



**November 28, 2021 Service Order**  
**1st Sunday of Advent ("HOPE")**  
**Luke 1:26-38; Colossians 1:15-23**

Order of Worship	9:30 AM <i>Worship</i>
<b>Prelude</b>	Milianna
<b>Opening Hymn</b>	#244 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus
<b>Advent Reading &amp; Lighting</b>	Grant & Laura Severson Family
<b>Advent Hymn</b>	#245 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (verse 1)
<b>Opening Prayer &amp; Announcements</b>	Andrew
<b>Children's Message</b> (Allison)	Allison
<b>Temple Talk</b>	Brad Skaar
<b>Scripture Readings</b>	Linda Doyle
<b>Apostles' Creed</b>	Chris
<b>Message</b>	Chris
<b>Worship Set (Andrew)</b>	Here I Am To Worship - D
<b>Closing Prayers + Lord's Prayer</b>	Andrew
<b>Benediction/Sending</b>	Andrew
<b>Closing Worship Set</b>	#354 I Cannot Tell
<b>Postlude</b>	Milianna
<b>Banner: #2 Advent Angel with Trumpet (blue)</b>	

**Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus**

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

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## Advent Reading Week #1: HOPE

Today we begin our celebration of Advent. On these four Sundays leading up to Christmas, we will rejoice in the great gift that is ours in Jesus Christ. To help us celebrate, we will be lighting the candles of the Advent wreath. The candles signify that Jesus is the Light of the World. The evergreens remind us that He is life and brings life to us. All these are arranged in a circle because life in Christ has no end.

Each Sunday we will light an additional candle. Then on Christmas Eve, we will light all the candles, including the center one, the Christ candle. As we do, we will rejoice that Christ has come to us. He is Emmanuel... God with us.

But what a mess! And we're not talking about spilled milk or toys on the floor. If ever there was a year we needed Advent, this is the year. All we know is that nothing seems right, nothing seems like it used to be...nothing. We need Advent!

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.

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. O Come, O Come Emmanuel!

### **Congregation sings: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" #245, verse 1 with refrain**

O come O come Emmanuel  
And ransom captive Israel  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear

#### **Chorus**

Rejoice rejoice Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee O Israel

## **Readings for this Sunday:**

### **First Reading: *Colossians 1:15-23***

The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. <sup>16</sup> For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup> He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup> And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. <sup>19</sup> For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, <sup>20</sup> and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

<sup>21</sup> Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of <sup>f[a]</sup> your evil behavior. <sup>22</sup> But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation— <sup>23</sup> if you continue in your faith, established and firm, and do not move from the hope held out in the gospel. This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant.

***Here ends the first reading.***

***Please stand if you are able for the reading of the Gospel.***

### **Gospel Reading: *Luke 1:26-38***

In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, <sup>27</sup> to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup> The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you."

<sup>29</sup> Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup> But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup> You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. <sup>32</sup> He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, <sup>33</sup> and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end."

<sup>34</sup> "How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?"

<sup>35</sup> The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called <sup>[a]</sup> the Son of God. <sup>36</sup> Even

Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month. <sup>37</sup> For no word from God will ever fail."

<sup>38</sup> "I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May your word to me be fulfilled." Then the angel left her.

### *Here ends today's readings.*

#### **Here I Am To Worship**

##### **Verse 1**

Light of the world  
You stepped down into darkness  
Opened my eyes let me see  
Beauty that made  
This heart adore You  
Hope of a life spent with You

##### **Chorus**

So here I am to worship  
Here I am to bow down  
Here I am to say that You're my God  
And You're altogether lovely  
Altogether worthy  
Altogether wonderful to me

##### **Verse 2**

King of all days  
Oh so highly exalted  
Glorious in heaven above  
Humbly You came  
To the earth You created  
All for love's sake became poor

##### **Bridge**

And I'll never know how much it cost  
To see my sin upon that cross  
And I'll never know how much it cost  
To see my sin upon that cross

#### **I Cannot Tell**

I cannot tell why He the King of Heaven  
Should leave the peace of all eternity  
Why God Himself  
should lay aside His splendor  
To leave the Father's side and come to me  
But this I know our silence filled with singing  
And all our darkness fled from heaven's light  
When Christ the Lord so human yet so holy  
In love was born a child  
for me that holy night

I cannot tell why He the Joy of Heaven  
Should give Himself to suffer for my sin  
Why Holy God should love me  
in my shamefulfulness  
Why He should die to draw my soul to Him  
But this I know that Christ the Lord is risen  
And praise His name He's risen now in me  
Because He lives I'll rise to life eternal  
He took my guilty heart and I'm forever free

I cannot tell when He will rule the nations  
How He will claim His loved ones as His own  
And who can tell the holy jubilation  
When all His children  
gather 'round His throne  
But this I know all flesh will see His glory  
And skies will burst as all creation sings  
The Son will rise on one eternal morning  
When Christ the Savior of the world  
is Lord and King