

First Sunday of Advent

Central Baptist Church

November 29, 2026

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Hanging of the Green
November 29, 2026
10:55 am

The Meditation

The color blue of the Advent stoles reminds us of the night sky,
symbolizing waiting for Christ, the "Dayspring" or source of day.
As the color associated with Mary, blue also reminds us
that during Advent the church also waits for the birth of Jesus.

The Advent Chimes

The Prelude *Choral Partita on "From Heaven above to Earth I Come"* Zachau

(The poinsettias are placed to remind us of the Star of Bethlehem
and the window candles to symbolize Jesus, the Light of the World.)

The Introit *Advent's Holy Light* Raney

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath The Duncan Family
Randall and Beth

Our Advent journey begins today with the lighting of the first candle, the candle of Hope. Like the flame of a candle, may hope be ignited in our hearts, reminding us that brighter days are ahead.
For those of us facing difficult challenges
Ignite our hearts with hope.
For the end of wars wreaking havoc and pain in our world
Ignite our hearts with hope.
For safety for those fleeing the tyranny of oppression
Ignite our hearts with hope.
For the light of forgiveness to shine in our hearts
Ignite our hearts with hope.

The Carol Response *Advent's Holy Light* Raney

Lord, we are waiting for peace to reign. Lord, we are listening for love's refrain.
For hope, peace, and joy and love to unite in the beauty and wonder of Advent's holy light.

The Welcome and Christmas Proclamation Rev. Matt Sapp

***The Carol No. 79** *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* VENI EMMANUEL

(Each Chrismon ornament is a monogram for Christ.)

The Children's Sermon **The Crèche** Rev. Katie Faison

(Children in pre-kindergarten through first grade are invited to
Children's Worship following the Children's Sermon.)

The Psalm Reading **Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19** Dr. Ronnie Oliver
(pew Bible, p. 918)
…This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Advent Prayer and the Lord's Prayer Rev. Faison
***The Carol No. 90** *People, Look East* BESANCON
***The Offertory Prayer** Mrs. Duncan
The Offertory *The Bleak Midwinter* arr. McDonald
***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 New Testament Scripture **Mark 13:24-37** Rev. Sapp
(pew Bible, p. 1581)
…This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Special Music *Oh, Children Come* arr. Martin
The Chancel Choir and Mr. Gabriel Parker, fiddle
Ms. Mary Jane Levann and Mr. Chance McCoy, soloists

The Sermon ***The Attention Economy*** Rev. Sapp

***The Carol of Response No. 79** *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* VENI EMMANUEL
(Stanza 3)
O come, Thou Wisdom from on high,
and order all things,
far and nigh; to us the path of knowledge show,
and cause us in her ways to go.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel!

***The Benediction** Rev. Annie Westbrook
The Postlude *Praise Ye the Lord of Hosts from "Christmas Oratorio"* Saint-Saens

We welcome Ms. Julie Bunn, guest organist, to worship today.

*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 Celtics consider the antler to be a symbol of regeneration, abundance, and **hope**.*

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***Please stand if able.**

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

Hear us, Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock. You who sit enthroned between the cherubim shine forth before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh. Awaken your might; come and save us. Restore us, O God; make your face shine on us, that we may be saved. How long, Lord God Almighty, will your anger smolder against the prayers of your people? You have fed them with the bread of tears; you have made them drink tears by the bowlful. You have made us an object of derision to our neighbors, and our enemies mock us. Restore us, God Almighty; make your face shine on us, that we may be saved.

Let your hand rest on the man at your right hand, the son of man you have raised up for yourself. Then we will not turn away from you; revive us, and we will call on your name. Restore us, Lord God Almighty; make your face shine on us, that we may be saved.

Mark 13:24-37

"But in those days, following that distress, "'the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.' "At that time people will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. And he will send his angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of the heavens. "Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that it is near, right at the door. Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away. The "But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Be on guard! Be alert! You do not know when that time will come. It's like a man going away: He leaves his house and puts his servants in charge, each with their assigned task, and tells the one at the door to keep watch. "Therefore keep watch because you do not know when the owner of the house will come back—whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or at dawn. If he comes suddenly, do not let him find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to everyone: 'Watch!'"

