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9:15 AM — November 27, 2022 — First Sunday In Advent
ALIVE! Worship Service

INTRODUCTION

The new church year begins with a wake-up call: Christ is coming soon! In today's readings both Paul and Jesus challenge us to wake from sleep, for we know neither the day nor hour of the Lord's coming. Isaiah proclaims the day when God will gather all people on the holy mountain and there will be no more war or suffering. Though we vigilantly watch for the promised day of salvation, we wait for what we already have: Christ comes among us this day as the word and meal that strengthens our faith in the promises of God.

Freedom Is Coming

1 Oh, free - dom, oh, free - dom, oh,

1 Free-dom is com-ing. Free-dom is

free - dom. Oh,

com - ing. Free-dom is com - ing. Oh, yes, I

know. Free-dom is com - ing. Free-dom is

The musical score is written for a two-part setting in G major (one sharp). The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The tempo is marked with a common time signature (C). The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words split across lines. The score consists of three systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The first system ends with a repeat sign. The second system ends with a repeat sign. The third system ends with a repeat sign.

free - dom. Oh,

com - ing. Free-dom is com - ing. Oh, yes, I

yes, I know. Oh, yes, I know. Oh,

know. Oh, oh, yes, I know. Oh, oh, yes, I

yes, I know. Oh,

know. Oh, oh, yes, I know. Oh, yes, I

yes, I know. Oh, yes, I know. Oh,

know. Oh, oh, yes, I know. Oh, oh, yes, I

yes, I know.

know. Oh, oh, yes, I know. Oh, yes, I know.

2 Oh, Jesus.
Jesus is coming.
Oh, yes, I know.

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

Only Sing Additional
Verse

He Came Down

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. It consists of two systems of music. The first system contains the first four verses of the song. The second system contains the final verse and the 'hal-le-lu-jah' refrain. The melody is primarily in the soprano and alto parts, with the bass part providing a harmonic foundation. Triplet markings are used in several places to indicate specific rhythmic patterns. The lyrics are printed below the corresponding musical staves.

1 He came down that we may have love; he came down that we may have love;
2 He came down that we may have light; he came down that we may have light;
3 He came down that we may have peace; he came down that we may have peace;
4 He came down that we may have joy; he came down that we may have joy;

he came down that we may have love;
he came down that we may have light;
he came down that we may have peace; hal-le-lu-jah for-ev-er-more.
he came down that we may have joy;

Text: Cameroon traditional

Music: HE CAME DOWN, Cameroon traditional; arr. John L. Bell, b. 1949

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Additional Verse: He came down that we may have hope; he came down that we may have hope; he came down that we may have hope; hallelujah forever more.

Verses 1-3

All Earth Is Hopeful Toda la tierra



To - da la tie - rra es - pe - ra al Sal - va - dor
 1 All earth is hope - ful, the Sav - ior comes at last!
 2 Peo - ple of Is - rael, you heard the proph - et tell;
 3 Moun - tains and val - leys will have to be pre - pared;
 4 We first saw Je - sus a ba - by in a crib.



y el sur - co a - bier - to, la ob - ra del Se - ñor; es el
 Fur - rows lie o - pen for God's cre - a - tive task; this, the
 "A vir - gin moth - er will bear Em - man - u - el"; she con -
 new high - ways o - pened, new pro - to - cols de - clared. Al - most
 This same Lord Je - sus to - day has come to live in our



mun - do que lu - cha por la li - ber - tad, re -
 la - bor of peo - ple who strug - gle to see how
 ceived him, "God with us," our broth - er, whose birth re -
 here! God is near - ing, in beau - ty and grace! All
 world; he is pres - ent, in neigh - bors we see our



cla - ma jus - ti - cia y bus - ca la ver - dad. dar - nos li - ber - tad.
 God's truth and jus - tice set ev - 'ry - bod - y free.
 stores hope and cour - age to chil - dren of this earth.
 clear ev - 'ry gate - way, in haste, come out in haste!
 Je - sus is with us, and ev - er sets us free.

