us in the nar-row way;



as with joy they hailed its light, lead-ing on-ward, beam-ing bright;
 there to bend the knee be-fore thee, whom heaven and earth a-dore;
 so may we with ho-ly joy, pure and free from sin's al-loy,
 and when earth-ly things are past, bring our ran-somed souls at last



so, most gra-cious Lord, may we ev-er-more be led to thee.
 so may we with will-ing feet ev-er seek thy mer-cy seat.
 all our cost-liest trea-sures bring, Christ, to thee, our heav-en-ly king.
 where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glo-ry hide.

The first three stanzas here use an as/so structure to draw parallels between the coming of the Magi and the spiritual lives of the singers, summed up in the prayer of the fourth stanza. Even though this adapted German tune was named for him, the author did not care for it.

83 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

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