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, November 29
8:45 am • Worship Service
9:45 am • Sunday School
10:55 am • Worship Service

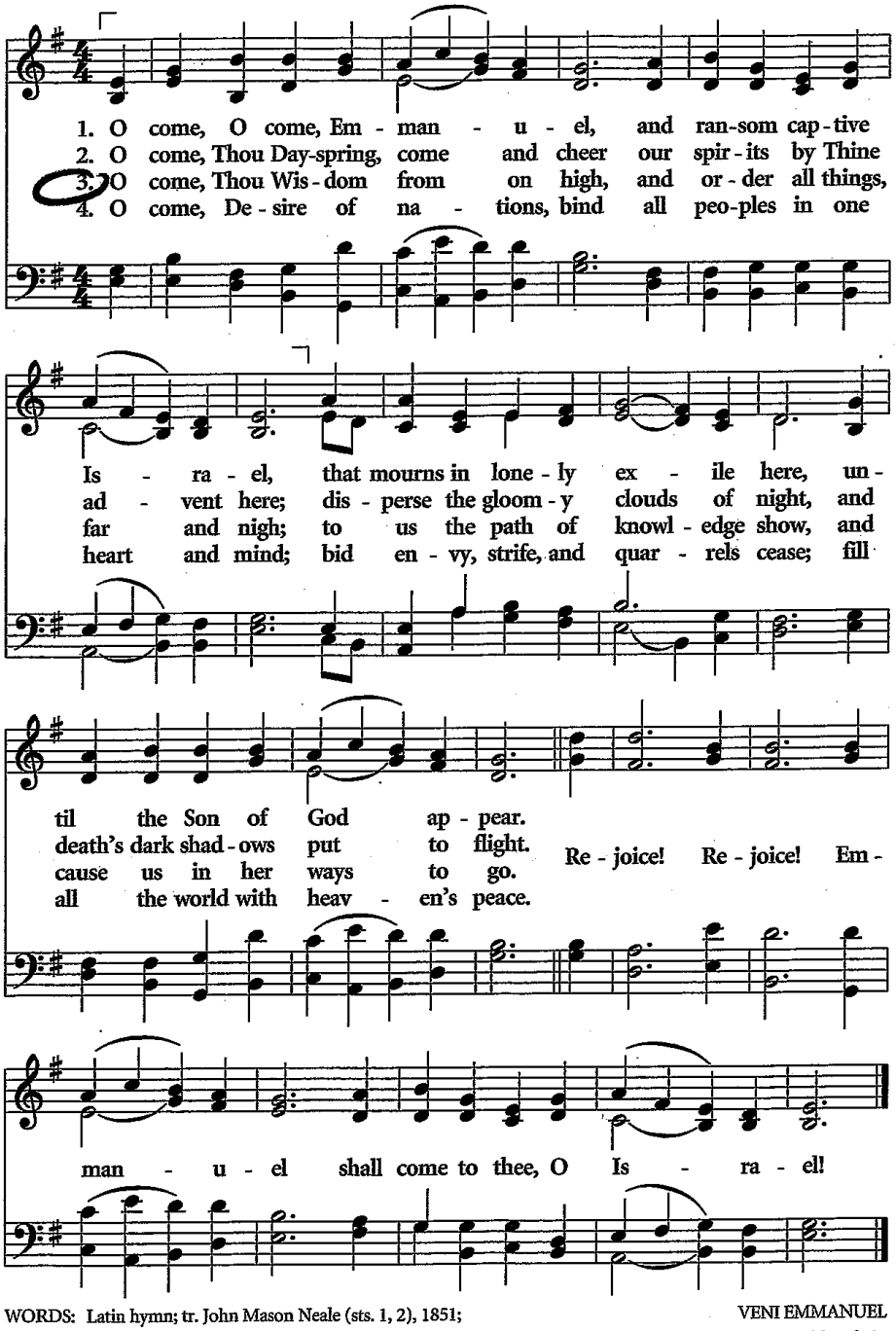
Monday, November 30
7:15 am • Youth Prayer Breakfast
6:30 pm • Handbell Rehearsal

Tuesday, December 1
7:00 am • Men's Bible Study
10:00 am • Feeding Our Friends

Wednesday, December 2
5:15 pm • Wednesday Night Supper-Salisbury Steak
6:00 pm • All Children's Choirs (Pre-K through Grade 5)
6:00 pm • Youth Group
6:00 pm • REST, Christmas Communion
6:45 pm • Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 3
9:00 am • Ladies Coffee Hour at Leaf & Bean