2 Dice el profeta al pueblo de Israel:
 "De madre virgen ya viene Emmanuel,"
 será "Dios con nosotros," hermano será,
 con él la esperanza al mundo volverá.

3 Montes y valles habrá que preparar;
 nuevos caminos tenemos que trazar.
 Él está ya muy cerca, venidlo a encontrar,
 y todas las puertas abrid de par en par.

4 En una cueva Jesús apareció,
 pero en el mundo está presente hoy.
 Vive en nuestros hermanos, con ellos está;
 y vuelve de nuevo a darnos libertad.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRAYERS

KYRIE

ELWp. 184

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all; for this holy house, for all who worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord, **let us pray to the Lord**

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor; that we may live out truth and justice and grace, let us pray to the Lord, **let us pray to the Lord**

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family; for life and for love, for our work and our play, let us pray to the Lord, **let us pray to the Lord**

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word; that you nourish our souls with your body and blood, let us pray to the Lord, **let us pray to the Lord**

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Verse 4

It Came upon the Midnight Clear



1 It came up - on the mid - night clear, that glo - rious song of old,
 2 Still through the clo - ven skies they come with peace - ful wings un - furled,
 3 And you, be - neath life's crush - ing load, whose forms are bend - ing low,
 4 For lo! The days are has - t'ning on, by proph - ets seen of old,



from an - gels bend - ing near the earth to touch their harps of gold:
 and still their heav'n - ly mu - sic floats o'er all the wea - ry world.
 who toil a - long the climb - ing way with pain - ful steps and slow:
 when with the ev - er - cir - cling years shall come the time fore - told,



"Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heav'n's all - gra - cious king."
 A - bove its sad and low - ly plains they bend on hov - 'ring wing,
 look now, for glad and gold - en hours come swift - ly on the wing;
 when peace shall o - ver all the earth its an - cient splen - dors fling,



The world in sol - emn still - ness lay to hear the an - gels sing.
 and ev - er o'er its ba - bel sounds the bless - ed an - gels sing.
 oh, rest be - side the wea - ry road and hear the an - gels sing!
 and all the world give back the song which now the an - gels sing.

Text: Edmund H. Sears, 1810-1876
 Music: CAROL, Richard S. Willis, 1819-1900

FIRST READING:

Isaiah 2:1-5

A reading from Isaiah.

The visionary message presented in this reading focuses on a future day when God establishes a universal reign of peace. Divine decisions will make war obsolete, and the worshiping community responds: "Let us walk in the light of that Lord now!"

¹The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

²In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it.

³Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths."

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

⁴He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

⁵O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 122

I Was Glad

Refrain

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us
go to the house of the Lord." I was glad when they
said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord."

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1 Called from ev - 'ry na - tion, called from ev - 'ry race,
 2 Words that must be spo - ken, grace that must be heard,
 3 Here the poor are wel - comed, here the lost are claimed.

gath - ered here for wor - ship in this ho - ly place;
 mer - cy and for - give - ness from God's ho - ly word,
 Bro - ken lives are mend - ed, deep - est fears are named.

God is here a - mong us, lift your hearts and sing,
 here will be re - peat - ed; peace to all pro - claimed,
 Here the wise are child - ren and the weak are strong.

Refrain
 make the walls and raf - ters ring.
 shout - ed out in Je - sus' name.
 Here, in Christ, we all be - long.

Text: Psalm 122:1, refrain; Jay Beech, stanzas
 Music: PSALM 122, Jay Beech

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GOSPEL:

Matthew 24:36-44

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus describes his second coming as a sudden, turbulent event that will bring about deep change to our normal, day-to-day lives. Therefore, he urges people to stay awake, be aware, and wait expectantly, because the Son of Man will come unannounced.

[Jesus said to the disciples,] ³⁶“About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰Then

two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴¹Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴²Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

ANTHEM

Advent Hymn

Wesley & Nockels/arr. Martin

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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

Blessed be God's name forever.

Amen.

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.

God of new beginnings,

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.

People of God, a new thing is growing in our midst, a tender branch, a living sign.

By water and the Spirit you are joined to this wonder.

