# Welcome to Worship
# ADVENT 1 - Vigilant Hope
## November 29, 2026, 10:00 a.m.

## WE GATHER

The order of worship is set out in this bulletin. Words are projected on the screen.
Unless noted otherwise, the page and hymn numbers are listed for the Red ELW Hymnal.
● Participation Guide: P = Pastor, L = Worship Leader, **C** = **Congregation**

**Gathering Song** *Everlasting God* Brown/Reily

Verse

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord
Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord

Chorus

Our God, You reign forever
Our Hope, our strong Deliv'rer
You are the everlasting God
The everlasting God
You do not faint
You won't grow weary
You're the defender of the weak
You comfort those in need
You lift us up on wings like eagles

Verse

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord
Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord (Chorus)

Bridge
You are the everlasting God
The everlasting God
The everlasting God / The everlasting God
The everlasting … (repeat)

Ending
You are the everlasting God
The everlasting God
The everlasting God / The everlasting God
The everlasting …

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**Welcome**

**Call to Worship - Advent**

L: We gather together in this place:
**C: prophets and dreamers, singers and poets,**
L: we who dare to imagine a world renewed;
**C: we who dare to dream God's dream.**
L: We proclaim expectation with Isaiah!
**C: God's redemption is near!**
L: Through tears and through trials,
**C: we hold fast to our hope.**
L: Do not fear, for God is faithful.
**C: Our redemption rises with the dawn.**
L: Come and worship, all you who dream and wait.
**C: We have come to wonder and praise.**

**Gathering Song** *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* arr. John Wasson

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

Chorus
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel

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**Lighting ot the Advent Candle / Children's Message**

The **HOPE** candle is lit.

**Lighting Song** **The Will to Dream** Fox/Hamilton/Meisenheimer

Give us the will to dream,
The will to dream.
Give us the will to dream.

Give us the will to dream,
The will to dream.
Give us the will to dream as we prepare the way. (repeat)

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## THE WORD

**First Reading** Isaiah 2:1-5

1 The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. 2 In days to
come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains
and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it.
3 Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to
the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his
paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.
4 He shall judge between the nations and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall
beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up
sword against nation; neither shall they learn war any more. 5 O house of Jacob, come, let
us walk in the light of the Lord!

L: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**The Holy Gospel** Mark 13:24-37

24 "But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will
not give its light, 25 and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens
will be shaken.
26 "Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory.
27 Then he will send out the angels and gather the elect from the four winds, from the ends of
the earth to the ends of heaven.
28 "From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts
forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. 29 So also, when you see these things taking
place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. 30 Truly I tell you, this generation will not
pass away until all these things have taken place. 31 Heaven and earth will pass away, but
my words will not pass away.
32 "But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven nor the Son,
but only the Father. 33 Beware, keep alert, for you do not know when the time will come. 34 It
is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each
with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. 35 Therefore, keep awake,
for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening or at midnight or
at cockcrow or at dawn, 36 or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly.
37 And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

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**Message** Pastor Brian Wise

**Hymn of the Day** *House Of The Lord* Phil Wickham

1 We worship the God who was
We worship the God who is
We worship the God who evermore will be
He opened the prison doors
He parted the raging sea
Our God, He holds the victory, yeah

Chorus
There's joy in the house of the Lord
There's joy in the house of the Lord today
And we won't be quiet, we shout out Your praise
There's joy in the house of the Lord
Our God is surely in this place
And we won't be quiet, we shout out Your praise

2 We sing to the God who heals
We sing to the God who saves
We sing to the God who always makes a way
'Cause He hung up on that cross
Then He rose up from that grave
My God's still rolling stones away (*Chorus)*

Bridge
We were the beggars, now we're royalty
We were the prisoners, now we're running free
We are forgiven, accepted, redeemed by His grace
Let the house of the Lord sing praise (*Repeat Bridge)*

Chorus, Chorus

Tag
We shout out Your praise!
There is joy in this house,
There is joy in this house today!
We shout out Your Praise!

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**Prayers of the People**

L: I will end each portion of the prayers with the words "God of our hope," and invite you to respond, **"Hear our prayers, and shape us evermore into people of hope.**

**Sharing of the Peace**

L: May the peace of Christ be with you always.
**C: And also with you.**

## WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

**Announcements**

**Offering Invitation**

**Music Offering** *Good Good Father* Chris Tomlin

1 I've heard a thousand stories, Of what they think You're like
But I've heard the tender whisper, Of love in the dead of night
You tell me that You're pleased, And that I'm never alone

Chorus
You're a Good Good Father
It's who You are, It's who You are, It's who You are
And I'm loved by You
It's who I am, It's who I am, It's who I am

2 I've seen many searching for answers, Far and wide
But I know we're all searching for answers, Only You provide
Because You know just what we need, Before we say a word *(Chorus)*

Bridge
You are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways to us *(repeat)*

3 Oh, this love so undeniable, I can hardly speak
Peace so unexplainable, I can hardly think
As You call me deeper still
As You call me deeper still
As You call me deeper still
Into love, love, love *(Chorus, Chorus, Chorus)*

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**Offering Prayer**

## THE MEAL

**Words of Institution**

P: We receive this bread and this cup in the same spirit of defiant love that you demonstrated to us by your words and actions. May we be restored and renewed by this memorial meal today.

