

Longing for the Light

an Advent Journey



The Light Enters the World

December 7, 2025
SECOND SUNDAY OF
ADVENT

As you enter the sanctuary, please use this time to quietly prepare your heart for worship.

PRELUDE

Laurie Norris, piano

Coventry Carol (arr. Tom Fettke)

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly (arr. Tom Fettke)

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

Pastor Daniel Owens

INTROIT

Adult Choir; Rita Burnett, piano

God Himself Is with Us (arr. Greg Wheatley)

HYMN OF ADORATION (Congregation stands)

My Soul Gives Glory to My God

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AFFIRMATION OF THE INCARNATION (Congregation stands)

James Mor

1 Timothy 3:16

Great indeed, we confess, is the mystery of godliness:
He was manifested in the flesh,
vindicated by the Spirit,
seen by angels,
proclaimed among the nations,
believed on in the world,
taken up in glory.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Women's Ministry: Susan Dix, Julie Williams,

Candle of Preparation (Congregation reads bold)

Lianki Her, Laura Gross

A voice cries:

"In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord;
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

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

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

**And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall
see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."**

(Isaiah 40:3-5)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Andy Peterson

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come, your will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts
As we also have forgiven our debtors.

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

For yours is the kingdom, and the power and the glory,
Forever, Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING
Isaiah 7:10-14

Chuck King
Page #572, Pew Bible

HYMN TO CHRIST
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel #123

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OFFERTORY
What Child Is This? (arr. Karen Kuehmann)

Pastor Chris Castaldo

Douglas Yeo, bass trombone; Patricia Yeo, piano

(Children age 4–2nd grade are dismissed for WOW; Friendship Registers passed)

NEW TESTAMENT READING (Congregation stands)
Luke 1:26-38

Laurie Norris
Page #855, Pew Bible

RESPONSE (Congregation in unison) “THANKS BE TO GOD”

O COME LET US ADORE HIM

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SERMON
The Light Enters the World

David Sunday

THE LORD’S TABLE

MEDITATION FOR THE BREAD
What Child Is This?

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MEDITATION FOR THE CUP
Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming (arr. Mark Hayes)

Laurie Norris, piano

Isaiah ‘twas foretold it,
The Rose I have in mind:
With Mary we behold it,
The virgin mother kind.
To show God’s love aright
She bore to men a Savior
When half-gone was the night.

HYMN OF RESPONSE (Congregation stands)
Joy to the World! #125

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BENEDICTION (Congregation stands)

Pastor Chris Castaldo

POSTLUDE
Postlude on Veni, Emmanuel (arr. Robert J. Powell)

Rich Tichgelaar, organ

For prayer after the service, please come to the front of the platform.

*A note to nursing mothers: Your infants are always welcome to remain with you in the worship service.
But our first-floor parlor (where you can still listen to the service) is available if you desire.*

Join us for coffee and refreshments after the service in Fellowship Hall.

My Soul Gives Glory to My God

1. My soul gives glo - ry to my God. My
 2. My God has done great things for me: yes,
 3. From age to age, to all who fear, such
 4. Love casts the might - y from their thrones, pro -
 5. Praise God, whose lov - ing cov - e - nant sup -

heart pours out its praise. God lift - ed up my
 ho - ly is this name. All peo - ple will de -
 mer - cy love im - parts, dis - pens - ing jus - tice
 motes the in - se - cure, leaves hun - gry spir - its
 ports those in dis - tress, re - mem - ber - ing past

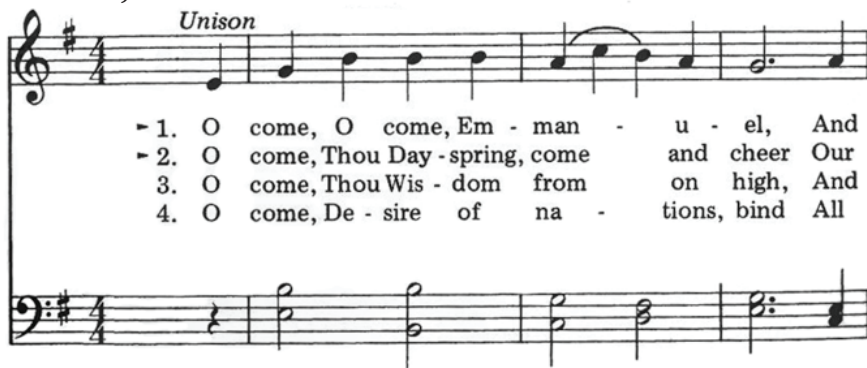
low - li - ness in man - y mar - ve - lous ways.
 clare me blessed, and bless - ings they shall claim.
 far and near, dis - miss - ing self - ish hearts.
 - sat - is - fied, the rich seem sud - den - ly poor.
 prom - is - es with pres - ent faith - ful - ness.

