



*Proclaim Jesus Christ, Live in Christ, Serve!*

**PRELUDE What Is This Lovely Fragrance?**

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**WELCOME & INVITATIONS**

**OPENING HYMN Comfort, Comfort Now My People**

**ELW #256**



1 "Com - fort, com - fort now my peo - ple; tell of peace!" So says our God.  
2 For the her - ald's voice is cry - ing in the des - ert far and near,  
3 Straight shall be what long was crook-ed, and the rough - er plac - es plain!



Com-fort those who sit in dark-ness mourn-ing un - der sor - row's load.  
call - ing us to true re - pen - tance, since the king-dom now is here.  
Let your hearts be true and hum - ble, as be - fits his ho - ly reign!



To God's peo - ple now pro-claim that God's par - don waits for them!  
Oh, that warn - ing cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way!  
For the glo - ry of the Lord now on earth is shed a - broad,



Tell them that their war is o - ver; God will reign in peace for - ev - er.  
Let the val - leys rise to meet him, and the hills bow down to greet him!  
and all flesh shall see the to - ken that God's word is nev - er bro - ken.

Text: Johann G. Olearius, 1611–1684; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1829–1878, alt.  
Music: FREU DICH SEHR, *Trente quatre pseauxes de David*, Geneva, 1551

**INVOCATION**

**Leader:** We gather in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**All:** Amen.

## CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

In this Advent time of preparation, we take time to confess and be made new.

Leader: Creator God,  
**All: Forgive us for the harm we have caused. For those we have failed to see. For the promises we have broken and the dreams we have been afraid to pursue. Forgive us, LORD.**

Leader: Prepare our hearts to receive you.

**All: Hope is on the way**

Leader: Prepare our will to follow you.

**All: Peace is on the way**

Leader: Prepare our gifts to be shared.

**All: Joy is on the way**

Leader: Prepare our minds to know you.

**All: Love is on the way.**

Leader: This is the day to return; to repair what is broken, to renew what is holy and to begin again. For Christ, who is the way, forgives you now and sets you free in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen**

### ANTHEM

9:00am

#### **Birthday in a Manger**

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**There Was a Little Baby  
O Come, Little Children**

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#### **Go Tell It on the Mountain**

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Children of the Preschools of St. Andrew's  
Kathy Martinez, director; Bill Chouinard, piano

arr. Pepper Choplin

arr. C. Cassils  
arr. Ruth Elaine Schram  
arr. Anna Laura Page &  
Jean Anne Shafferman  
arr. Pamela C. Bye

### ANTHEM

10:30am

#### **Lord, Be Glorified**

Choristers

Miriam Sikora, Director; Kristin Chouinard, piano

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arr. Roger Summers

## ADVENT CANDLE SONG Now the Heavens Start to Whisper - Verse 1

Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953, Music: SUO GAN, Welsh melody



1 Now the heav - ens start to whis - per, as the veil is grow - ing thin.  
2 Christ, e - ter - nal Sun of jus - tice, Christ, the rose of wis - dom's seed,



Earth from slum - ber wakes to lis - ten to the stir - ring, faint with - in:  
come to bless with fire and fra - grance hours of yearn - ing, hurt, and need.



seed of prom - ise, deep - ly plant - ed, child to spring from Jes - se's stem!  
In the lone - ly, in the strang - er, in the out - cast, hid from view;



Like the soil be - neath the frost - line, hearts grow soft to wel - come him.  
Child who comes to grace the man - ger, teach our hearts to wel - come you.

Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953

Music: SUO GÂN, Welsh melody

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## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### READING Ezekiel 37:1-14

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The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you and will cause flesh to come upon you and cover you with skin and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the Lord."

So I prophesied as I had been commanded, and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them, but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy and say to them: Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people, and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord when I open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord."

### **ADVENT CANDLE SONG Now the Heavens Start to Whisper - Verse 3**

Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953, Music: SUO GAN, Welsh melody

**Christ, eternal Sun of justice,  
Christ, the rose of wisdom's seed,  
come to bless with fire and fragrance  
hours of yearning, hurt, and need.  
In the lonely, in the stranger,  
in the outcast, hid from view;  
Child who comes to grace the manger,  
teach our hearts to welcome you.**

**ANTHEM      We Are Waiting**  
St. Andrew's Choir  
Andy Haase, Director  
Kristin Chouinard, piano  
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arr. Priscilla Lamparter Landis

*We are waiting for Jesus;  
Jesus brings peace.  
We are waiting for Jesus;  
Jesus brings peace.*

*Sun of justice, shine upon us,  
We are trusting in your promise.  
We are waiting for Jesus;  
Jesus brings peace.*

*We are waiting for Jesus;  
Jesus brings peace.  
We are waiting for Jesus;  
Jesus brings peace.*

*Loving Shepherd, walk beside us,  
Stir our hearts, and gently guide us.  
We are waiting for Jesus;  
Jesus brings peace.*

### **SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM**

10:30am      Khloe Wofai Fischer

## APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen

## HYMN Hark, the Glad Sound!

ELW #239



1 Hark, the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, the Sav - ior  
2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, in Sa - tan's  
3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, the bleed - ing  
4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, your wel - come



prom - ised long; let ev - 'ry heart pre -  
bond - age held. The gates of brass be -  
soul to cure, and with the trea - sures  
shall pro - claim, and heav'n's e - ter - nal



pare a throne and ev - 'ry voice a song.  
fore him burst, the i - ron fet - ters yield.  
of his grace to en - rich the hum - ble poor.  
arch - es ring with your be - lov - ed name.

