



Zion Goshert's United Church of Christ
Second Sunday of Advent Worship Sunday, December 4, 2022

Ministers: All the Faithful Members

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*Please stand if you are able. Congregation, please speak the words in **bold**.

PRELUDE

WELCOME (Ringing of the Bell)

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **People: Amen.**

L: Wait upon the Lord.

P: Be strong and courageous.

L: Wait upon the Lord. That's what Isaiah said.

P: Those who wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength.

L: They shall mount up with wings like eagles.

P: They shall run and not be weary.

L: They shall walk and not faint. Wait upon the Lord.

P: Be strong and courageous. Wait upon the Lord!

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

***OPENING HYMN**

O Come All Ye Faithful

Hymnal #318

CALL TO CONFESSION & PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor: God of all mercy and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ:

Congregation: We admit that we have become impatient with ourselves, each other, and sometimes with you. We have turned to our own way and have gone astray from your will.

Lost in sin and needing to become strong and courageous, we ask you, O Lord, to forgive our sin, cleanse our hearts, and keep us patiently waiting for the promised coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

You are invited to meditate on the fact that though our sin is great, Christ's love is greater.

P: Believe and receive the good news! God sent his Son, the Babe of Bethlehem, to show his infinite love and forgiveness for all people. Your sins are forgiven in the holy name of + Christ who came and indeed, will come again.

C: Amen.

P: Wait upon the Lord.

C: Be strong and courageous. Wait upon the Lord!

KYRIE

P: Lord, have mercy. **C: Give us patience.**

P: Christ, have mercy. **C: Give us patience and peace.**

P: Lord, have mercy. **C: Give us patience and peace for the living of these days.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE : Isaiah 40: 27-31; Romans 8: 22-25; John 1: 1-5

SERMON: Wait For The Lord With Hope

OFFERING - GOD'S WORD ON GIVING

OFFERING HYMN

What Child Is This

Hymnal #312

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Praise God from Whom All Blessing Flow

Tune: *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

Musical score for the Offertory Response. The score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of four staves of music. The lyrics are: "Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures here be - low. Praise God a - bove, ye heaven - ly host. Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el." The chords are: Em, G, C, D7, G, D, G, C, G; Am, Bm7, Em, Am, Em, B7, Em, A7, D, Em; D, Bm, G, C, Am, D7, G, D, Em, Bm, G; C, D7, Em, D, G, C, G, Am, Em, Bm, Em.

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

PRAYERS of the people and pastoral prayer

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father Who is in heaven, hallowed be Your Name. Your kingdom come; Your 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.

Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

*HYMN

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

Hymnal #311

BENEDICTION

May the depth of your gratitude give you hope to work toward a better harvest of the ground and of the Spirit. Thanks be to God.

NOTES ON PARISH LIFE and THE POSTLUDE