

BROOKHAVEN CHRISTIAN CHURCH
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Sunday, November 27, 2022

1st Sunday of Advent

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Beth Wendl & Rev. David Kenley

CALL TO PRAISE

Advent Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host:
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.
Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!**

CALL TO WORSHIP & LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

DelFavero Family

Leader: We pray for Hope this day.

We open our minds to see the Sacred reflected in all things.

We open our hearts to see each moment as full of Your Holy Presence.

This is the gift of Christ's Mystery, lighting the way to Hope. (*The Candle of Hope is lit.*)

All: Living God, Christ Mystery, Spirit of Hope, we give you thanks for this holy moment together. As we take in the Hope you offer, may we be a reflection of your light, in the name of the One who taught his disciples to pray, saying...

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 trespasses,
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

OPENING HYMN

“Come, O Long-expected Jesus”

**Come, O long-expected Jesus, born to set your people free.
From our fears and sins release us; Christ, in whom our rest shall be.
You, our strength and consolation, come salvation to impart;
Dear desire of many a nation, joy of many a longing heart.**

**Born your people to deliver, born a child, and yet a king,
Born to reign in us forever, born your gracious realm to bring.
By your own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
By your all sufficient merit raise us to your glorious throne.**

SCRIPTURE

Romans 13:11-14 (The Message)

But make sure that you don't get so absorbed and exhausted in taking care of all your day-by-day obligations that you lose track of the time and doze off, oblivious to God. The night is about over, dawn is about to break. Be up and awake to what God is doing! God is putting the finishing touches on the salvation work he began when we first believed. We can't afford to waste a minute, must not squander these precious daylight hours in frivolity and indulgence, in sleeping around and dissipation, in bickering and grabbing everything in sight. Get out of bed and get dressed! Don't loiter and linger, waiting until the very last minute. Dress yourselves in Christ, and be up and about!

HYMN

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

**Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly minded, for with blessing in his hand
Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.**

**Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way,
As the Light of light descendeth from the realms of endless day,
That the powers of hell may vanish as the shadows clear away.**

TIME OF PRAYER AND REFLECTION

Jonathan White, guitar

PRAYER RESPONSE

“Emmanuel, Emmanuel”

**Emmanuel, Emmanuel,
His name is called Emmanuel.
God with us, revealed in us,
His name is called Emmanuel.**

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 24:36-44 (NRSV)

“But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷ For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸ For as in the days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹ and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so, too, will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰ Then two will be in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. ⁴¹ Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken, and one will be left. ⁴² Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³ But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴ Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

MESSAGE

“Reflecting the Sacred: Hope”

Rev. David Kenley

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

COMMUNION (our table is open to all)

COMMUNION PRAYER

Meredith O’Connor

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

Meredith O’Connor

CLOSING HYMN

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

**O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!**

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

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

BENEDICTION

Rev. David Kenley

POSTLUDE