You have put on ✠ Christ, and your sins have been washed away.

Rejoice in the way of the Lord.

Amen

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

Eternal God, you make the desert bloom and send springs of water to thirsty ground. Receive these simple gifts and make us messengers of your mercy and love for all in need of your healing and justice. We ask this through Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

We Are Waiting for Jesus



1 We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.
2 We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.



We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.
We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.



Sun of jus - tice, shine up - on us; we are trust - ing in your prom - ise.
Lov - ing Shep - herd, walk be - side us; stir our hearts, and gent - ly guide us.



We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.
We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.

Text: John Helgen, b. 1957

Music: JESUS BRINGS PEACE, John Helgen

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LORD'S PRAYER

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

**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.**

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace. **Amen.**

Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning



1 Keep your lamps trimmed and burn - ing, keep your
 2 Dark-er mid - night lies be - fore us, dark - er
 3 Lo, the morn - ing soon is break - ing, lo, the
 4 Keep your lamps trimmed and burn - ing, keep your



lamps trimmed and burn - ing, keep your lamps
 mid - night lies be - fore us, dark - er mid - night
 morn - ing soon is break - ing, lo, the morn - ing
 lamps trimmed and burn - ing, keep your lamps



trimmed and burn - ing, for this work's al - most done.
 lies be - fore us, for this work's al - most done.
 soon is break - ing, for this work's al - most done.
 trimmed and burn - ing, for this work's al - most done.



Chil-dren, don't grow wea - ry; chil-dren, don't grow wea - ry;



chil-dren, don't grow wea - ry, for this work's al-most done.

Text: African American spiritual

Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Welcome to Mt. Tabor. We are glad that you have chosen to worship with us today! If you are a visitor, please fill out and return the attendance card in your pew rack so we may have a record of your attendance. Our ushers and greeters will be glad to answer any questions you may have about our worship service. We hope that you will experience the presence of the Risen Christ today!

Altar Flowers. Today's Altar Flowers are given by Dad, Mom & Olivia Williams in honor of Hannah Williams' birthday

Bulletin Covers. Today's Bulletin Covers are given by Dad, Mom & Olivia Williams in honor of Hannah Williams' birthday

ALIVE! Musicians

Gale McLeod, Co-Director

Clark Ebener

Mary Katherine King

Irelou Moye, Co-Director

Lyndsey Ebener

Ricky Lusk

Beth Branham

Hannah Fogle

David Moye

Leah Conrad

Erin Hall

Ed Redmond

Brett Ebener

Vaughn Hall

Roxanne Rich

Worship Leaders

Rev. Wade T. Roof, III, Senior Pastor

Rev. Rus Stilwell, Pastor of Visitation

Mr. Kevin Davis, Director of Music

Worship Assistants

Lector

Cathy Crawford

Greeter

Usher

Paul Jacobs

Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church**November 27, 2022****FALL PARISH NOTES****This Week at Mt. Tabor...****Sunday, November 27 First Sunday in Advent**

8:00 am Matins Service/Holy Communion
9:00 am Coffee/Fellowship /MT Cafe
9:15 am ALIVE! Service
10:00 am Christmas Play Practice
10:15 am Sunday School
11:00 am Traditional Service/Holy Communion

Monday, November 28

9:30 am Quilting Ministry/Intern house
5:30 pm Positively Fit/ECR
7:00 pm Mt. Tabor Ringers

Tuesday, November 29

10:00 am-12:00 Noon Chrismon Circle Ministry/Rm 124
10:30 am Staff Meeting
5:30 pm Pipers Practice/AR
6:00 pm- 8:00 pm Chrismon Circle Ministry/Rm 124
6:30 pm NA Meeting/ECR
6:30 pm ALIVE Rehearsal

Wednesday, November 30

9:00 am Enews Deadline
10:00 am Bulletin Deadline
11:00 am Bible Study
12:00 pm Noon Eucharist
3:30 pm Sing & Celebrate
4:00 pm Children's Choir
6:30 pm Adult Choir

