

Northminster Presbyterian Church

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 28, 2021

10:00 a.m.

** Those who are able, please stand.*

Congregation responds in bold.

There is a designated section in the Sanctuary for children and accompanying adults during the worship service allowing an option for social distancing.

CENTERING THOUGHT

A Celtic Rune of Hospitality

*We saw a stranger yesterday.
We put food in the eating place,
Drink in the drinking place,
Music in the listening place.
And with the sacred name of the triune God
He blessed us and our house,
Our cattle and our dear ones.
As the lark says in her song:
Often, often, often, goes the Christ
In the stranger's guise.*

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME

David Smazik

PRELUDE Oh Come, Oh Come, Emmanuel Paul Manz; John Leavitt
(1919-2009); (b. 1956)
Clarice Stegall, Organ

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

When will God's promised be fulfilled?

The days are surely coming.

When will we be saved?

The days are surely coming.

How will we know the signs take place?

**The days are surely coming when a branch from David
shall come forth to execute justice and righteousness in the
land.**

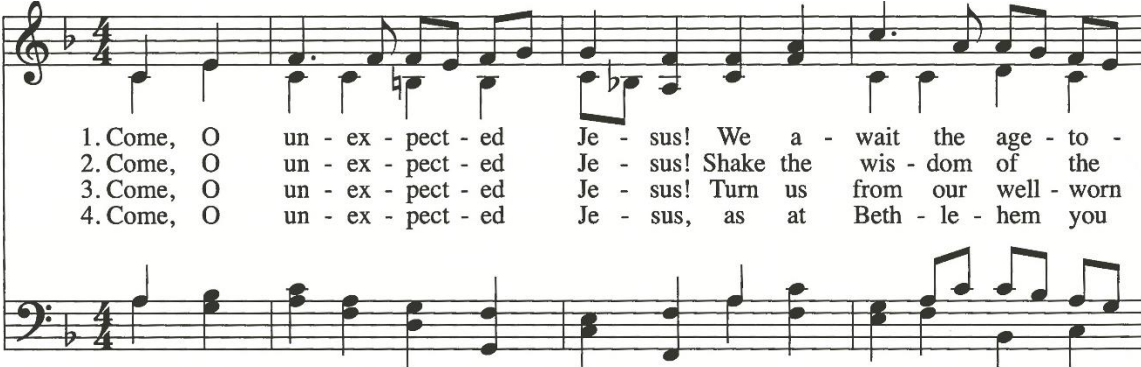
What shall it be called?

The Lord is our righteousness.

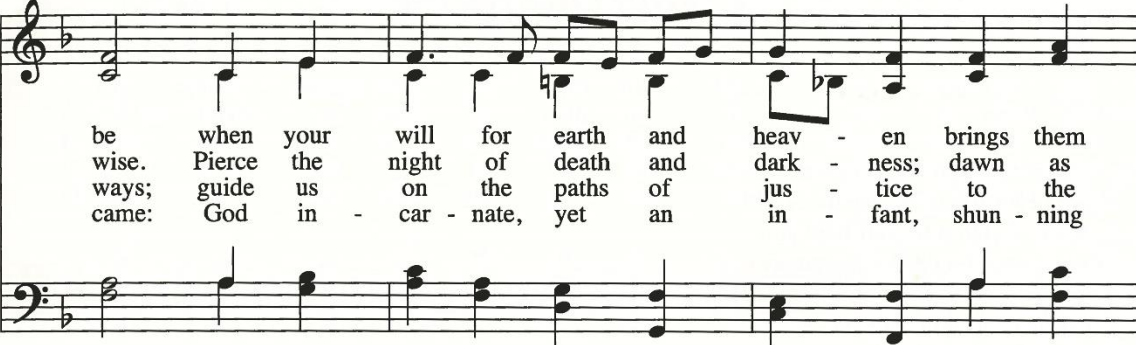
* HYMN

Come, O Unexpected Jesus!

IRBY



1. Come, O un - ex - pect - ed Je - sus! We a - wait the age - to -
 2. Come, O un - ex - pect - ed Je - sus! Shake the wis - dom of the
 3. Come, O un - ex - pect - ed Je - sus! Turn us from our well - worn
 4. Come, O un - ex - pect - ed Je - sus, as at Beth - le - hem you



be wise. when your will for earth and heav - en brings them
 ways; Pierce the night of death dark - ness; dawn as
 came: God in - car - nate, yet an in - fant, shun - ning



in - to har - mo - ny. Come to us, O Christ our
 light on wea - ry eyes. Wake the world from heed - less
 peace your life dis - plays. Turn our stum - bling in - to
 earth - ly might and fame. Come, Em - man - u - el, and



Sav - ior, come and set cre - a - tion free!
 slum - ber— come to us as God's sur - prise!
 danc - ing, and our mourn - ing in - to praise!
 through us birth the new world you pro - claim!

