

NPC Celebration of Worship
Sunday—November 28, 2021

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Passing of the Peace

Prelude

Call to Worship (*responsively*)

One: After a time to give thanks

All: we move into a time of preparation.

One: We prepare for the incarnation of God,

All: the birthing of the sacred into our world.

One: This cannot simply be a remembrance of a historical event,

**All: for it is a call to us, to birth the sacred into the world again
and again.**

One: So let us prepare.

**All: In an effort to prepare, let us worship what is sacred.
Let us worship God.**

† Hymn #88 (*Glory To God Hymnal*)

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.**

**2 O come, thou Wisdom from on high,
who orderest all things mightily:
to us the path of knowledge show;**

and teach us in her ways to go. [Refrain]

3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might,
who to thy tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times didst give the law
in cloud and majesty and awe. [Refrain]

4 O come, thou Root of Jesse, free
thine own from Satan's tyranny;
from depths of hell thy people save
and give them victory o'er the grave. [Refrain]

5 O come, thou Key of David, come,
and open wide our heavenly home;
make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery. [Refrain]

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

Lighting of the Advent Candle The Brown/Swenson Family

A time for meditation

† Response to meditation (# 582 *(Glory To God Hymnal)*)

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

Ordination and Installation of Elders

LITURGY OF THE WORD

† Prayer for Illumination (*unison*)

Almighty God, in you are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.
Open our eyes that we may see the wonders of your Word, and give us grace
that we may clearly understand and freely choose the way of your wisdom;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

† Hymn #92 (*Glory To God Hymnal*)

While We Are Waiting, Come

While we are waiting come
While we are waiting come
Jesus our Lord Emmanuel
While we are waiting come

With pow'r and glory come
With pow'r and glory come
Jesus our Lord Emmanuel
While we are waiting come

Come Savior quickly come
Come Savior quickly come
Jesus our Lord Emmanuel
While we are waiting come

First Reading

Thessalonians 3.9-13

Second Reading

John 14.23-27

Third Reading

Jeremiah 29.1-14

† Hymn #100 (*Glory To God Hymnal*)

My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout

My soul cries out with a joyful shout
that the God of my heart is great,
And my spirit sings of the wondrous things
that you bring to the one who waits.
You fixed your sight on the servant's plight,
and my weakness you did not spurn,
So from east to west shall my name be blest.
Could the world be about to turn?
My heart shall sing of the day you bring.
Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears,
For the dawn draws near,
And the world is about to turn.

Though I am small, my God, my all,
you work great things in me.
And your mercy will last from the depths of the past
to the end of the age to be.
Your very name puts the proud to shame,
and those who would for you yearn,
You will show your might, put the strong to flight,
for the world is about to turn.
My heart shall sing of the day you bring.
Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears,
For the dawn draws near,
And the world is about to turn.

From the halls of power to the fortress tower,
not a stone will be left on stone.
Let the king beware for your justice tears
every tyrant from his throne.
The hungry poor shall weep no more,
for the food they can never earn;
These are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be fed,
for the world is about to turn.
My heart shall sing of the day you bring.
Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears,
For the dawn draws near,
And the world is about to turn.

Though the nations rage from age to age,
we remember who holds us fast:
God's mercy must deliver us
from the conqueror's crushing grasp.
This saving word that our forbears heard
is the promise that holds us bound,
'Til the spear and rod be crushed by God,
who is turning the world around.
My heart shall sing of the day you bring.
Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears,
For the dawn draws near,
And the world is about to turn.

Pastoral Prayers

Silent Prayer

Corporate 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. *Amen.*

Offering

Offertory

† Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Christ, all creatures here below!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise Holy Spirit evermore!

Praise Triune God whom we adore!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

† Prayer of Thanksgiving (*responsively*)

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

It is right to give our thanks and praise. It is truly right, and our great honor, to praise you, Gracious God. Let us continue to seek an attitude of thankfulness, so that we would understand ourselves through the lens of mercy and grace through which you see not only us, but the whole of creation. What we give today, we give out of that sense of thankfulness. Amen.

SENDING

† Hymn #99 (*Glory To God Hymnal*)

My Soul Gives Glory to My God

1 My soul gives glory to my God,

My heart pours out its praise.

God lifted up my lowliness

In many marvelous ways.

2 My God has done great things for me:
Yes, holy is this Name.
All people will declare me blessed,
And blessings they shall claim.

3 From age to age to all who fear,
Such mercy love imparts,
Dispensing justice far and near,
Dismissing selfish hearts.

4 Love casts the mighty from their thrones,
Promotes the insecure,
Leaves hungry spirits satisfied;
The rich seem suddenly poor.

5 Praise God, whose loving covenant
Supports those in distress,
Remembering past promises
With present faithfulness.

† Charge and Blessing

Postlude