

November 28, 2021 ~ 1st Sunday of Advent

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude ~ "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (arr. M. Hayes) ~ Karen Danke

"Light One Candle" (N. Sleeth)

**Light one candle for hope, one bright candle for hope.**

**He brings hope to every heart, He comes, He comes.** (repeat)

Lighting of the Advent Candle by Mike and Margaret Weber

Call to Worship ~ *responsive*

Leader: A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord,

**People: make straight in the desert a highway for our God.**

Leader: Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low;

**People: the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.**

Leader: Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

*\*you are invited to stand in body or in spirit*

*\*Hymn #82 ~ "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"*

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession ~ *in unison*

Lord God, we wait for you and your call for our lives. You lead us and guide us, yet we often can stray to sin. In your mercy lead us back to you and forgive our sins. Amen. (A time of silent, personal prayer).

Assurance of Forgiveness

Responsive Chorus #88 ~ "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (refrain)

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

Passing the Peace

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**People: And also with you.**

Responsive Chorus #123 ~ "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" (v. 1)

**It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,  
from angels bending near the earth, to touch their harps of gold:  
"Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heaven's all gracious King":  
the world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing.**

## Offering Prayer

*“Jesus, You Brought Me All the Way”* (K.W. Louis) ~ Committed

## Prayer for Illumination

Hebrew Scripture ~ Jeremiah 33:14-16

Special Music ~ *“Song of Moses”* (A.J. Jones)

Christian Scripture ~ 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Message ~ *“Prophetic Promises: Righteousness to Grow”*

\*Hymn #88 ~ *“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”* ~ verses 1,2,6,7

## Community at Prayer

Prayer Preparation ~ *“Hear Our Prayer, O Lord”*

***Hear our prayer, O Lord, Hear our prayer, O Lord;  
Incline Thine ear to us, And grant us Thy peace.***

The Lord's Prayer ~ *in 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 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.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper ~ *responsive*

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

*“All Belong Here”* ~ (L. Rand/H. Rand) as recorded by The Many

***Come and remember who you are here. Do this to remember who I am.***

***Come and remember you belong here. All belong here.***

***At this table come as you are, broken and bleeding's ok.***

***At this table eat and be filled, come and drink in this grace.***

*Come and remember who you are here. Do this to remember who I am.  
Come and remember you belong here. All belong here.*

Breaking of the Bread and Sharing of the Cup

Prayer after Communion

\*Hymn #123 ~ *"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"*

\*Benediction

\*Choral Response #113 ~ *"Angels We Have Heard on High"* (refrain)

*Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!*

Postlude ~ *"Good, Good Father"* (P. Barrett, A. Brown)

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**Coffee Hour following worship on Sunday, December 5.**

**Today is the first Sunday of Advent. Devotionals are available on the lobby table along with a list of suggested donations for the annual Giving Tree.**

**A Congregational Meeting is called for Sunday, December 12, immediately following worship, for the purpose of electing officers.**

From Kathy Potter...ROMANS 12:4 : Cookies for Crossroads Farm  
December 12, following worship in the Social Hall

We will gather for a meal, Christmas carols & packaging up 125 Christmas cookie decorating kits for the rural youth served by Crossroad Farms in western Michigan! Lunch will be prepared by the VanEcks! There will be a freewill offering available to cover the cost of the meal. Everyone is invited!

We will be requesting assistance from anyone who would be willing to bake LARGE, PLAIN SUGAR cookies to be BAGGED BY THE DOZEN IN GALLON ZIPLOCK BAGS. They can be Christmas shaped or round, but NOT decorated, as we are making cookie-decorating kits for the youth to decorate themselves! We need 125 dozen. Cookies can be brought in Sunday, December 12th, bagged & ready to be boxed & included in the kit.

Please sign up by Tuesday, December 7th in the church lobby or by responding to this invitation. Indicate how many will be participating on Sunday, so we can plan for the meal. Also indicate if you will be willing to bake and how many dozen you can provide.

If baking isn't your thing, Gordon Food Service has Christmas shaped sugar cookies ready to bake in boxes of 6 dozen!!! No mixing! Just bake, cool & bag!