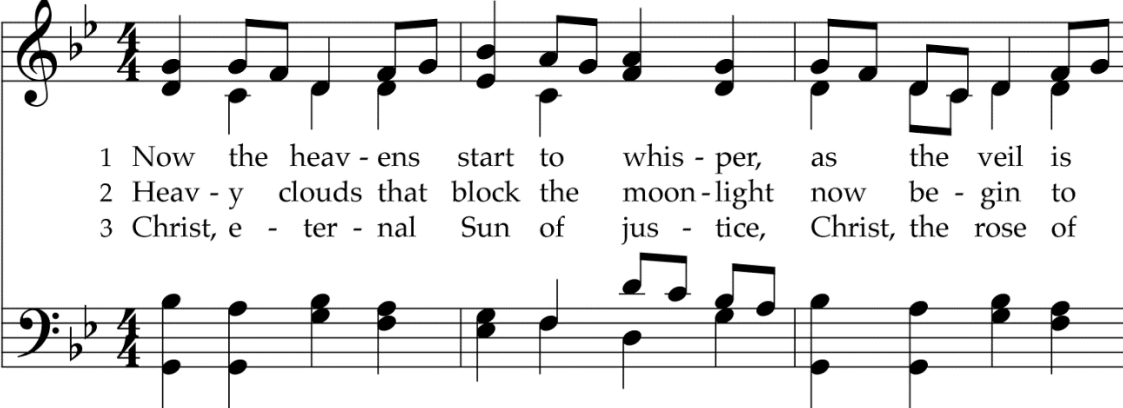
LIGHTING THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

The days are surely coming, says the Lord,
when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the
house of Judah.

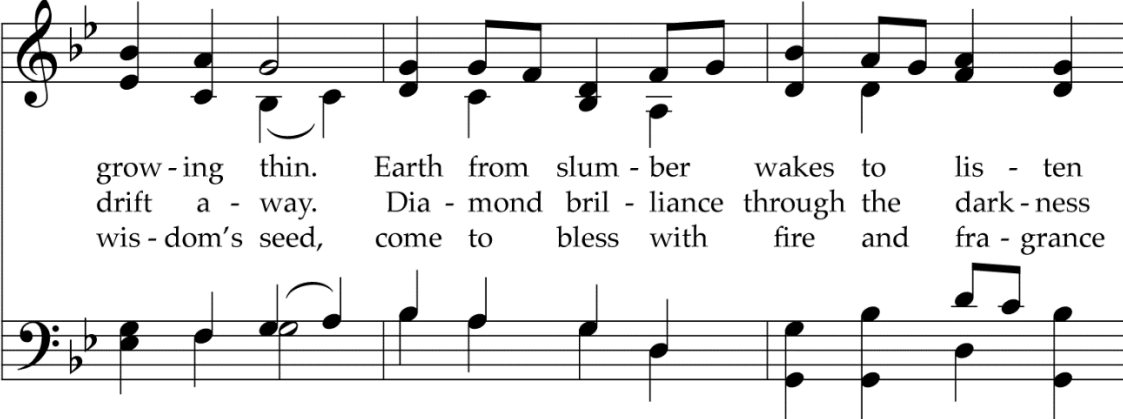
**In those days and at that time, God will cause a righteous
Branch to spring up from David; and he will rule with justice
and righteousness in the land.**