Text: Miriam Therese Winter

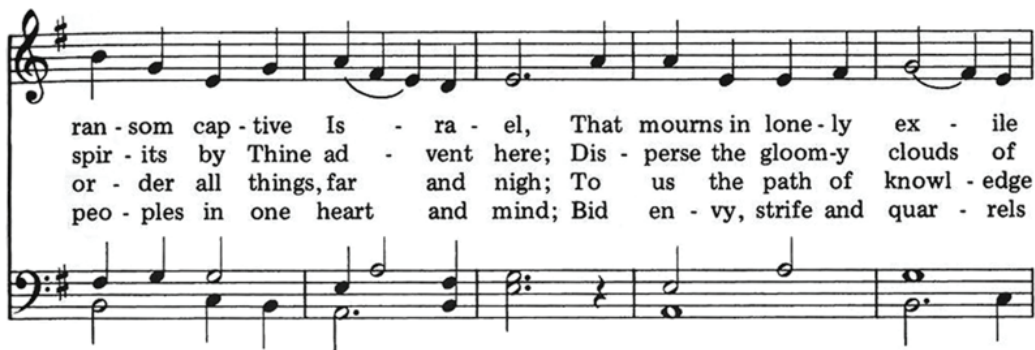
Music: Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel #123

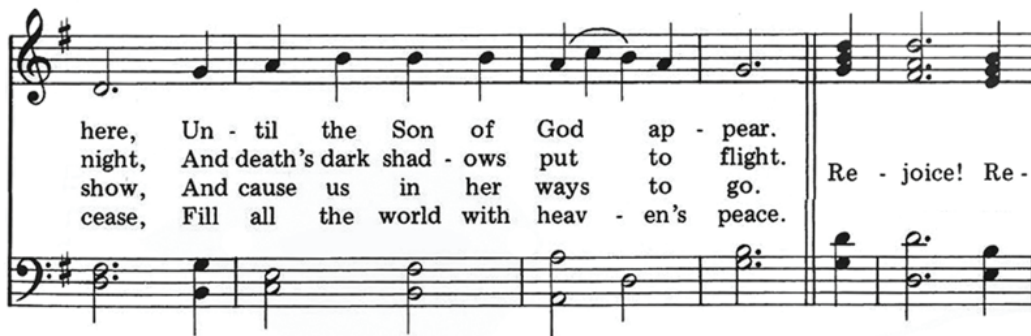
Unison



- 1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And
 - 2. O come, Thou Day - spring, come and cheer Our
 3. O come, Thou Wis - dom from on high, And
 4. O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind All



ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
 spir - its by Thine ad - vent here; Dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of
 or - der all things, far and nigh; To us the path of knowl - edge
 peo - ples in one heart and mind; Bid en - vy, strife and quar - rels



here, Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 night, And death's dark shad - ows put to flight.
 show, And cause us in her ways to go. Re - joice! Re -
 cease, Fill all the world with heav - en's peace.



joice! Em - man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

Text: Latin Hymn, Psalterium Canticum Catholicarum; translated by John M. Neale, stanzas 1, 2; Henry S. Coffin, stanzas 3, 4
 Music: Adapted from Plainsong by Thomas Helmore; arranged by Tom Fettke

O Come Let Us Adore Him

The musical score is written for two voices, Treble and Bass, in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first system contains the first line of the hymn: "O come, let us a - dore Him, O come, let us a - dore Him,". The Treble staff begins with a half note G4, followed by a half note A4, then a half note B4, and a half note C5. The Bass staff begins with a half note G3, followed by a half note A3, then a half note B3, and a half note C4. The second system contains the second line of the hymn: "O come, let us a - dore Him, Christ the Lord!". The Treble staff begins with a half note G4, followed by a half note A4, then a half note B4, and a half note C5. The Bass staff begins with a half note G3, followed by a half note A3, then a half note B3, and a half note C4. The score concludes with a double bar line.

