

WORSHIP FOR NOVEMBER 29, 2020

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

HYMN

“One Candle is Lit” #128

CALL TO WORSHIP

O that God would tear open the heavens and come down!

Of that day or hour, no one knows, only God.

Be alert! Keep awake!

The time is drawing near: The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

INVOCATION AND LORD’S PRAYER

God of power unexpected, we want you to tear open the heavens and come down;
to make mountains quake, water boil, and stars to fall until all nations tremble at your presence!

But you, you will not perform according to our wants and whims. Instead you come like the sound of sheer
silence: Thin. Quiet. Instead you are born among us as an infant.
Instead you show us how love is made perfect in weakness.

So we will stay alert, or at least we will try, because we are your people and there is no other God besides you.
These things we pray in the name of the savior we await, saying...

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.

HYMN

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel” #119

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| 1. 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. | 3. O come, thou Wisdom from on high,
and order all things, far and nigh;
to us the path of knowledge of show,
and cause us in her ways to go.
Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel. |
| 2. 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. | 4. 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. |

PASTORAL PRAYER

COMMUNION

CALL TO COMMUNION
WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND PRAYER
OBSERVANCE OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 13: 24– 37

SERMON TITLE

“Beginning Again at the End”

HYMN

“Joy to the World” #143

Joy to the world, the Lord is
come!

Let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare him
room,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven and
nature sing.

Joy to the world, the Savior
reigns!
Let all their songs employ;
while fields and floods, rocks,
hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding
joy.

He rules the world with truth
and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness
and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders of his
love.

BENEDICTION

May God strengthen us to the end;
Christ draw near to our very gates;
and the Holy Spirit awaken our spirits; until, with eager longing,
we greet the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.