



Garden City Presbyterian Church
December 1, 2024
First Sunday of Advent

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Lighting of the Advent Wreath (2018 Reformed Church in America)
The Beels family

First Sunday of Advent Keep awake! Be Ready! (Based on Matthew 24:36-44)

L: The Son of Man is coming but about that day and hour no one knows

P: Neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.

L: Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.

P: Therefore, be ready for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

L: We light the first candle of Advent to remind us to keep awake and be ready.

ALL: "O God, as we light the first candle of this Advent wreath, we open our hearts in hope. May the light of this candle remind us of the hope we have in you. May it inspire us to prepare our hearts and minds for the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ, our hope and our Savior. Amen."

Response Come Thou Long Expected Jesus (verse 1) #1 PH
(Remain seated)

*Call to Worship

L: We come from a world of darkness

P: Into Christ's world of light.

L: We come from a world of weariness

P: Into God's strength and hope.

L: We come from a slumbering world.

P: Strengthened by the Spirit, we come to awaken our souls and watch for the coming of Christ.

*Hymn *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates* #8 PH

Dismissal of Children

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

In your presence, Holy God, we confess that we need repentance. We have broken your commandments. We do not live in peace with your creation or your people. We have not trusted your word, and we often live in fear. Forgive us, restore us, and turn our shame into praise, for the sake of the One who proclaims Good News, your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen

Assurance of Pardon

*Response *Good Christian Friends Rejoice, vs 3* #28 PH

Passing of the Peace

Choir Anthem

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Readings

Old Testament Lesson: Jeremiah 33:14-16

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gospel Lesson: Luke 21:25-31

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Message: A Promise of Hope

*Hymn of response: O Come, O Come Emmanuel #245 CH

Offertory

*Doxology
Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn: *I Come with Joy (verses 1&2)* #507 PH

Holy Communion

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

P: We lift them up to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to our God.

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

L: God of our salvation, ...

...we join the everlasting chorus:

P: 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.

L: We remember how you called your servant Mary to bear your son,... proclaim the mystery of faith.

P: Christ has died; Christ is risen;

Christ will come again.

L: We give thanks for your gifts of grace, ... Hear us as we pray the prayer you taught us to pray, saying:

Our Father...

Distribution of the Elements

Prayer After Communion

Jesus, you truly are Immanuel "God with us". In this season of hope, may the meal we've shared together nourish us to be your body in the world. With the angels in heaven we join in singing your praises, Glory to God in the highest. Amen.

*Hymn	<i>Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending</i>	#754 CH
*Benediction		
*Benediction Song	<i>Emmanuel</i>	#243 CH
*Postlude		

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Lay Reader: Nancy Wolter

Music Director: Brian Sampson

Tech Team: Brent Ward/Erik Domino/Mike Smith/

Malcolm McBryde/Josh Beels

PH: Presbyterian Hymnal, Westminster/John Knox Press,
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#1 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus, Charles Wesley

#8 Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates, Georg Weissel

#28 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice, John Mason Neale

#507 I Come with Joy, Brian Wren

CH: Celebration Hymnal, ©Word Music / Integrity Music,

#245 O Come, O Come Emmanuel, John M. Neale, Henry Coffin

#243 Emmanuel, Bob McGee

#754 Lo, He come with Clouds Descending, Charles Wesley,
Martin Madan

GtG: Glory to God: The Presbyterian Hymnal,

Westminster John Knox Press, ©2013.

Choir Anthem:

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Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

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STUTT GART 8.7.8.7

Charles Wesley, 1744

Witt's *Psalmodia Sacra*, 1715; alt.

1. Come, Thou long - ex - pect-ed Je - sus, Born to set Thy peo - ple free;
 2. Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, Hope of all the earth Thou art;
 3. Born Thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, Born a child and yet a King,
 4. By Thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it Rule in all our hearts a - lone;

From our fears and sins re - lease us; Let us find our rest in Thee.
 Dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, Joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
 Born to reign in us for - ev - er, Now Thy gra - cious king - dom bring.
 By Thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it Raise us to Thy glo - rious throne.

