



3 Day of Advent
December 11, 2022
Joy

PRELUDE *Coventry Carol* Arr. W. Lloyd-Webber

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP Pastor Diane

POURING OUT OF WATERS, PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

RINGING THE BOWL

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE Monika Pataki & Sophia St John

L: Advent is a time for God's people to reawaken their longings.

P: Sorrow may last for a night, but joy comes in the morning.

L: In the darkness, we long to see the light.

P: Sorrow may last for a night, but joy comes in the morning.

L: In the silence, we long for a comforting word.

P: Sorrow may last for a night, but joy comes in the morning.

L: In hardship, we long for an act of love.

P: Sorrow may last for a night, but joy comes in the morning.

L: In Christ, we celebrate and rejoice in the promise of joy.

P: Sorrow may last for a night, but joy comes in the morning.

✠ **OPENING HYMN** *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* (verses 1,2,5,7) 88

CALL TO PRAYER

Pastor Craig

Every notion we have about power, success, wealth, and achievement, God takes and tosses out the window. More importantly, God comes to us to upset our notion that we have to save ourselves. In Jesus, God comes to us, removing our sin, our failures, our expectations, so we might have new life.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We confess we are not the people you hope us to be, Advent God. The very ones you favor, we too often ignore or ridicule. The ones you knock off their pedestals, we admire and emulate. We are so focused on having more and more, we risk being sent away empty. Forgive us, Mighty God, and look with grace upon us. We want to live secure in your love; we desire to be the ones of peace for our world, we seek to do your will, as did Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, in whose name we pray.

(Silent prayer) Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L: Even now—yes, even in this very moment, God comes to us, bringing hope and joy, bringing forgiveness, bringing grace as freely offered gifts to us.

P: May we open our hearts to the God who is with us, and receive the gifts which have been offered to us. Thanks be to God.

✠ **GLORIA PATRI**

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Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end.

Amen, Amen.

ANTHEM

Advent Coventry Carol

Arr. H. Sorenson

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie.
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark street brightly shines our Everlasting Light.
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray.
Cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels proclaim,
The great glad tidings tell.

O come to us, abide with us, our Lord, Emmanuel.
Come to us, Jesus, our Shepherd, O Savior,
Save your people. Come and lead Your children.
Come and lead us home.
He will come, the Holy One, Heaven's Son, Promised One.
He will come to set us free. Savior, Prince of Peace.
Come now to us, deliver us, Jesus, Emmanuel

PASTORAL PRAYER/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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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. Amen.

CHORAL RESPONSE

CHILDREN'S TIME

SCRIPTURE

Luke 1: 46-55

And Mary said:

“My soul magnifies the Lord
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has been mindful
of the humble state of his servant.
From now on all generations will call me blessed,
for the Mighty One has done great things for me—
holy is his name.
His mercy extends to those who fear him,
from generation to generation.
He has performed mighty deeds with his arm;
he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts.
He has brought down rulers from their thrones
but has lifted up the humble.
He has filled the hungry with good things
but has sent the rich away empty.
He has helped his servant Israel,
remembering to be merciful

⌄ **DOXOLOGY** 606

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.

⌄ **HYMN** *O Lord, How Shall I Meet You* 104

⌄ **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

⌄ **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** *Let There Be Peace on Earth*

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God as our Creator, children all are we.
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now.
With ev'ry step I take, let this be my solemn vow;
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

⌄ **POSTLUDE** *Andante in D minor* J. Stanley

⌄ **All those who are able, please stand**

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FLOWERS FOR THE SANCTUARY PROVIDED BY: Randy and Debbie VanHyfte
Merry Christmas to all— Remember the reason for the season.

COMING EVENTS

THE ANGELS OF CHRISTMAS: This Advent class is offered on Mondays at 10:00 a.m. and Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. in classroom 5. Books are \$13.

VALLEY READERS: Monday, December 12, at 12:00 p.m. in classroom 1.

BIBLE REFLECTIONS—MONDAY, AT 1:00 P.M.

We invite you to join Pastor Craig in a discussion of what the Bible means. Chapter by chapter each week; in-person in Classroom 5 and on Zoom.

BEGINNING YOGA— TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6 AT 10:00 A.M.

in Charter Hall. Join certified yoga instructor Josie Trobec as she leads the yoga practice that focuses on centering ourselves in the Presence of God. \$5.00 per session.

MEN’S BIBLE STUDY—WEDNESDAY, AT 9:00 A.M. The Men’s Bible Study is working their way through II Corinthians. All are welcome.

HOPE AND HEALING WORSHIP This Thursday (December 15) at 5:00 p.m. in the Spiritual Life Center followed by a soup and bread meal.

WOMEN’S MINISTRY'S GATHERING LUNCHEON— December 13, at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Stories of Christmas, presented by Eloise Fredrickson and Wes Moulton will present a program that will get everyone in the Christmas spirit. Proceeds will go the “Stand Up for Kids, Tucson”. This is a potluck meal. Register at the Women’s Ministries table after worship during fellowship.

OUR CHANCEL CHOIR’S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT will be held Saturday, December 17th at 3:00 p.m. We invite you to bring a neighbor or 10, friends, family, spread the word! From Classics to

Contemporary, Carols to Broadway, join us on a journey of hope, peace, love and joy. This is a free concert.

FLOWERS FOR THE SANCTUARY/POINSETTIAS: If you would like to honor someone in your family or celebrate an event with flowers, please sign up in Fellowship Hall after the Service. The Flowers for the Sanctuary are \$55, and Poinsettias are \$10. If you prefer, you may use a debit/credit card online to order your flowers. Just go to <https://secure.myvanco.com/YM77/home> and make your selection.

THE CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING The offering supports past, present and future leaders by providing assistance to current and retired church workers in their time of need and is used to develop future leaders in our denomination. Offerings will be received through December 18. Purple envelopes are on the Welcome Centers by the main entrances. Write checks out to VPC with Christmas Joy on the memo line and place the envelopes in the offering plate.

VPC Financial - Attendance / On-Line Viewing Metrics			
Monthly Giving Support Contributions		Weekly Attendance / Viewing	
November-2022		Through Week 49 (12/04/2022)	
Monthly Giving Support	\$ 48,213	Weekly Attendance Sanctuary	277
Monthly Giving Budget	59,679	* YTD 2022 Attendance Sanctuary	10,725
*YTD Giving Support	651,753	** Weekly Viewing On-Line	232
*YTD Giving Budget	677,567	** YTD 2022 Viewing On-Line	8,388
		* YTD 2022 Attendance / On-Line	19,113
		* YTD 2021 Attendance Sanctuary	7,100
* YTD = Year to Date ** Number of on-line devices tuned into Sunday service			
D. Brooks - VPC treasurer - dxb38@cox.net - 520-399-3959 2022 Per Capita is \$41.50 per member			

WELCOME to all who enter this place. Drink deeply of the living waters of God's grace as we worship together in spirit.

VISITORS: Consider yourself at home while you are here! Please enjoy a cup of coffee, lemonade and a cookie while visiting the Visitor's Table in Fellowship Hall after the church worship service. You can pick up a Visitor's Information Packet at the Visitor's Table or the Welcome Centers. If you would like to receive more information about us, visit us at valleypres.net where you can sign up for our daily email blasts and monthly newsletter.

Children are invited to worship in the sanctuary then attend Sunday School after Children's Time.

We are glad you have joined us today.



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