Thursday, December 1

5:30 pm Positively Fit/ECR

Saturday, December 3

9:30 am Christmas Play Practice/AR & ECR
10:00 am Girl Scouts/Upstairs

Sunday, December 4 Second Sunday in Advent

8:00 am Matins Service/Holy Communion
9:00 am Coffee/Fellowship /MT Cafe
10:00 am Christmas Program/AR
12:30 pm Confirmation/ECR
3:00 pm AR reserved (Linda)
5:00 pm Youth/AR

Next Sunday's Readings

Isaiah 11:1-10
Psalms 72:1-7, 18-19
Romans 15:4-13
Matthew 3:1-12

Love Offering

Harvest Hope

God's Helping Hands Needs

Oatmeal, Mac n' Cheese, Grits,
Jelly, Fruit Juice, Cookies, Rice, and Beans

FOR HOME SELF-STUDY & REFLECTION

SECOND READING:

Romans 13:11-14

A reading from Romans.

Paul compares the advent of Christ to the coming of dawn. We live our lives today in light of Christ's coming in the future.

¹¹Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

<p>Reminder: Please return any church or office keys not in use. Thank you for your cooperation.</p>



Thanks to Mt Tabor Early Rising Men's HUGS Program and your generous donations, the Homeless of Columbia and Lexington are wearing warm clothes and sleeping more comfortably! Over 200 hoodies, 120 sleeping bags, 60 blankets, 60 gloves hats and socks have been distributed through Candyman Homeless Ministry and Christ Central Ministries Veterans Transitional Retreat. We plan to also work with MIRCI and Washington Street UMC. The HUGS program will continue through December. You may contribute by making a check to Mt. Tabor, 1000 B Avenue, West Columbia, SC 29169, For HUGS. Or online <https://secure.myvanco.com/YNAH/campaign/C-11XC4>

Join us for our annual Live Nativity

December 18, 2022

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM



Christmas Play News

Practice & Production Dates

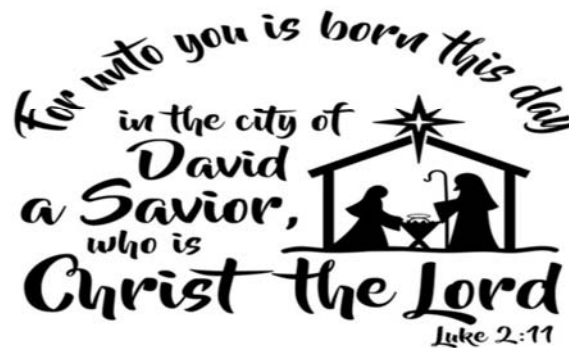
Practice:

Sunday, November 20th & 27th 10 am

Saturday, December 3rd 9:30 am

Production:

Sunday, December 4th 10 am



Poinsettia, Greenery & Advent Wreath Orders

This year, we have received 30 Poinsettias (\$18.50 each); 2 Pots of Greenery (\$18.50 each); and 4 Advent Wreaths (\$75.00 per week each). If you would like to assist in beautifying Mt. Tabor this holiday season by providing any of the above items, simply fill out the below form and place in the offering plate or return to the Church Office. If there is not sufficient space on the form, please write your information on a separate sheet of paper. If you wish to provide an Advent/Christmas Wreath, please contact the Church Office concerning the date you wish to provide this. (These will be placed in the Sanctuary each Sunday in Advent – November 27; December 4, 11 & 18. A list of these donations will appear in the Christmas Eve bulletins.

Please print clearly the name(s) as you wish them listed in the bulletin.

_____ # of Poinsettias @ \$18.50 each

_____ # of Greenery @ \$18.50 each

_____ # of Advent Wreaths @75.00 each week (contact the Church Office with date)

\$ _____ Total Amount

Given By _____

Phone _____

In Honor of _____

In Memory of _____



The deadline for placing orders is December 9th.

**Kids of Mt Tabor grab your friends & join us
for**



Dec 9th from 5pm-9pm

PARENTS! Drop the kids at the Assembly Room and have a date night, go on a Christmas shopping excursion, or just rest for a few hours! We will provide dinner, snacks, and entertainment. All Ages welcome!!