On Sunday, the 12th, we will be boxing cookies, bagging sprinkles, and assembling the decorating kit for gifting! Crossroads Farm is a Christian ministry to at-risk rural youth in Western Michigan. These cookie decorating kits are added to other gifts donated by a variety of groups and individuals to form a Christmas package given to each of the youth served by

this ministry at their annual Christmas party. We always have a wonderful time of fellowship & service as we prepare to bless and encourage these youth. I hope you will plan to join us!

**The Christmas Eve service will be at 4:00PM.**

**There will be NO worship service for St. Paul's on December 26 - all are invited to worship with Grace Bible Chapel at 11:30AM in Genesis Hall.**

**St. Paul's will be closed December 27 and 28 and January 3, 2022.**

***"Home for the Holidays,"* a benefit concert presented by Livonia Community Theatre on Sunday, December 12 @ 4:00PM featuring the award winning A Cappella Vocal Group *TBD*. Tickets are \$15.00 and available on the Livonia Community Theatre website - click on "*Box Office*"**

**Masks are required for all show attendees regardless of vaccination status.**

**From the Board of Deacons...**"Do you have someone or something to celebrate? You can share your joy with your St. Paul's family, help feed the hungry, and honor the person or object of your celebration with a tribute gift to the Board of Deacons Hunger Ministries. Tribute gifts may also be in memory of someone or something, or your donation can simply be a gift to the Hunger Ministries. An acknowledgement will be placed in the bulletin and e-Branch. No set amount is required, and acknowledgements will go in the bulletin as soon as possible after checks are received. Donations may not be made far in advance for future dates.

To donate, please:

- **Make your check payable to: St. Paul's Board of Deacons**
- In the Memo line, write: Hunger Ministries
- Enclose a note with: Donor(s) Name(s) and the dedication. (Dedication examples: In honor of the first responders. In honor of our grandchildren. In memory of my parents).

Send the donation with your check and note to St. Paul's, drop it in the secure mailbox outside the entrance, or bring it to the church during office hours. The Board of Deacons appreciates the congregation's generous spirit. Let's feed each other spiritually, and the hungry, literally. May the peace of Christ be with us all."

*In Our Thoughts  
& Prayers*

Meta Tulley, Gail Artinian, Ron Frank, Karen Bright, Sheldon Davis, Doris Knecht, Joyce Barton  
Pam Phillips, Suzanne Tabaka, Jim & Joanna Roye, Nola Bonandrini, Nancy Saunders  
Jerry Stone, Beverly Dearth, Kathleen Warren, Bob Liebertz, Grace Campbell, Susan Grant  
Bruce Phillips, Patricia Hutchison, Linda Thompson & her sister, Shirley Kircoff  
Macaylah Whitlock ~ daughter of the Rev. Kellie Whitlock; Tony Peraino ~ father-in-law of Steve Boyak  
Finley Farquhar ~ granddaughter of Eric; Rosemary Iaquina ~ sister of Cathy DeSautel  
Pamela Serene ~ daughter of the late Marilyn Allen

Mark Feely ~ friend of Judy McGregor; Glenn Ellan Rubright ~ sister of Mike Graham  
Nicole Snead ~ daughter of Bill VanEck; Nancy Kreipke ~ mother of Christian  
Rich McKenzie ~ son of Jean; Erin Lewis ~ daughter of Pattie Benoit  
Phyllis Badman ~ niece of Georgia Hunt; Christie Piastowski ~ daughter of Karen Bright  
Janet Kusuhara ~ cousin of Meta Tulley; Joe Duksay ~ friend of Mike & Carol Graham  
Mark Osborne ~ son of the late Janet  
Diane Calloway & Tony S. ~ cousins of Gail Artinian; MaryAnn Tabaka ~ mother of Suzanne  
Eric Tabaka ~ nephew of Suzanne; Cyndi Knecht ~ daughter of Doris; Joe Perko ~ friend of Wanda & Bob Seymour  
David Bonandrini ~ son of Nola & Ben; Zoe Marcus ~ friend of Karen Erwin  
Gideon Janku ~ great nephew of Bob Westbrook; Judy Siegfried ~ sister-in-law of Pam Phillips  
Randy Tillman ~ son of Gloria Rubbo; Leslie Benoit ~ daughter of the late Tamar and Jim Duthie  
Mary Rayes ~ friend of Pat Hutchison; Adam Schilling & Eric Shilling ~ grandsons of Ron & Janet Frank  
Donald Keller III ~ son of Jan Lapenta; Scott Davis ~ son of Sheldon & Marion Davis