On the night you gathered your friends to eat together in the midst of their fear, and yours, a common meal was transformed into elements of grace to be shared, remembered, and celebrated by generation upon generation.

You took a simple loaf of bread. Blessed it. Broke it. Shared it. You encouraged your friends to eat, letting the bread nourish and sustain them for what was to come.

Then you took a cup of wine. Blessed it. Passed it. And said to drink from it, letting the

warmth trickle down, reminding them of your ever-present love.

Because of these simple and remarkable acts, we offer ourselves to be your hands and feet, and we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

**C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P: Let us pray:

**The Lord's Prayer**

P: With confidence, we pray the prayer you taught us to pray, saying:.

**C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name,**
**Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**
**Give us today our daily bread.**
**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**
**Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.**
**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours, now and forever. Amen.**

*All are invited to come forward to receive the holy gifts. Those not receiving may come forward for a blessing. Please let an usher know if you need to receive communion at your seat.*

**Communion Song** O Come To The Altar Elevation Worship

1 Are you hurting and broken within
Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin
Jesus is calling
Have you come to the end of yourself
Do you thirst for a drink from the well
Jesus is calling

Chorus
O come to the altar, the Father's arms are open wide
Forgiveness was bought with the precious blood of Jesus Christ

2 Leave behind your regrets and mistakes
Come today, there's no reason to wait
Jesus is calling
Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy
From the ashes a new life is born
Jesus is calling (*Chorus, Chorus)*

Bridge
Oh what a Savior
Isn't he wonderful
Sing alleluia, Christ is risen
Bow down before him
For he is Lord of all
Sing alleluia, Christ is risen (*repeat Bridge, Chorus 2 times)*

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**Prayer after Communion**

## WE ARE SENT

### Advent Responsive Sending

Let us affirm God's gift of strong and sturdy hope together.
**We believe in a strong and sturdy hope—**
A hope which fully sees the world's pain,
**While refusing to accept life must be this way.**
We name false stories and lament shallow optimism, idealism, or wishful thinking.
**With the Spirit's compassion and imagination, we believe things can and will get better,**
Committing all we have and all we are into making a new reality, God's dream, come true.
**We give our creativity and courage, our prayers and perseverance, remembering that "hope is what we do."**

Like Isaiah, we remember what God has done before, and the truth that nothing new comes without someone, somewhere, first imagining what others could not yet see.
**As God's family, we believe hope lives and moves in a communal way.**
We will hold in our hearts the presence of those who've embodied hope before us
As we carry forward the dream.

### Benediction

### Sending Song — Sing To The King — C. S. Home/B Foote

1 Sing to the King Who is coming to reign
Glory to Jesus the Lamb that was slain
Life and salvation His empire shall bring
And joy to the nations when Jesus is King

Chorus
Come let us sing a song
A song declaring that we belong to Jesus
He is all we need
Lift up a heart of praise
Sing now with voices raised to Jesus
Sing to the King

2 For His returning we watch and we pray
We will be ready the dawn of that day
We'll join in singing with all the redeemed
'Cause Satan is vanquished and Jesus is King (Chorus, Chorus)

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Thank you to the musicians and all who gave of their time to plan, serve, and participate in today's worship.

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## This Week in Prayers:

We continue to pray for Gary Griesbach and Shelley May Hutchison

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## Worship Service Opportunities

- Our Saviour's Campus, Traditional Worship, Saturday, 5:00 pm Sunday, 9:00 am
  Blended Sunday, 11:00 am
- Celebration Campus, Contemporary Sunday, 10:00 am

### *Interested in learning more about membership?*

Membership at Our Saviour's is focused on relationships. To learn more about membership, visit www.oursaviours.com, email membership@oursaviours.com, or contact the main office at 630-355-2522.

## *Upcoming Events*

Information for groups and events, as well as registration links, can be found on the News & Events page of our website: https://oursaviours.com/news-events

- **Chicago Gargoyle Brass and Organ Ensemble Concert:** Sunday, November 29, 2:30-4:00 pm, Our Saviour's Campus. Enjoy this free concert featuring a leading Midwest brass and organ ensemble known for adventurous programming, major commissions, and acclaimed recordings.
- **Advent: *"The Will to Dream"* Bible Study** on all four Sundays at 10:15 am in the Gathering Room (music wing) at Our Saviour's Campus. Together, we'll explore the lectionary Gospel readings for each week and reflect on the stories and messages that guide us through the Advent season.
- **Poinsettia Plants Pre-sale:** Nov 28th - Dec 20. Help decorate both campuses for Christmas, and take a plant home with you after worship.
- **Women's Ministry: Flower Arranging Class:** Friday, December 4, 6:30–8:30 pm, Celebration Campus. Join professional florist Janet Gallagher for a fun evening of creativity and fellowship! $40 to create; register by Nov. 15 OR just observe and enjoy fellowship for $10; register by Dec. 4.
- **Christmas Cantata**: Sunday, Dec. 6, 2:30 pm in the OS Sanctuary. *The Promise Fulfilled* - the story of Jesus' birth through music performed by OSLC ensembles and orchestra. This concert is free and open to the public.
- **Christmas in Harmony Concert:** Saturday, December 12, 7:00 pm, and Sunday, December 13, 3:00 pm, OS Sanctuary. Enjoy the sounds of the season as the Northern Illinois Harmony Alliance brings together 50 voices from six Chicago-area choruses, including Naperville's Chorus of DuPage.