Alternate tune: HYFRYDOL, 2

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

TRURO LM

Georg Weissel, 1642

Trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1855

Thomas Williams, 1789

Harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

1. Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates, Be - hold, the
 2. Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; Make it a
 3. Re - deem - er, come! I o - pen wide My heart to

King of glo - ry waits; The King of kings is
 tem - ple, set a - part From earth - ly use for
 Thee; here, Lord, a - bide. Let me Thy in - ner

draw - ing near; The Sav - ior of the world is here!
 heaven's em - ploy, A - dorned with prayer, and love, and joy.
 pres - ence feel; Thy grace and love in me re - veal.

28 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

IN DULCI JUBILO 6.6.7.7.7.8.5.5

Medieval Latin

Trans. and para. John Mason Neale, 1853; alt.

German folk tune, 14th century

Harm. David Hugh Jones, 1953

1. Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice With heart, and soul, and voice;
 2. Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice With heart, and soul, and voice;
 3. Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice With heart, and soul, and voice;

Give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;
 Now ye hear of end - less bliss: Je - sus Christ was born for this!
 Now ye need not fear the grave: Je - sus Christ was born to save!

Ox and ass be - fore Him bow, And He is in the man - ger now.
 He hath o - pened heav - en's door, And we are blest for - ev - er - more.
 Calls you one and calls you all To gain the ev - er - last - ing hall.

Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!
 Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!
 Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel 245

The virgin will give birth to a Son, and will call Him Immanuel. Isaiah 7:14

1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el And ran - som cap - tive
 2. O come, Thou Day - spring, come and cheer Our spir - its by Thine
 3. O come, Thou Wis - dom, from on high And or - der all things,
 4. O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind All peo - ples in one

Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here,
 ad - vent here; Dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of night,
 far and nigh; To us the path of knowl - edge show
 heart and mind. Bid en - vy, strife, and quar - rels cease;

Refrain

Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 And death's dark shad - ows put to flight. Re - joice! Re - joice!
 And cause us in her ways to go.
 Fill the whole world with heav - en's peace.

Em - man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

TEXT: Latin Hymn, *Psalterium Canticum Catholicarum*, 1710;
 translated by John M. Neale, stanzas 1,2, altered;
 Henry S. Coffin, stanzas 3,4 altered

