

Worship Resource Advent 1 (Sunday, November 27, 2022)

Thanks for joining us in worship today! If you are worshipping online, be sure to fill out the digital connection card.

Getting Reading for Worship

As you get ready for worship, you will want to have:

1. Your Bible. We will be reading these passages: Isaiah 2:1-5, Romans 13:11-14, Matthew 24:36-44
2. Lyrics to hymns listed below.
3. The elements for Holy Communion. We encourage you to strive for a bread product and something in the "fruit of the vine" category.
4. The worship service will be broadcast on YouTube. You will find links to both on the home page of the Grace website (www.grace-nalc.org).

Prelude: *Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying*
(*Wachet Auf*)

Philipp Nicolai
arr. Franklin D. Ashdown

Opening Hymn: Rejoice, Rejoice Believers (LBW #25)

1. Rejoice, rejoice, believers, And let your lights appear;
The evening is advancing, And darker night is near.
The bridegroom is arising And soon is drawing nigh.
Up, pray and watch and wrestle; At midnight comes the cry.
2. The watchers on the mountain Proclaim the bridegroom near;
Go forth as he approaches With alleluias clear.
The marriage feast is waiting; The gates wide open stand.
Arise, O heirs of glory; The bridegroom is at hand.
3. The saints, who here in patience Their cross and suff'rings bore,
Shall live and reign forever When sorrow is no more.
Around the throne of glory The Lamb they shall behold;
In triumph cast before him Their diadems of gold.
4. Our hope and expectation, O Jesus, now appear;
Arise, O Sun so longed for, O'er this benighted sphere.
With hearts and hands uplifted, We plead, O Lord, to see
The day of earth's redemption That sets your people free!

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Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness

Have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Kyrie

P: Kyrie eleison C: Lord, have mercy.
P: Christe eleison C: Christ, have mercy.
P: Kyrie eleison C: Lord, have mercy.

Hymn of Praise

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.
Glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth.
 Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father,
 We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.
Glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth.
 Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father
 Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us;
 You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.
Glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth.
 For you alone are the holy one, you alone are the Lord,
 You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
 In the glory of God the Father, Amen.
Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.
Glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth.
And peace to God's people on earth.

Holy Scripture: Isaiah 2:1-5

This is what Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem: ²In 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. ³Many 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. ⁴He 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. ⁵Come, descendants of Jacob, let us walk in the light of the LORD.

Holy Scripture: Romans 13:11-14

¹¹ 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. ¹² 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. ¹³ Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. ¹⁴ Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 24:36-44

and the life of the world to come. Amen

The Giving of Your Tithes and Offerings

We encourage you to participate in the offering as you worship from your home. Have a designated basket where you place your offering, and include your children in the process. Let them serve as ushers, for example. Use this as a teaching time to talk about the importance of stewardship, and to pray for your church's financial situation during these abnormal times. Here are a few giving options for you to consider:

1. Your Grace offering envelope is also a mailing envelope. We recommend added an additional piece of tape to secure the tab.
2. Give through the Grace app. It's quick, simple and easy, and very secure. Connect through the "Give" option.
3. Use the "bill pay" option through your bank.
4. Arrange for automatic contributions through the Grace system (Vanco). Again this is very secure. There is a form to be filled out for this. Contact Church Administrator Darla Kalifoot (937-399-6257) to get this set up.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

P: The Lord be with you!

C: And also with you!

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

Holy, holy, holy Lord. God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

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

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.

At the pastor's direction, share the communion elements with one another.

As you share the bread with one another, say "The body of Christ given for you."

As you share the cup with one another, say "The blood of Christ shed for you."

Musical Offering: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel Anne Krentz Organ

Kristin Cline, flutist

Hymn: *I Wonder as I Wander (WOV #642)*

1. I wonder as I wander, out under the sky,
How Jesus the Savior did come for to die for poor ord'n'ry people like you and like I.
I wonder as I wander, out under the sky.
2. When Mary birthed Jesus, all in a cow's stall,
came wise men and farmers and shepherds and all, and high from the heavens a
star's light did fall; the promise of the ages, it then did recall.
3. If Jesus had wanted for any wee thing,
A star in the sky or a bird on the wing, or all of God's angels in heav'n for to sing,
he surely could have had it, 'cause he was the king.
4. I wonder as I wander, out under the sky,
how Jesus the Savior did come for to die for poor ord'n'ry people like you and like I.
I wonder as I wander, out under the sky.

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Postlude *Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers* arr. Franklin D. Ashdown

Other Notes:

- Throughout the service, feel free to stand whenever doing so would enhance your worship experience.
- As you share the peace, consider sending a text of peace to someone who also may be sheltered in a different place. Stay connected!