**Please review the prayer list and report any changes to the office as soon as possible.**

# 88 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



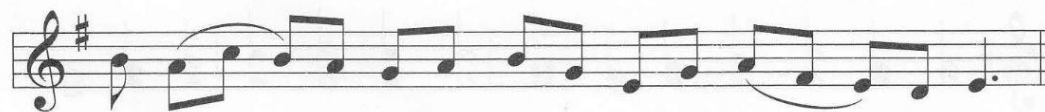
1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som  
 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest  
 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy  
 4 O come, thou Root of Jes - se, free thine own from



cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile  
 all things might - i - ly: to us the path of knowl - edge  
 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the  
 Sa - tan's tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell thy peo - ple



here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
 show; and teach us in her ways to go. Re-joice! Re-joice!  
 law in cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.  
 save and give them vic - tory o'er the grave.



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

- 5 O come, thou Key of David, come,  
 and open wide our heavenly home;  
 make safe the way that leads on high,  
 and close the path to misery.  
 Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
 shall come to thee, O Israel.
- 6 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.
- 7 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.

One stanza of this paraphrase of the great O Antiphons may be sung on each of the last days of Advent as follows:

Dec. 17: O Wisdom (2)	Dec. 20: O Key of David (5)	Dec. 23: O Emmanuel (1)
Dec. 18: O Lord of might (3)	Dec. 21: O Dayspring (6)	
Dec. 19: O Root of Jesse (4)	Dec. 22: O Desire of Nations (7)	

These titles of the coming Christ appeared in daily Vesper antiphons sung during the week before Christmas; their roots date at least to the reign of Charlemagne. Both text and tune are the fruit of 19th-century efforts to reclaim Christian treasures from pre-Reformation sources.

# Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus 82

1 Come, thou long - ex - spect - 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.



## 123 It Came Upon the Midnight Clear





1 It came up-on the mid-night clear, that glo-rious song of old,  
 2 Still through the clo - ven skies they come, with peace-ful wings un - furled,  
 3 Yet with the woes of sin and strife the world has suf-fered long;  
 4 And you, be-neath life's crush-ing load, whose forms are bend-ing low,  
 5 For lo, the days are has-tening on, by proph-ets seen of old,


from an - gels bend - ing near the earth, to touch their harps of gold:  
 and still their heaven-ly mu - sic floats o'er all the wea - ry world:  
 be - neath the heaven-ly hymn have rolled two thou-sand years of wrong;  
 who toil a - long the climb-ing way with pain - ful steps and slow,  
 when with the ev - er - cir-cling years shall come the time fore - told,

"Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heaven's all-gracious King":  
 a - bove its sad and low - ly plains they bend on hov-ering wing,  
 and we at war on earth hear not the tid - ings that they bring;  
 look now, for glad and gold-en hours come swift - ly on the wing:  
 when peace shall o - ver all the earth its an - cient splen-dors fling,

the world in sol - emn still-ness lay, to hear the an - gels sing,  
 and ev - er o'er its Ba - bel sounds the bless-ed an - gels sing.  
 O, hush the noise and cease the strife to hear the an - gels sing!  
 O, rest be-side the wea - ry road, and hear the an - gels sing.  
 and the whole world give back the song which now the an - gels sing.





## All Belong Here

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (D major) and a common time signature. It consists of five staves of music with lyrics underneath. Chord symbols are placed above the notes. The lyrics are: "Come and re-mem-ber who you are here. Do this to re-mem-ber who I am. Come and re-mem-ber you be-long here. All be-long here. At this ta-ble come as you are, bro-ken and bleed-ing's o-k. At this ta-ble eat and be filled, come and drink in this grace." The score includes a repeat sign with first and second endings. The first ending leads back to the beginning of the phrase "At this ta-ble", and the second ending leads to the final phrase "eat and be filled".

D B m7 G  
Come and re-mem-ber who you are here. Do this to re-mem-ber who I

A D B m7  
am. Come and re-mem-ber you be-long here. All be-

G G A sus  
long here. At this ta-ble come as you are,

B m F# m G G  
bro-ken and bleed-ing's o-k. At this ta-ble

A sus B m A G  
eat and be filled, come and drink in this grace.

As recorded by The Many.  
Lyrics by Lenora Rand. Music by Hannah Rand.  
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