



# CHRIST *the* REDEEMER

Advent

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The Prophet Jeremiah  
By Rembrandt

Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will raise  
up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king.

Jeremiah 23:5

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## Call to Worship

Psalm 126

Leader— When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,  
we were like those who dream.

**Congregation—Then our mouth was filled with laughter,  
and our tongue with shouts of joy.**

Leader—Then they said among the nations,  
“The Lord has done great things for them.”

**Congregation—The Lord has done great things for us;  
we are glad.**

**Restore our fortunes, O Lord,  
like streams in the Negeb!**

Leader—Those who sow in tears  
shall reap with shouts of joy!

**Congregation—He who goes out weeping,  
bearing the seed for sowing,  
shall come home with shouts of joy,  
bringing his sheaves with him.**

## Opening Prayer

## **Song of Praise, Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing**

Come Thou fount of ev'ry blessing  
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace  
Streams of mercy never ceasing  
Call for songs of loudest praise  
Teach me some melodious sonnet  
Sung by flaming tongues above  
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it  
Mount of Thy redeeming love

Here I raise mine Ebenezer  
Hither by Thy help I'm come  
And I hope by Thy good pleasure  
Safely to arrive at home  
Jesus sought me when a stranger  
Wand'ring from the fold of God  
He to rescue me from danger  
Interposed His precious blood

O to grace how great a debtor  
Daily I'm constrained to be  
Let Thy grace Lord like a fetter  
Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee  
Prone to wander Lord I feel it  
Prone to leave the God I love  
Here's my heart Lord take and seal it  
Seal it for Thy courts above

Oh that day when freed from sinning  
I shall see Thy lovely face  
Full arrayed in blood-washed linen  
How I'll sing Thy sovereign grace  
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry  
Bring Thy promises to pass  
For I know Thy pow'r will keep me  
Till I'm home with Thee at last

## **Personal Confession of Sin (in silence)**

### **Corporate Confession of Sin**

O Lord, have mercy upon us, sinful offenders. Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who repent; according to your promises declared unto men in Christ Jesus our Lord. Grant that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life; to the glory of Jesus' name. Amen.

### **Assurance of the Gospel**

Romans 5:1-5

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

## **Song of the Gospel, 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 to set thy people free  
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

### **—Lighting of the Candle of Joy—**

Leader— Unto us a child is born! Unto us a Son is given! And the government shall be upon his shoulders. And the increase thereof. We light the Candle of Joy today as we join with the Prophet John, the Baptizer, and rejoice that the Bridegroom has come and will come again. Though weeping may tarry for the night, Joy comes in the morning.

## **International Missions Focus**

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### **Children ages 4 to 6 are dismissed to Children's Church**

*We love for the corporate worship gathering to be a family-friendly time, however, please feel free to either use overflow space in the office suite or check your children into the nursery/children's church if they are finding it difficult to sit through the service. Children's interactive bulletins are also available in the foyer.*

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## **Scripture Lessons**

Old Testament, Isaiah 65:17-25  
(Page 626 in the Pew Bible)

Leader—This is the word of the Lord

**Congregation—Thanks be to God**

Gospel, John 1:6-8, 19-28

(Page 886 in the Pew Bible)

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## **Pastoral Prayer and 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 have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.*

### **Sermon, "Preparing for Our King: Peaceful"**

Pastor Matt Wireman

1 Thessalonians 5:12-28 (Page 988 in the Pew Bible)

### **Song of Response, We Look to You**

Deliver us from evil Lord  
We sojourn in a broken world  
Though evil hands give rise to war  
Remind us this is not our home  
We look to You we look to You  
Sovereign King of all the earth  
We look to You we look to You  
In Your strength we will endure  
In Your strength we will endure

Deliver us from evil Lord  
Our hearts so quickly run astray  
Temptation crouching at the door  
To turn us from the narrow way  
We look to You we look to You  
Christ the conquering Son of God  
We look to You we look to You  
Lord complete what You've begun  
Lord complete what You've begun

Deliver us from evil Lord  
The devil's seeking to devour  
With trembling hearts we hear his roar  
But Your strong arm will crush his pow'r  
We look to You we look to You  
Come and end his earthly reign  
We look to You we look to You  
Lord deliver us we pray

### **Ending—**

We look to You we look to You  
You will come again to reign  
We look to You we look to You  
All the earth will bow in praise

## **The Lord's Supper**

*Please come forward, when you like, to share from the common bread, which signifies our oneness in Christ. It is also gluten free to enable as many to partake as feasible. Then take from the individual servings of wine or juice, which signifies our individual discipleship with Jesus. You may leave your cup at the table or take it back to your seat and drink it there.*

## **Song of Communion, Advent Hymn**

Christ whose glory fills the skies  
Christ the everlasting light  
Son of righteousness arise  
And triumph o'er these chains of mine

Come thou long awaited One  
In the fullness of Your love  
And loose this heart bound up by shame  
And I will never be the same

### **Chorus—**

So here I wait in hope of You  
All my soul's longing through and through  
Dayspring from on high be near  
And Daystar in my heart appear

Dark and cheerless is the morn  
Until Your love in me is born  
And joyless is the evening song  
Until Emmanuel has come

## **Benediction**

### **Commissioning**

*Pastor— Let us go into the world as children of God and servants of Christ to love and serve others.*

***Congregation—Thanks be to God!***

### **The Doxology**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow!  
Praise him all creatures here below.  
Praise him above ye, heavenly hosts.  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen*

## Prayers

### **Greenville**

We pray this week for **Fuente de Vida**. We ask the Lord to continue to provide for their needs and bring the lost into salvation through their ministry. We pray that the Lord uses their ministry to reach those we may not have the opportunity to.

### **United States**

We pray this week for our **President** and **Government**. We pray you guide them to lead us in a way that glorifies you. Please help us to remember that they are placed there by you. Ultimately we pray for the salvation of those who are not saved within the government.

### **World**

Father we pray for the good work you are doing in the **Asia Pacific Rim (APAC)** through missionaries being sent in hard-to-reach places. We pray for more workers to be sent out in a worthy manner and for you to provide for their physical, emotional, and spiritual needs as they leave comfort and embrace hardship willingly.

## Announcements

**English Club** | Tuesday Nights, 6-8p

**Lessons and Carols Service** | Dec 24th, 4-5pm

**Joint Worship w/Tabernacle Baptist (400 S Hudson Street)** | Dec 31st; 10:30a

**Women's Tea** | Jan 17th, 10:30a-12p

**Fourth Sunday Service & Youth Nite** | Jan 28, 5-6:30p

**Freedom That Lasts** | Starting in February. For more info, contact Ben Marshall ([bmarshall@freedomthatlasts.com](mailto:bmarshall@freedomthatlasts.com))

\* **30-Day Prayer Journal:** Available for \$3 upon request. See Nate Cure.

**Note:** *Children are a blessing from the Lord but may have trouble sitting through an entire service. Parents who would like to tend to their children may utilize the Augustine Library in the lower level.*



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**We are united by our Core Values**

Community | Discipleship | Liturgy | Mercy + Mission | Simplicity

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