



KIMBALL MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
101 VANCE ST. KANNAPOLIS, NC 28081

December 8, 2024

Second Sunday of Advent

8:30 am

GATHERING

God With Us

~Jason Ingram / Leslie Jordan

INTRO

VERSE

1. Oh, You've come to bring peace,
(2. Oh, You've come) to be Hope

6 to be Love, to be near - er to us. You've come to bring life,
to this world, for Your hon - or and name. And You've come to take sin,

10 to be Light, to shine bright - er in us. Oh, Em - man - u -
to bear shame, and to con - quer the grave. Oh, Em - man - u -

14 **CHORUS**

el, God with us. Our De - liv - er - er, You are Sav - ior.
el, God with us.

19 In Your pres - ence, we find our strength o - ver ev - 'ry - thing, our Re - demp - tion, God with

24 *Last time to Coda* Φ 1 2

us. You are God with us. 2. Oh, You've come us.

BRIDGE

1 2 *repeat as desired*

You are here. You are ho - ly. We are stand - ing in Your glo - ry. in Your glo - ry,

35 **CHORUS**

Lord. Our De - liv - er - er, You are Sav - ior. In Your pres - ence, we

40 *D.S. al Coda*

find our strength o - ver ev - 'ry - thing, our Re - demp - tion, God with us.

continued...

45 *Coda*

us. Oh,

ENDING

God with us. You are God with us.

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.

C Blessed be God's name forever. Amen.

P Beloved, now is the time to wake from sleep. Let us confront our sins, and confess them to the one who is merciful and just.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P God of new beginnings,

C we confess that we have not welcomed your holy reign. We have strayed from your paths. We prepare for war instead of peace. We dishonor one another and your creation. Purify us with your refining fire and set us again on your way of love, that we may bear fruit worthy of repentance, and welcome your coming among us. Amen.

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the ✚ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

by Mary Lu Walker, edited by Pastor David R. Keck, Sr

Advent 2:

Light the Advent Candle two;
Think of John the Baptist, who
Urged preparing of the Way:
God's salvation seen today! (Refrain)

Refrain:

Candle, candle, burning bright,
Shining in the cold winter night;
Candle, candle, burning bright,
Fill our hearts with Christ's own light.



READING Malachi 3:1-4

God announces a covenant with Israel. A messenger like Malachi (his name means “my messenger”) will prepare the way for the coming of the Lord by purifying and refining God’s people, as silver and gold are refined.

L A reading from the third chapter of Malachi.

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. ² But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner’s fire and like fullers’ soap; ³ he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. ⁴ Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

L Word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

HOLY COMMUNION

We have two options for Communion during this time. You are free to come forward to receive the bread and pre-filled cups of wine from our clergy and lay assistants, returning to your seats after you’ve deposited the empty cup and following the guidance of our ushers; or you may continue to use the pre-packaged communion elements which are available from the ushers at the entrance to the Sanctuary. However you choose to receive Communion this morning, know that we are glad you’re here for this Sacrament!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

(Sung)

C Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away, slain for us, and we remember the promise made that all who come in faith find forgiveness at the cross. So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice as a sign of our bonds of peace around the table of the King.

P The body of our Savior Jesus Christ, torn for you—eat and remember the wounds that heal, the death that brings us life paid the price to make us one.

Refrain

C So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice as a sign of our bonds of love around the table of the King.

P The blood that cleanses every stain of sin, shed for you—drink and remember He drained death’s cup that all may enter in to receive the life of God.

Refrain

C And so with thankfulness and faith we rise to respond, and to remember our call to follow in the steps of Christ as His body here on earth. As we share in His suffering, we proclaim Christ will come again! And we’ll join in the feast of heaven around the table of the King.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P Gathered as one by the Holy Spirit let us pray, as Jesus taught.

C 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.

INVITATION

P God feeds us with tender mercy. Come to the table.

You may receive the Elements as the words are said:

The Body of Christ given for You; The Blood of Christ shed for You.

Healing Prayer is available under the balcony during Communion if you desire prayer.

COMMUNION SONG

In Christ Alone

Keith Getty



1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my
2. In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, full - ness of God in help - less
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in



song; This Cor - ner - stone, this sol - id Ground, firm through the fierc - est drought and
babe! This gift of love and right - eous - ness, scorned by the ones He came to
me; From life's first cry to fi - nal breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti -



storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv - ings
save. Till on that cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of God was sat - is -
ny. No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ev - er pluck me from His



cease. My Com - fort - er, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.
fied. For ev - 'ry sin on Him was laid; Here in the death of Christ I live.
hand; Till He re - turns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!



POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P The Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His Grace. C Amen.

SCRIPTURE SONG *ELW 264 Prepare the Royal Highway* BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN



- 1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; the King of kings is near!
- 2 God's peo - ple, see him com - ing: your own e - ter - nal king!
- 3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen to greet your prom - ised king!
- 4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; it comes from heav'n a - bove.

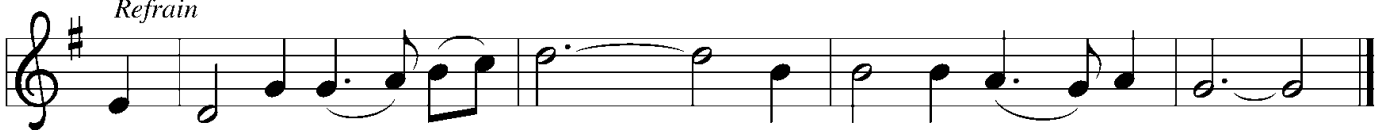


Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley a lev - el road ap - pear!
Palm branch - es strew be - fore him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!
Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion its trib - ute too may bring.
His rule is peace and free - dom and jus - tice, truth, and love.



Then greet the King of glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:
God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!
All lands will bow be - fore him; their voic - es join your sing - ing:
So let your praise be sound - ing for kind - ness so a - bound - ing:

Refrain



Ho - san - na to the Lord, for he ful - fills God's word!

GREETING

P The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C Amen.**

PRAYER OF DAY

A Let us pray. Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming give to all the people of the world knowledge of your salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

LET'S TALK

✠ GOSPEL Luke 3:1-6

John the Baptist is a herald of Jesus, whose way is prepared by "repentance for the forgiveness of sins." As we hear the careful record of human leaders, we sense the spectrum of political and religious authority that will be challenged by this coming Lord.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the third chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Iturea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene,² during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness.³ He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins,⁴ as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.

⁵ Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth;

⁶ and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.' "

P The Gospel of the Lord

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor John Futterer

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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed

A With the people of God in Christ now and in every time, let us confess our faith.

C We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit He became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE

A Following his resurrection, the Lord Jesus breathed peace upon his disciples. We share in this peace of Christ in the Church today. The peace of the Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A As we prepare for Emmanuel, God-with-us, let us pray for all people and places that long for God's presence.

A Please kneel or be seated for the Prayers.

Prayer petitions will conclude: "Lord, in your mercy,"

The congregation's response is: "receive our prayer."

P Savior of the nations, come, and receive these prayers and the pleas of our hearts, in the name of Jesus Christ.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

P God of endings and beginnings,
God in the darkness and the light,
God, our hope for the journey,
✠ bless and keep you now and forever.

C Amen.

VERSE



1. Soon and ver - y soon, we are go - ing to see the King!
 2. No more cry - ing there,
 3. No more dy - ing there,



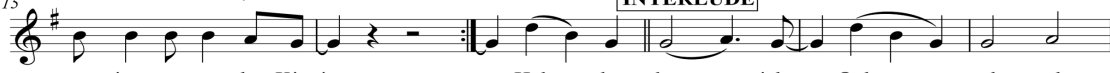
Soon and ver - y soon, we are go - ing to see the King! Soon and ver - y soon,
 No more cry - ing there, No more cry - ing there,
 No more dy - ing there, No more dy - ing there,.

CHORUS



we are go - ing to see the King! Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! We are

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go - ing to see the King! Hal - le lu - jah. Ooh, ooh, ooh,

INTERLUDE



ah. (No more dy - ing there) Hal - le lu - jah. Ooh, ooh, ooh, ah.

INTERLUDE

BRIDGE 1



Should there be an - y riv - ers we must cross, should there be an - y



moun - tains we must climb; God will sup - ply all the strength that we need,

BRIDGE 2



give us grace till we reach the oth - er side. We have come from



ev - 'ry na - tion, God knows each of us by name. Je - sus took His



blood and He washed our sins, and He washed them all a - way. Yes, there are



some of us, who have laid down our lives, but we all shall live a - gain

(to Verse 1) D.C. al Coda



on the oth - er side.

Coda $\text{\textcircled{C}}$

ENDING



Hal - - le lu - - - jah. Ooh,



ooh, ooh, ah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Ooh, ooh, ooh. Hal - le -



lu. Ooh, ooh, ooh, ah.