

# Large Print Bulletin & Hymns

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**Welcome To**  
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**Church**

*A Stephen Ministry Church*  
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**Order for the Public Worship of God**  
**November 27, 2022**  
**1st Sunday of Advent**  
**11:00 AM Worship Service**

**WE COME TO WORSHIP**

OPENING VOLUNTARY      “Come Now, Savior of the Nations”  
J.S. Bach

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS      Chris Curvin, Pastor

MINUTE FOR MISSION      Stephanie Carson

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (*Responsive*)

Leader: Awake from your sleep; salvation is near!

**People: The night is far gone; the day is at hand.**

Leader: Heaven and earth will pass away,

**People: but the word of God endures forever.**

Leader: The day of the Lord is surely coming;

**People: the promise of God will be fulfilled.**

**\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

*(Please complete the bulletin insert, “FRIENDSHIP SHEET,”  
and pass it toward the center aisle.)*

**\*HYMN #82**      “Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”      HYFRYDOL

**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 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.**

## THE ADVENT CANDLE OF HOPE

### Lighting the Candle

Claudia Mitcham & Barbara Jordan

*The reader offers words about the candle of hope.*

## RESPONSE

THE FIRST NOWELL

All singing: **The candle of hope we light in this hour  
Proclaims that the Lord is coming in power.  
We wait for a future, now hidden from view,  
When Christ in His glory will make all things new.  
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of  
Israel.**

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## CALL TO CONFESSION

Paul Means, Associate Pastor

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(together)*

**O Lord God, as we begin to prepare our hearts to receive the One  
whom you are sending, forgive us for all the times we have missed  
seeing you in our midst, for all the times we have doubted your  
presence, and for all the times we have failed to help others find  
their way. Forgive us, in the name of Jesus, the One who is coming.  
Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

## \*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #581

GLORIA PATRI

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, amen**

## ANTHEM

“Every Valley”

John Ness Beck

*Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain made low;  
And the crooked made straight, and the rough places plain.  
And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,  
And all flesh shall see it together;  
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken it. Amen.*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORDS 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.**

## CALL TO OFFERING

**\*DOXOLOGY—#606**

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**\*HYMN #93            “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”            TRURO**

**Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates; behold the King of glory  
waits;  
the King of Kings is drawing near; the Savior of the world is here.**

**Fling wide the portals of your heart; make it a temple, set apart  
from earthly use for heaven’s employ, adorned with prayer and  
love and joy.**

**Redeemer, come! I open wide my heart to thee; here, Lord, abide.  
Let me thy inner presence feel; thy grace and love in me reveal.**

## WE GROW IN THE WORD

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Matthew 24:36-44 (NRSV)

**SERMON**

**“Are You Ready for Christmas?”  
Chris Curvin, Pastor**

## WE GO OUT TO SERVE

### \*HYMN

“Watchman, Tell Us of the Night”

**Watchman, tell us of the night, what its signs of promise are:  
traveler, what a wondrous sight, see that glory beaming star!  
Watchman, doth its beauteous ray news of joy or hope foretell?  
Traveler, yes; it brings the day, promised day of Israel.**

**Watchman, tell us of the night; higher yet that star ascends:  
traveler, blessedness and light, peace and truth, its course portends.  
Watchman, will its beams alone gild the spot that gave them birth?  
Traveler, ages are its own, see it bursts o’er all the earth!**

**Watchman, tell us of the night, for the morning seems to dawn:  
traveler, darkness takes its flight; doubt and terror are withdrawn.  
Watchman, you may go your way; hasten to your quiet home.  
Traveler, we rejoice today, for Emmanuel has come!**

### \*BENEDICTION

#### CLOSING VOLUNTARY

“Hark! The Glad Sound”  
arr. Michael Burkhardt

*\*Congregation will stand. If standing is difficult for you,  
feel free to remain seated.*

Stephanie Carson, Music Director; David Furr, Organist