**Christ is our light, by grace he came, in power he rose;
we wait for Christ to come again.**

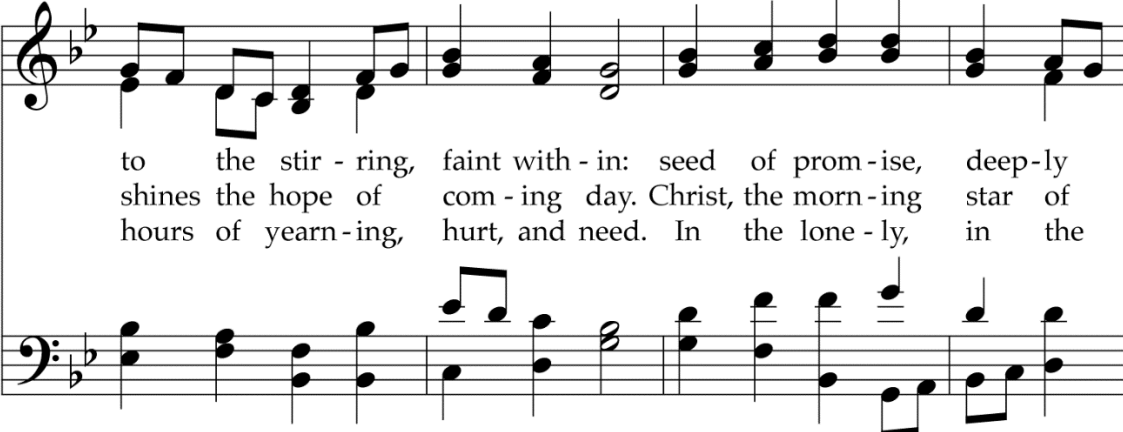
RESPONSE Hymn No. 94 Now the Heavens Start to Whisper (please sing Stanza 1) JEFFERSON



1 Now the heav - ens start to whis - per, as the veil is
2 Heav - y clouds that block the moon - light now be - gin to
3 Christ, e - ter - nal Sun of jus - tice, Christ, the rose of



grow - ing thin. Earth from slum - ber wakes to lis - ten
drift a - way. Dia - mond bril - liance through the dark - ness
wis - dom's seed, come to bless with fire and fra - grance



to the stir - ring, faint with - in: seed of prom - ise, deep - ly
shines the hope of com - ing day. Christ, the morn - ing star of
hours of yearn - ing, hurt, and need. In the lone - ly, in the

plant - ed, child to spring from Jes - se's stem! Like the soil be -
splen - dor, gleams with - in a world grown dim. Heav - en's em - ber
strang - er, in the out - cast, hid from view: child who comes to

neath the frost - line, hearts grow soft to wel - come him.
fans to full - ness; hearts grow warm to wel - come him.
grace the man - ger, teach our hearts to wel - come you.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Melissa Hopkins

**Coming Christ,
you may not find us as you hoped.
We've look away from signs we do not wish to see.
We've stopped listening to distress we do not wish to hear.
We are numb to inconvenient truths.**

**Keep us alert, O God, to the needs of our neighbors.
Receive our hearts laden with compassion fatigue.
Sharpen our minds clouded by worries.
Sober our lives addicted to privilege.
Show us the signs of your coming, that we may stand before
you, the Son Humankind, in whose name we pray.**

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Sisters and brothers – as sure as the fig tree blossoms,
so sure is the salvation of God,
poured out for the world in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Believe this good news:
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

* GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO

GLORIA

Glo - ria, in excelsis Deo! Glo - ria, in excelsis Deo!
(Glory to God in the highest)

* SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE *(Worshipers may greet one another with words of Christ's peace.)*

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

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

CHILDREN'S TIME

Melissa Hopkins

(Children may be excused for Church School at this time.)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rebekah Ryan

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Voice of Poverty Jeremiah 33: 14-16

PSALM 25: 1-10

ancient plainsong
Sylvester Makobi, Cantor



Lead me in your truth, O LORD, and teach me.

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 21: 25-36

SERMON

Voice of Jesus

David Smazik

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

ANTHEM

Come Now, O Prince of Peace

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arr. Jeremy Bankson

Chancel Choir

Come now, O Prince of peace, make us one body.

Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile your people.

Come now, O God of love, make us one body.

Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile your people.

Come now and set us free, O God, our Savior.

Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile all nations.

Come, Hope of unity, make us one body.

Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile all nations.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

OFFERING *(Please sign the pew pad and pass it to your neighbor.)*

OFFERTORY

People, Look East

Traditional Besançon carol

arr. Malcolm Archer

(born 1949)

Chancel Choir

People, look east. The time is near of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able, Trim the hearth and set
the table.

People, look east and sing today: Love, the guest, is on the way.

Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare, One more seed is
planted there:

Give up your strength the seed to nourish, That in course the
flower may flourish.

People, look east and sing today: Love, the rose, is on the way.

Birds, though you long have ceased to build, Guard the nest that must be filled.

Even the hour when wings are frozen God for fledging time has chosen.

People, look east and sing today: Love, the bird, is on the way.

Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim, One more light the bowl shall brim,

Shining beyond the frosty weather, Bright as sun and moon together.

People, look east and sing today: Love, the star, is on the way.

