



*First Sunday of Advent*  
*Central Baptist Church*  
*November 27, 2022*

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10:55 am

## The Meditation

*...for from the stump of Jesse comes a new branch  
with a promise yet unfulfilled;  
this is the hoping, the waiting, the advent.  
Let us gather round the words the prophets spoke long ago and believe:  
Emmanuel is on the way.*

## The Advent Chimes

### The Prelude

*Wake, Awake for Night is Flying*

arr. Macchia

### The Welcome and Christmas Proclamation

Rev. Matt Sapp

In the beginning was the Word, and Word was with God,  
and the Word was God.  
He was with God in the beginning.  
All things came into being through him.  
In him was life, and that life was the light of all people.  
The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.  
The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world.  
The Word became flesh and lived among us.  
*We have seen his glory, the glory of the Father's only Son,  
full of grace and truth.*

### \*The Carol No. 83

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

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### The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

The Cawthon Family

Kay, Molly, Sam, and Maggie B Morgan

### \*The Carol Response No. 119 *His Name is Called Emmanuel* (Stanza 1 only)

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*His name is called Emmanuel,  
more wonderful than words can tell.  
God is with us! Alleluia!  
Born in our darkness, He is Light;  
born in our weakness, He is Might.  
God is with us! Alleluia!...*

## The Children's Sermon

Rev. Katie Faison

### The Scripture

**Isaiah 2:1-5**

Dr. Claudia Bryan

**(pew Bible p. 1063)**

...This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## The Advent Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Dr. Steve Cothran

### \*The Carol No. 107

*O Little Town of Bethlehem*

ST. LOUIS

**(Stanzas 1, 3, and 4 only)**

## The Offertory Prayer

Mrs. Cawthon

**The Offertory** *Of the Father's Love Begotten* arr. Martin

**\*The Doxology (No. 706)**

*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*

**The Special Music** *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* arr. Behnke

**The Chancel Choir**

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

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

*O come, thou Dayspring from on high,  
and cheer us by thy drawing nigh,  
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
and death's dark shadows put to flight...*

*O come, Desire of nations,  
bind in one the hearts of all mankind;  
bid thou our sad divisions cease,  
and be thy self our King of Peace...*

**The Sermon** *As Close As We've Ever Been* Rev. Sapp

**Romans 13:11-14**

**(pew Bible p. 1763)**

**\*The Departing Carol No. 79** *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* VENI EMMANUEL  
**(Stanza 4 Only)**

*O Come, Desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind;  
Bid envy, strife, and quarrels cease;  
Fill all the world with heaven's peace.*

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

**\*The Benediction** Rev. Faison

**The Postlude** *Toccata on VENI EMMANUEL* arr. Macchia

*I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits, and in his words I put my **hope**. Psalm 130:5  
Because a deer's antlers fall off once a year and grow back in the spring, the Celts consider the  
antler to be a symbol of regeneration, abundance, and **hope**. Today's sanctuary flower  
arrangement has been placed in celebration of this **Advent Sunday of Hope**.*

*Worship folder design by Miss Ida Lee Lunsford.*

**\*Please stand if able.**

### **Psalm 122**

I rejoiced with those who said to me, “Let us go to the house of the Lord.” Our feet are standing in your gates, Jerusalem. Jerusalem is built like a city that is closely compacted together. That is where the tribes go up—the tribes of the Lord—to praise the name of the Lord according to the statute given to Israel. There stand the thrones for judgment, the thrones of the house of David. Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: “May those who love you be secure. May there be peace within your walls and security within your citadels.” For the sake of my family and friends, I will say, “Peace be within you.” For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek your prosperity.

### **Isaiah 2:1-15**

This is what Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem: In the last days the mountain of the Lord’s temple will be established as the highest of the mountains; it will be exalted above the hills, and all nations will stream to it. Many peoples will come and say, “Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the temple of the God of Jacob. He will teach us his ways, so that we may walk in his paths.” The law will go out from Zion, the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He will judge between the nations and will settle disputes for many peoples. They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore. Come, descendants of Jacob, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

### **Romans 13:11-14**

And do this, understanding the present time: The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh.



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