O come, let us a - dore Him, O come, let us a - dore Him,

O come, let us a - dore Him, Christ the Lord!

Text: Latin hymn, ascribed to John Francis Wade; translated by Frederick Oakeley

Music: John Francis Wade

What Child Is This?



1. What Child is this who, laid to rest On Ma-ry's lap is sleep - ing? Whom
 2. Why lies He in such mean es - tate, Where ox and ass are feed - ing? Good
 3. So bring Him in - cense, gold and myrrh, Come pea-sant, king to own Him; The



an - gels greet with an - thems sweet, While shep - herds watch are keep - ing?
 Christ - ians, fear, for sin - ners here The si - lent Word is plead - ing.
 King of kings sal - va - tion brings, Let lov - ing hearts en - throne Him.



This, this is Christ the King, Whom shep - herds guard and
 Nails, spear shall pierce Him through, The cross be borne for
 Raise, raise a song on high, The vir - gin sings her



an - gels sing; Haste, haste, to bring Him laud, The Babe, the Son of Ma-ry.
 me, for you. Hail, hail the Word made flesh, The Babe, the Son of Ma-ry.
 lul - la - by. Joy, joy for Christ is born, The Babe, the Son of Ma-ry.



Text: William C. Dix

Music: Traditional English melody, 16th century

Joy to the World! #125



1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come; Let earth re - ceive her King;
2. Joy to the earth! the Sav - ior reigns; Let men their songs em - ploy;
3. No more let sins and sor - rows grow, Nor thorns in - fest the ground;
4. He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the na - tions prove



Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare Him room,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
He comes to make His bless - ings flow
The glo - ries of His righ - teous - ness,



And heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture sing,
Re - peat the sound - ing joy, Re - peat the sound - ing joy,
Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is found,
And won - ders of His love, And won - ders of His love,

1. And heav'n and na - ture sing,



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And heav'n and na -



And heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
Re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
Far as, far as the curse is found.
And won - ders, won - ders of His love.



ture sing,

Text: Isaac Watts

Music: George Frederick Handel, arranged by Lowell Mason

Celebrate Christmas with **The NCC Forums**

Saturday, December 13

3:00 PM

Camerata Chicago Chamber Orchestra

presents

Handel's Messiah

A glorious performance of the beloved oratorio.

Admission charged • Go to

<https://cameratachicago.ticketspice.com/20251213-naperville> and use online code **NCCN** for 15% off

Sunday, December 21

3:00 PM

Lessons and Carols for Advent

A traditional service of Scripture, song, and candlelight

Free admission



CHRISTIANITY|EXPLORED

WHAT'S THE BEST NEWS
YOU'VE EVER HEARD?

Coming in January!

Christianity Explored is a 7-week course that walks through the Gospel of Mark.

Why not invite your spiritually curious friends and family to join you? They will learn who Jesus is, and His call on their lives. And your own faith will be deepened as you go through the class with them.

Christianity Explored is more than a class, however. It's an opportunity to grow, to meet new friends, and to enjoy great coffee and conversation.

More information about the dates and meeting times will be available soon. In the meantime, please be praying about whom you could invite!

For more information, please email Stan Guthrie:
communications@newcovenantnaperville.org

CHRISTMAS EVE

Candlelight Service

Longing for the Light

Join us on December 24 at 5 PM
for a time of celebration and
reflection as we remember
Jesus is the light of the world.





SERMON NOTES

New covenant CHURCH

WELCOME, VISITORS!

We're so glad you're here!

This Week:

- Bible studies are off for Christmas! They will resume in January.
- Wed.: Youth Group, 6:30 PM

Upcoming:

- Dec. 13: Camerata Chicago, 3:00 PM
- Dec. 14: Senior Saints Luncheon, 12:00 PM
- Dec. 21: Lessons and Carols, 3:00 PM
- Dec. 24: Christmas Eve Service, 5:00 PM

On Sunday Mornings:

- Adult Choir Rehearsal, 8:30 AM
- Adult Sunday School, 9:00 AM
- Youth Sunday School, 9:00 AM
- Children's Sunday School, 9:00 AM
- Prayer in the Parlor, 10:05 AM
- Good News Choir Rehearsal, 11:45 AM

For more details:

- Visit the Welcome Table in narthex.
- Call the office, 630.357.4092.
- Visit our website to view our calendar, see upcoming events, watch our live stream and sermons, request prayer and pray for others, and find information on all our ministries: www.newcovenantnaperville.org

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