

## 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,<br>and ransom captive Israel,<br>that mourns in lonely exile here,<br>until the Son of God appear.<br>Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel<br>shall come to thee, O Israel.                                    | 3. O come, thou Wisdom from on high,<br>and order all things, far and nigh;<br>to us the path of knowledge of show,<br>and cause us in her ways to go.<br>Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel<br>shall come to thee, O Israel.        |
| 2. O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer<br>our spirits by thine advent here;<br>disperse the gloomy clouds of night,<br>and death's dark shadows put to flight.<br>Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel<br>shall come to thee, O Israel. | 4. O come, Desire of nations, bind<br>all peoples in one heart and mind;<br>bid envy, strife and quarrels cease;<br>fill the whole world with heaven's peace.<br>Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel<br>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.