

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

Sunday, November 29, 2020

The First Sunday of Advent

GATHERING IN HOPE

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WELCOME *Affirming, Caring, Growing Spiritually, Reaching Out*
...Michael Brooks

PRELUDE *On this Day Earth Shall Ring* arr. M. Joy
...The BelAirs

CALL TO WORSHIP

A young woman will conceive and bear a child.

The child shall be called Emmanuel, which means "God is with us!"

Let our waiting and our watching begin.

VOICES UNITED **1, verses 1, 6, 7 *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

**O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel
that mourns in lowly exile here until the Son of God appear. *Refrain:*
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

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

**O come, Desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind;
O bid our sad divisions cease, and be for us the Prince of Peace. *Refrain***

**PEACE GREETING

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you!

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE OF HOPE ...The Liddle Family

Today, we light the candle named Hope.

May the light of hope help us find our way.

MORE VOICES **220** (sing twice)

Hope shines as the solitary star.

Faith is the inner light.

**You and I together mirror the Light of Lights,
and illumine the pathway home.**

(Children and youth may proceed to programs)

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

...Martha Reynolds

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(unison)*

**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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:

**For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

SEEKING TO GROW IN EXPECTANCY

GOSPEL BIBLE READING [Mark 13: 24-37](#) *(click link to read text)*

SERMON "LIVING IN HOPE"

RESPONDING IN CARE

INVITATION FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Rejoice! Rejoice!* arr. C. Mokolbust

REACHING OUT IN EXPECTANCY

COMMISSIONING AND BLESSING

**HYMN

**Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free:
from our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art,
dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.**

**Born thy people to deliver; born a child and yet a king;
born to reign in us for ever; now thy gracious kingdom bring.**

**By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all-sufficient merit raise us to thy glorious throne.**

POSTLUDE *Wake, Awake for Night is Flying*

J. G. Walther

Guidelines for In-Person Worship

We have put the following initiatives and guidelines in place to make our in-person worship experience as safe as possible:

- Keep a social distance of 6 feet between yourself and others attending worship; this also means that unfortunately, no hugs or handshakes are permitted at this time
- Washrooms are available and may be used; please maintain social distancing while in the washroom
- In accordance with Health Authorities, congregational singing is not permitted; music will be provided by soloists and instrumentalists
- You are invited to exchange the Peace of Christ using non-contact gestures such as waves, folded hands or peace signs
- Your offering may be placed into the collection plates at the back of the sanctuary at the end of the service while exiting
- No coffee or refreshments will be served following worship
- Following worship, please leave the building as per ushers' directions

***If you have any questions or concerns,
please contact the church office at 905-637-5631***



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