

**Nov. 28, 2021 Heritage Presbyterian Church 10:00 a.m.**  
**First Sunday of Advent**  
**Sacrament of Holy Communion**

**Series: As We Wait**

*Therefore the LORD waits to be gracious to you;  
therefore he will rise up to show mercy to you.  
For the LORD is a God of justice;  
blessed are all those who wait for him.*

– Isaiah 30:18 (NRSV)

**Week 1 — Waiting**

**As We Prepare for Worship**

I hold with care the value of the Wait  
despite the loud backdrop of the immediate.  
I relish the Not Yet,  
not looking for a premature rush into the unfinished.  
I anticipate the delicious Hope,  
ignoring the clamour of dissent.  
And not taking anything for granted, I do all I can  
to clear space:  
space to listen with intent  
and space to herald the Promise of the Soon,  
the ready-coming-King,  
and space to embrace the God-with-us  
Now.

“The Value of the Wait” ~ Steven Page

**Prelude**

“Prepare the Royal Highway”

Shaw

**Call to Prayer**

With joy, as we remember Christ’s birth, and with hope, as we anticipate Christ’s return, let us come together in song and prayer.

## **Prayer of Adoration and Confession**

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” #82, v.1

*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.*

Ever-creating, ever-saving, ever-present God, we gather once again as your people. As we remember your humble birth, we are reminded of our own humanity. We see where fear and sin bind us.

**We see where our need to control keeps us from rest.**

We see where we seek our own kingdom rather than your Kingdom.

**We see where we trade joy for happiness.**

Our hearts long to be freed from all things that are not of you. God, in your mercy.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” #82, v.2

*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.*

**Words of Life** *Isaiah 9:6-7 (NRSV)*

For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from

this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts has done this.

**In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

**Response** “O Come, All Ye Faithful” #133, chorus

*O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him;  
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!*

*For he alone is worthy; for he alone is worthy;  
for he alone is worthy, Christ, the Lord!*

**The Peace**

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

**Candle Lighting**

We wait for justice, but there is none.

**We wait for salvation, but it is far from us.**

We wait for brightness, but we walk in gloom.

**But even as we wait, we are filled with expectation.**

For though the light seems far away, we know Christ is ever near.

**Therefore, we wait not with idle dreams but with the light of hope burning in our hearts.**

**Anthem**            “The Yearning”            Courtney and Boersma

**A Reading from Torah** Genesis 8:6-12 (NRSV)

<sup>6</sup>At the end of forty days Noah opened the window of the ark that he had made <sup>7</sup>and sent out the raven; and it went to and fro until the waters were dried up from the earth. <sup>8</sup>Then he sent out the dove from him, to see if the waters had subsided from the face of the ground; <sup>9</sup>but the dove found no place to set its foot, and it





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## Announcements

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### *Congregational Meeting, Dec. 12*

The Session has called a meeting of the congregation for the purpose of electing officers and a proposed bylaw change. The meeting is scheduled for December 12, 2021, immediately after worship. For those who are not able to be physically present, we will continue the worship Zoom.

### *Important News from Heritage*

Heritage's worship services are currently held in the sanctuary at Bethel Lutheran Church (S77 W18426 Janesville Road, Muskego.) When indoors, we wear masks and practice social distancing by household unit. These protocols allow us to sing together. We will continue to Zoom our worship services and post them on YouTube.

If you have any questions or are in need of pastoral care, please contact Pastor Michelle ([mahenrichs@gmail.com](mailto:mahenrichs@gmail.com)).

### *Service of Advent Longing, 7:00 p.m. Nov. 30*

Join us (at Bethel or via Zoom) for a quiet service of prayer and reflection on Tuesday, Nov. 30. The service will begin at 7 p.m.

### *Bible Study*

Bible Study will resume on November 30 at 2:00 via Zoom. Here is a link we can use each week:

Topic: Bible Study

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86730919307?pwd=NWY3NXhLamtqdG1pNmYmFZVjNidz09>

Meeting ID: 867 3091 9307

Passcode: 707543

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Please sing verses 1, 5, and 6.

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## My Soul in Stillness Waits

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Refrain    Am    Dm    F    G    A    B<sup>b</sup>    C    Am7    Dm    Fine

For you, O Lord, my soul in still-ness waits; tru-ly my hope is in you.

Dm    Am    Dm    Am    Dm

- ➔ 1 O Lord of Light, our on - ly hope of glo - ry,
- 2 O Spring of Joy, rain down up - on our spir - its;
- 3 O Root of Life, im - plant your seed with - in us,
- 4 O Key of Knowl - edge, guide us in our pil - grim-age;
- ➔ 5 Come, let us bow be - fore the God who made us;
- ➔ 6 Here we shall meet the Mak - er of the heav - ens,

Am    Dm    Am    Dm    Am

your ra-diance shines in all who look to you; come, light the  
 our thirst - y hearts are yearn - ing for your word; come, make us  
 and in your ad - vent, draw us all to you, our hope re -  
 we ev - er seek, yet un - ful-filled re - main; o - pen to  
 let ev - ery heart be o - pened to the Lord, for we are  
 Cre - a - tor of the moun-tains and the seas, Lord of the

Dm    Am    G    C    Am7    Dm    Am    Dm    to Refrain

hearts of all in dark and shad - ow.  
 whole, be com - fort to our hearts.  
 born in dy - ing and in ris - ing.  
 us the path - way of your peace.  
 all the peo - ple of God's hand.  
 stars, and pres - ent to us now.