

**NOVEMBER 29, 2020**  
**1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**11:00AM SUNDAY WORSHIP, LIVE STREAM**

**GATHERING**

**ANNOUNCEMENT SLIDES**

**PRELUDE** Come Thou, *Jesu*, from Heaven and Earth, BWV 650  
“Sleepers, Wake!” A Voice Astounds Us, BWV 645

Johann Sebastian Bach

**VIDEO GREETING/COUNTDOWN**

**WELCOME**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

The story begins with hope for a child —

**A child, born of woman, like us;**

A child who will lead us,

**A child who will inspire us.**

A child who will be our living hope.

**On this first Sunday of Advent, we give thanks for the coming child, Jesus.**

Let us worship God.

**HYMN NO. 88** O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

VENI EMANNUEL

**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.**

**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. *Refrain.***

**Oh come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy tribes on Sinai's height  
in antient times didst give the law in cloud and majesty and awe. *Refrain.***

**O come, though Root of Jesse, free thine own from Satan's tyranny;  
from depths of hell thy people save and give them victory o'er the grave. *Refrain.***

**THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE**

**Reader One:** If ever there was a year we needed Advent, this is the year. We hardly know how to describe the year we have lived through. We hesitate to reflect on all the mess around us in 2020. All we know is that nothing seems right, nothing seems like it used to be, nothing. We need Advent!

**Reader Two:** The prophet Isaiah cried out for us, “O that you would tear open the heavens and come down ... To make your name known ... so that nations might tremble at your presence.” So tear through the mess, O Lord, and come down to us again. We long to be your people, a people of hope.

**Reader One:** We light this first candle as a sign of our hope. Hope that you can meet us, even in the mess of our world. Hope that you still see us, though we feel we are lost in the rubble. Let this light be the guide that brings us to Emmanuel once more.

**Reader Two:** O Come, O Come Emmanuel.

**RESPONSE HYMN NO. 137** He Came Down

HE CAME DOWN

He came down that we may have hope;  
he came down that we may have hope;  
he came down that we may have hope:  
Hallelujah forevermore.

**HEARING THE WORD**

**NEW TESTAMENT READING**

Mark 13:24-37

This is the Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God!

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Isaiah 64:1-9

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**SERMON**

*"We Interrupt This Broadcast"*

Pastor Carrie Winebrenner

**SPECIAL MUSIC** Comfort Ye My People  
Every Valley Shall Be Exalted

George Frideric Handel

*Soloist: Quinton Davis*

*Comfort ye, comfort ye, saith your God. Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned. The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness. Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low; the crooked straight, and the rough places plain.*

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

**THE PASTORAL PRAYER 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.

**HYMN NO. 82** Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

HYFRYDOL

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 forever, 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.

**SENDING**

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** Chorale Prelude on *Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding!*

Malcolm Archer

### **Music Notes:**

Hymn 88 — Plainsong; adapt. Thomas Helmore, 1852; arr. John Weaver, 1988. 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 the 19th-century efforts to reclaim Christian treasures from pre-Reformation sources.

Hymn 82 — Rowland Hugh Prichard, 1830; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906. 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.

### **Assisting with Worship:**

Rev. Dr. Anne B. Epling, Pastor/Head of Staff  
Carrie Winebrenner, Resident Pastor  
Brent Neuenschwander, Director of Music/Organist

*Thank you for joining us today.*

*We welcome you to join us for worship next Sunday, November 29, 2020 for  
11:00am English-speaking service for Live Stream via Facebook, website or YouTube  
11:00am Korean-speaking via YouTube video or YouTube live.*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **KLM at a Glance: Wishing Tree 2020**

The First Pres Courtyard will shine brightly thanks to a project spearheaded by the Korean group. We hope this event will give us a moment to share love, courage, and warmth with the family who needs to overcome the difficulties lasting several months. Ornaments were passed out with the offering envelopes during Membership Appreciation Day. You may hang your ornament on the tree in the church courtyard at any time.

If you want to support this project for the FPC and the community, please donate to the church with a note on the memo line stating **KLM Christmas Tree Fund**. Mail to PO Box 10390, Fort Wayne, IN 46852.

## **ZOOM EVENTS**

### **Wired Word: Sundays at 9:30am via Zoom**

Join Meeting: [zoom.us/j/841496772](https://zoom.us/j/841496772). Call-in Number: 312-626-6799; Meeting ID: 841 496 772,  
Passcode: 2604267421.

### **Table Talk 1: Wednesdays at 10am via Zoom**

Join Meeting: [zoom.us/j/241730827](https://zoom.us/j/241730827). Call-in Number: 312-626-6799; Meeting ID 241 730 827,  
Passcode: 2604267421.

### **Men's Bible Study: Fridays at 10:00am via Zoom, all men invited!**

**What:** Gospel John and Metzger's book. **How:** Please read Gospel John chapter 1 and 2, and 21-35 of the Metzger's book. Also, we will talk about the uniqueness of John compared to other gospels. Contact: Rev An, [ysan@firstpresfortwayne.org](mailto:ysan@firstpresfortwayne.org).

### **Women's Bible Study: Fridays at 1:00pm via Zoom**

Join Meeting: [zoom.us/j/904041033](https://zoom.us/j/904041033). Call-in Number: 312-626-6799; Meeting ID 904 041,  
Passcode: 2604267421.

### **Pledges and Offerings**

We invite you to mail in pledges and offerings to First Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 10390, Fort Wayne, Indiana 46852, or go online and give at [www.firstpresfortwayne.org](http://www.firstpresfortwayne.org), where you can also find updated information on our events. Thank you for your gifts!

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