We encourage kids to come in there Pjs and bring a blanket for the movie!!

****Get a registration form today!! Walk-ins are welcome the more the merrier, but if you register early you can drop & go!!****

**WE CAN'T PROVIDE THE KIDS A FUN NIGHT AWAY FROM
THEIR PARENTS WITHOUT VOLUNTEERS!!**

**If your older than 5th grader & this sounds like fun, sign up to volunteer through the Church Office or contact Megan Lyons
meglyons09@gmail.com**

You can wear your PJs too!

Thank you! Thank you to everyone who participated in the Ministry Feast last Sunday! We hope you enjoyed your time learning or re-learning about the various ministries that make Mt. Tabor a vibrant community!! There are currently 36 different opportunities to build connections with your Mt. Tabor family. Many of you signed up to participate in a ministry. The heads of those ministries will be in touch with you soon.

We also wanted to congratulate the winners of our drawing!!!

\$50 gift cards to Ruth Chris' Steak House:

Patsy Gambrell
Linda Spainhour
Dana Hutto

\$25 gift cards to Lowe's:

Susan Stillwell
Carol Busbee

Our Chrismon Circle Ministry is hard at work to get our Chrismons done in time for the Advent and Christmas Season. As you may know, we have to redo all of our Chrismons due to the fire in April of this year. We have made great progress in remaking our ornaments and while we won't have all of them completed this year, we think you will be surprised at the work that our amazing group has done. Our circle is not just for a season but we will be working on Chrismons year round. We have already started identifying our plan for 2023. We meet on Tuesdays from 10am-12pm or 6pm-8pm. We have two groups times and you are welcome to either of the groups. If you would like to be part of our circle, please contact Pam Hoskins at 803-546-5655 or pamhhoskins@gmail.com.

Finally, MARK YOUR CALENDARS for Thursday, December 1st!!!! We will be decorating our Chrismon Trees. Plan to meet in the sanctuary at 5:45pm and we should start decorating by 6pm. This is a family event so please come be part of the fun evening. The decorating process takes about an hour and we will go to Zestos afterwards for food and fellowship.

Lord Teach Us To Pray:

As God's people called to love one another, let us pray for the following members of our church family, who celebrate the anniversary of their baptism this week:

Brittany Carpenter, Rhys Boyd, Lindsey Witcher, Randy Klapman, Phil Hoffman, Brittany Raven, Kim Smith, Robert Wise, Becky Day, April South, Brad Pittman, Leah Miller

Most Recent Prayer Concerns:

Dr. Jimmy Williams, Gale McLeod, Edna Holton, Foster McLeod, Janet Smith, Pete Davis, Mary Davis, John Conrad, Paul Addy, Ronnie Hutto.

Ongoing Prayer Concerns:

Barbara Bradshaw, Sharon Mattern, Jackie Macaulay, David Mellichamp, Mary Hamson, Jeanie Jacobs, Sandra Baker, Betty Wise, Elmer Sundlie, Herman Bouknight, Pastor Jerry & Janice Livingston, Lucky Jones, Jennifer Brazell, Ann Callison, Bill Hunnicutt.

Family & Loved Ones of Mt. Tabor:

Chuck Backman, Nancy Peters, Johnny Moore, William Sox, Brinlee Erwin, Molly Gilbert, Bob & Shirley Spruill, Henry Gainey, Stacy Carns, Jordan Mellichamp, Charles Hite, Tyler Carter, Rev. Dr. Paul Harmon, Steve Collum, John Bundrick.

Members of Mt. Tabor Serving in the Military:

Adam Davis, Andrew Hamson, Samuel Davis, Scott Hash.

Family and Loved Ones Serving in the Military:

Eli McCracken, Marcus Hayes, Tristan Mullen, Cory Fabian, Hayden Henneman, Edwin Taylor, Patrick Taylor, Edwin Torres, Josh Watson, Jacob Henry Burgan, Patrick Morris, Ben Barron, Barry Duncan, Michael Barfield, David Mathews.

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