Text: Philip Doddridge, 1702–1751

Music: CHESTERFIELD, attr. Thomas Haweis, 1734–1820

## THE HOLY GOSPEL according to St. John the 11th Chapter

All Sing: "Glory to you, O Lord."

## GOSPEL: John 11:25-26

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

## The Gospel of our Lord.

All Sing: "Praise to you, O Christ."

## SERMON

Pastor Carole Lundell

## OFFERING

**Breath of Heaven (Mary's Song)** Chris Eaton and Amy Grant

Victoria Sundberg, soloist

Kristin Chouinard, piano; Bill Chouinard, organ

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## OFFERTORY

**Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus**

ELW #254



1 Come, thou long - ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo-ple free;  
2 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king;



from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.  
born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king-dom bring.



Is-rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art,  
By thine own e - ter - nal Spir-it rule in all our hearts a - lone;



dear de - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion, joy of ev - 'ry long-ing heart.  
by thine all-suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788

Music: JEFFERSON, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: Be still

All: and know that I am God.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION FOR HOLY COMMUNION

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
 and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
 This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
 shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

### 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 and ever. Amen**

### LAMB OF GOD (All Sing)

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**  
**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**  
**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace. Grant us peace.**

### COMMUNION HYMN Christ, Be Our Light

ELW #715

Tune: CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT, Music and Text: Bernadette Farrell, b. 1957

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1	Long - ing	for	light,	we	wait	in	dark - ness.	Long - ing	for
2	Long - ing	for	peace,	our	world	is	trou - bled.	Long - ing	for
3	Long - ing	for	food,	man - y	are	hun - gry.	Long - ing	for	
4	Long - ing	for	shel - ter,	man - y	are	home - less.	Long - ing	for	
5	Man - y	the	gifts,	man - y	the	peo - ple,	man - y	the	



truth,	we	turn	to	you.	Make	us	your	own,
hope,	man - y	de -	spair.	Your	word	a -	lone	
wa - ter,	man - y	still	thirst.	Make	us	your	bread,	
warmth,	man - y	are	cold.	Make	us	your	build - ing,	
hearts that	yearn	to	be - long.	Let	us	be	ser - vants	



your	ho - ly	peo - ple,	light	for	the	world	to	see.
has	pow'r	to	save	us.	Make	us	your	liv - ing
bro - ken	for	oth - ers,	shared	un - til	all	are	fed.	
shel - ter - ing	oth - ers,	walls	made	of	liv - ing	stone.		
to	one	an - oth - er,	signs	of	your	king - dom	come.	

*Refrain*

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the  
dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your

### POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

Leader: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

All: Amen.

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Leader: God our host, at this table you have fed us with hope and gladness.  
Send us forth, eager to share the feast, welcome the stranger,  
and proclaim the good news of Jesus.

All: Amen.

### BENEDICTION

Leader: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.  
In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All Sing: Amen.

### HYMN O Day of Peace

ELW #711

Tune: JERUSALEM, Text: Carl P. Daw, Jr., Music: Sir Charles Hubert Hastings Parry

1 O day of peace that dim-ly shines through all our hopes and prayers and dreams,  
2 Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb; ne'er shall the fierce de - vour the small;  
guide us to jus - tice, truth, and love, de-liv-ered from our self - ish schemes.  
as beasts and cat - tle calm-ly graze, a lit-tle child shall lead them all.  
May swords of hate fall from our hands, our hearts from en - vy find re-lease,  
Then en - e - mies shall learn to love, all crea-tures find their true ac-cord;  
till by God's grace our war-ring world shall see Christ's prom-ised reign of peace.  
the hope of peace shall be ful-filled, for all the earth shall know the Lord.



## DISMISSAL

Leader: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

## POSTLUDE Vom Himmel hoch, da komm' ich her (From Heaven Above to Earth I Come)

Bill Chouinard, Organist

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Johann Pachelbel

### LEADING TODAY'S WORSHIP

Preacher: Pastor Carole Lundell

Assisting: Pastor Brian Norsman

St. Andrew's Preschool,  
Kathy Martinez, director

Choristers  
Miriam Sikora, director

St. Andrew's Choir  
Andy Haase, Music Director  
Kristin Chouinard, piano  
Bill Chouinard, Organist

### NEXT SUNDAY

Preacher: Pastor Sarah Breckenridge

Scripture  
Isaiah 55:1-13  
Gospel: John 4:13-14

Music

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