

JESUS CHRIST: ADVENT

83 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus



1 Come, thou long - ex - spect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;
2 Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art;
3 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and yet a king,
4 By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone;



from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.
dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

With its opening "Come," this hymn sounds the note of entreaty and invitation that characterizes the Advent season (from the Latin *adventus* = "coming"). Its blending of memory and hope helps us to give voice to our present faith as we stand between the past and the future.

TEXT: Charles Wesley, 1744
MUSIC: Witt's *Psalmodia Sacra*, 1715, alt.

STUTTGART
8.7.8.7
(alternate tune: HYFRYDOL, 82)

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First Sunday of Advent

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

(Take time to prepare your heart to worship God.)

PRELUDE

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

MUSIC INTERLUDE

TO GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

HYMN 106 "Prepare the Way, O Zion"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

God of the future, you are coming in power to bring all nations under your rule. We confess that we have not expected your kingdom, for we live casual lives, ignoring your promised judgment. We accept lies as truth, exploit neighbors, abuse the earth and refuse your justice and peace. In your mercy, forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your way, and to seek the things that will endure when Christ comes to judge the world. Amen.

(Time of silent reflection)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the Good News. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Praise God. Amen.

GLORIA PATRI

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

88 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

1. O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.

Refrain:

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.

6 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. [Refrain]

7 O come, Desire of nations, bind
all peoples in one heart and mind;
bid envy, strife, and discord cease;
fill the whole world with heaven's peace. [Refrain]

106 Prepare the Way, O Zion

Prepare the way, O Zion,
your Christ is drawing near!
Let every hill and valley
a level way appear.

Greet One who comes in glory,
foretold in sacred story.

REFRAIN:

O blest is Christ who came
in God's most holy name.

He brings God's rule, O Zion;
he comes from heaven above.
His rule is peace and freedom,
and justice, truth, and love.
Lift high your praise resounding,
for grace and joy abounding.

Fling wide your gates, O Zion;
your Savior's rule embrace,
and tidings of salvation
proclaim in every place.
All lands will bow rejoicing,
their adoration voicing.

TO CELEBRATE THE FAMILY OF FAITH

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

MORNING PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER

TO HEAR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 64:1-9
I Corinthians 1:3-9

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 13:24-37

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Keep Watch"

Pastor John Green

HYMN 88 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (verses 1, 6, & 7)

APOSTLE'S CREED

TO OFFER OUR GIFTS AND OUR LIVES

PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS

DOXOLOGY

COMMUNION

HYMN 83 "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"

TO GO REJOICING IN GOD'S NAME

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

THE FLORAL ARRANGEMENT in the chancel this morning is place in loving memory of my parents, Margaret and Willard Ashley, and my husband, Bart Gephart, by Marilyn Gephart.

NOVEMBER’S COINS FOR CARING will support the Bethesda Mission’s Fall Food Drive.

A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CORPORATION will be held on Sunday, December 6 following worship for the purpose of approving the Pastor’s Terms of Call for 2021. A Stated Meeting of the Congregation is also called for the purpose of receiving the Pastor’s Terms of Call for 2021, the election of officers and at-large members of the Nominating Committee for 2021, and presentation of the 2020 budget. We will also be meeting to amend the bylaws:
Bylaw revision (Article 3 Meetings, section 2): Meetings may be held in person, electronically and or virtually.

Worship & Music Update

This year the sanctuary will be graced by a Christmas tree in the chancel! Anyone wishing to purchase a red bow to be placed on the tree ***in memory or in honor of a loved one or friend*** may do so by completing the order form and returning it to the church office.

Bows are \$5 each – Order Deadline is Monday, December 14.

TREE TRIMMING: We invite you to place your bow(s) on the tree on **Saturday, December 19, from 11 am – 3 pm**. Please enter through the south door of the sanctuary to pick up your bow(s) and place them on the tree. What a wonderful opportunity to see Paxton in all her **Christmas** glory! All Covid protocols (masks required & social distancing) will be followed. For those unable to attend, we will place your bow(s) on the tree for you!



Christmas Tree Bows Order Form

Bows are \$5 each – ORDER DEADLINE MONDAY, DECEMBER 14

Checks may be made payable to Paxton Presbyterian Church and must accompany this slip. Please use the exact wording you would like in the bulletin:

In Memory of: _____
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In Honor of: _____
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In Honor of: _____
In Honor of: _____
Placed by: _____

Number of Bows: _____ X **\$5** Amount enclosed: _____

Check One:

_____ Yes! I will stop by Saturday, December 19 between 11am & 3pm to place my bow(s) on the tree.

_____ I am unable to attend – please place my bow(s) on the tree for me!