(poem by Eleanor Farjeon, 1881 – 1965)

*** DOXOLOGY**

Christ to thee, with God the Father

W ZLOBIE LEZY

**Christ to thee with God the Father, and O Holy Ghost to thee,
hymn and chant and high thanksgiving, and unwearied praises
be:**

**honor, glory and dominion, and eternal victory,
evermore and evermore. Amen! Amen!**

WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

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

(please sing stanzas 1 – 4 and 7)



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest
3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy
4 O come, thou Root of Jes - se, free thine own from



cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
all things might - i - ly: to us the path of knowl - edge
tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the
Sa - tan's tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell thy peo - ple



here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
show; and teach us in her ways to go. Re-joice! Re-joice!
law in cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.
save and give them vic - tory o'er the grave.



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

5 O come, thou Key of David, come,
and open wide our heavenly home;
make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.

6 O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer
our spirits by thine advent here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.

7 O come, Desire of nations, bind
all peoples in one heart and mind;
bid envy, strife, and discord cease;
fill the whole world with heaven's peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.

* BLESSING AND CHARGE

Now friends, as you go, may you become as leaves on that
righteous branch of the vine, leaves on a fruitful tree.

**Let us look for signs and wonders, pointing to God's presence
in the world.**

Watch and pray for Christ's coming.

**We look forward to tomorrow's possibilities, knowing God is
near.**

**MUSIC IN WORSHIP**

Psalm 25: 1 – 10 begins with an affirmation of trust in the Lord (“my God, I put my trust in you”). Then follows, in verses 2 and 3, a series of requests for protection and security for those who are loyal to the Lord. The Psalm shifts into a series of requests for and reflections on instructions (“Show me your way, O Lord” and “Lead me in your truth and teach me”). In verses 8 – 10, the psalmist recalls God’s mercy (“All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness”) and asks for God’s continued guidance.

Today’s Offertory, “People, Look East,” is an arrangement of a merry French carol, text written by the English poet Eleanor Farjeon (1881 – 1965), who also wrote the hymn “Morning Has Broken.” The carol expresses the hope and excited expectation of Christ’s coming. Christ is called Love, Guest, Rose, Star, and Lord. This particular arrangement is by the British composer, organist, and conductor Malcolm Archer (born 1949). Archer is Director of Chapel Music at Winchester College, England, where he trains and conducts choirs and teaches organ and composition.

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**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

Sunday Adult Ed.- 11:15am.

December 5 – Meditative Walk: Traveling to Bethlehem with Mary Beth Riner or Intergenerational Advent Event

December 12 – No Adult class

December 19 – Singing Our Faith Through Advent with Carol McDonald.

Wednesday Night – Dinner (5:30pm), Children's Choirs, Adult Offerings (6pm), Chancel Choir (7pm)

Wednesday Night Adult Offerings – 6:00pm

December 1 – Meditative Walk: Traveling to Bethlehem with Mary Beth Riner.

December 8 – Advent Holy Readings with Carol McDonald.

December 15- Singing Our Faith Through Advent with Carol McDonald.

Called Congregational Meeting – December 5, immediately following the 10am service. The purpose of the meeting is to dissolve the relationship with Pastor Ruth Chadwick Moore.

Circle 3 Christmas Blanket Project -- The ladies of Circle 3 are purchasing soft blankets/throws for children and families of the Iglesia Ebenezer congregation, a multi-national church doing good work in our city with families who are facing challenging situations. If you wish to help, please purchase a new blanket and place it in the yellow bin in the Gathering Place between Thanksgiving and December 8.

Clothe-A-Child – December 9, meet at 8:30am in the Gathering Place for coffee, donuts and instructions. We'll shop at Target for 60+ kids from School 55. Sign up on-line to shop. Donations for Clothe-a-Child can be made on-line, by check to Northminster, or with the envelope in your box of giving envelopes.

All-Church Bake Sale -December 12 in the Gathering Place. Everyone can participate. Bring your treats, ready to sell on the 12th. Contact Emi Johnson: emi95642@gmail.com

*For more information on events and meetings – **and how to join Zoom events or meetings** – visit our website (northminster-indy.org).*

To give by text message on a smartphone,
text the amount to 317-316-3009.

Open House and Reception for Pastor Ruth Moore

Open House – Saturday, December 11, 2-4pm

Reception – After 10am worship. Sunday, December 12

Both events will include refreshments, and a short program will be offered on Sunday.

We hope you can attend one of these opportunities to honor and say goodbye to Pastor Ruth.

Please register for one event so we can plan for refreshments._

Register at <https://bit.ly/RuthReception2021>

Appreciation gifts (cash/checks) will be collected by church member, John Purcell, and should be received by December 10th.

Please make checks payable to John.

These gifts may be dropped off at the church office or mailed to John at 5260 N. Pennsylvania St., Indianapolis, IN 46220.

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