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel 79

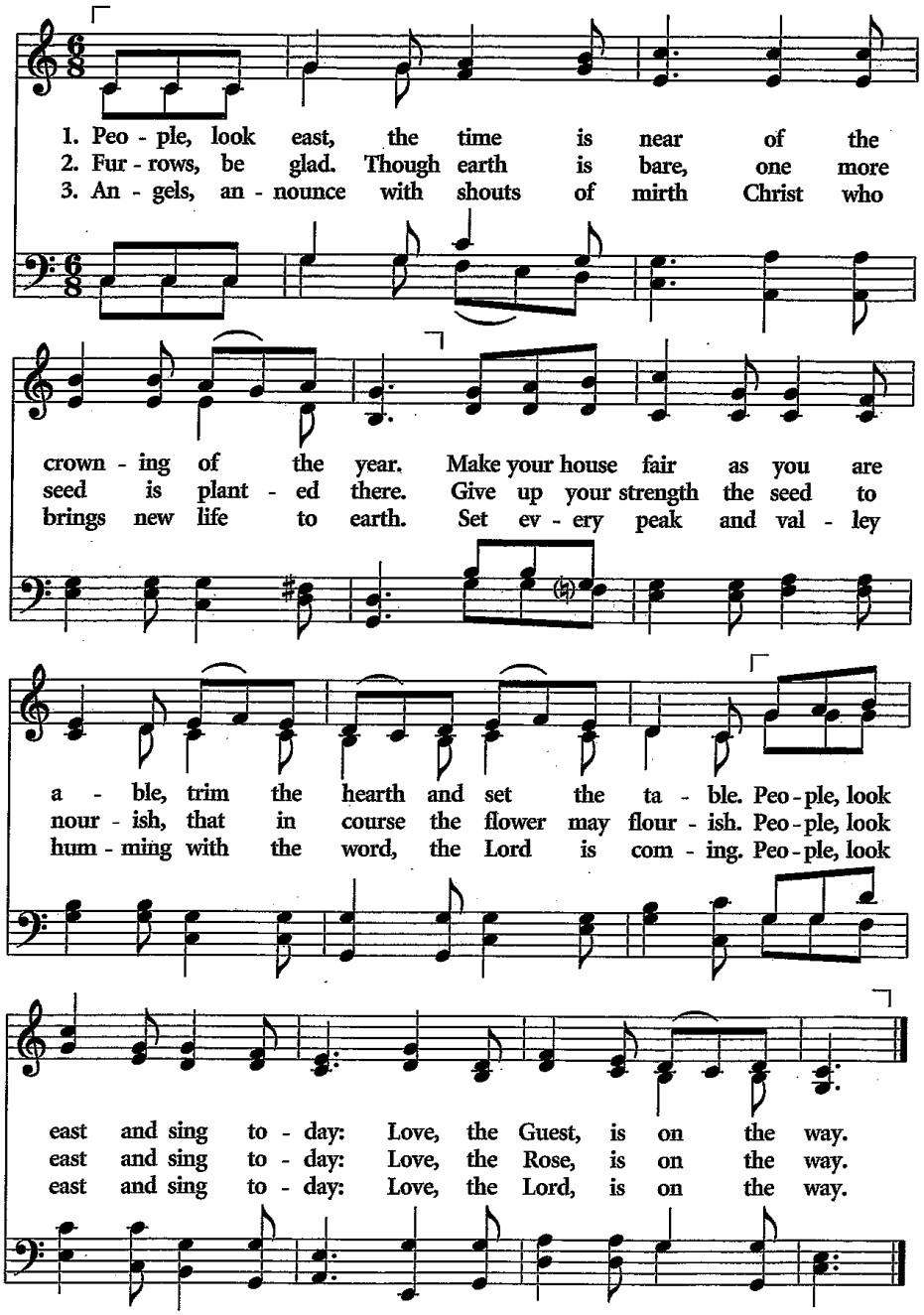


WORDS: Latin hymn; tr. John Mason Neale (sts. 1, 2), 1851; Henry Sloane Coffin (sts. 3, 4), 1916
MUSIC: Plainsong; adapt. Thomas Helmore, 1854

VENI EMMANUEL
LM with refrain

GOD THE SON

90 People, Look East



WORDS: Eleanor Farjeon, 1928
MUSIC: French folk melody; harm. Shelby Trapp, 2008

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