MUSIC: adapted from *Plainsong* by Thomas Helmore, altered

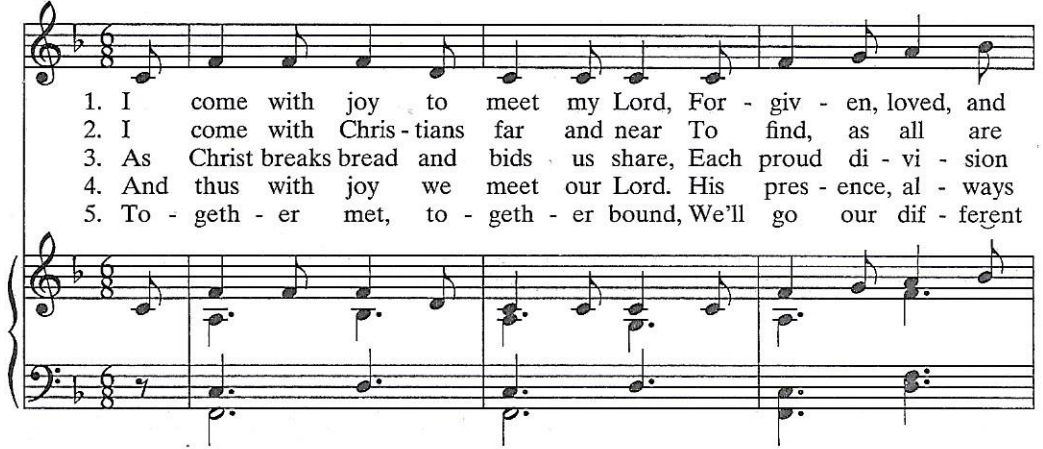
VENI EMMANUEL
 L. M. with Refrain

I Come with Joy

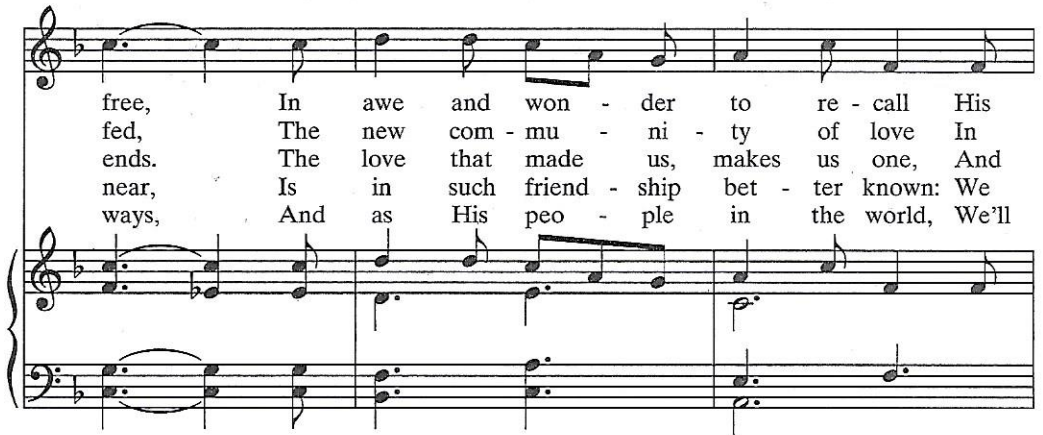
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DOVE OF PEACE 8.6.8.6.6

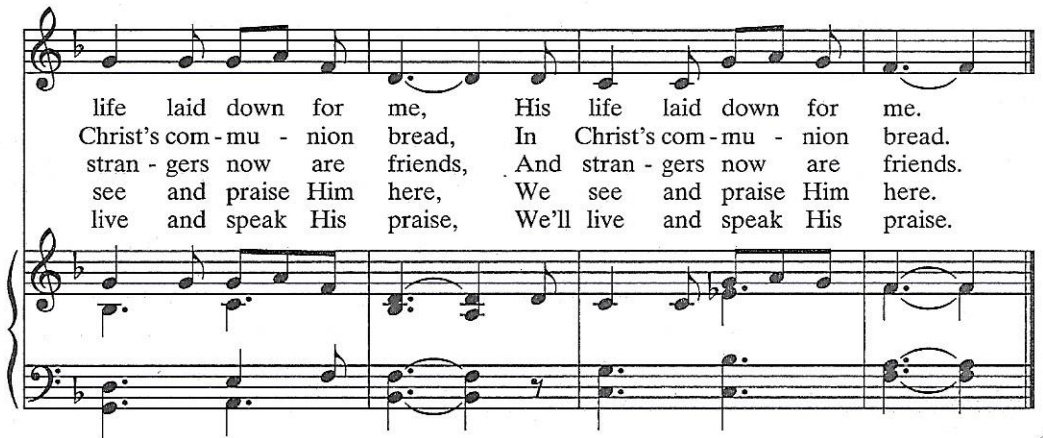
Brian Wren, 1968; rev. 1977

American folk melody
Arr. Austin C. Lovelace, 1977

1. I come with joy to meet my Lord, For - giv - en, loved, and
2. I come with Chris - tians far and near To find, as all are
3. As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, Each proud di - vi - sion
4. And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His pres - ence, al - ways
5. To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, We'll go our dif - ferent



free, In awe and won - der to re - call His
fed, The new com - mu - ni - ty of love In
ends. The love that made us, makes us one, And
near, Is in such friend - ship bet - ter known: We
ways, And as His peo - ple in the world, We'll



life laid down for me, His life laid down for me.
Christ's com - mu - nion bread, In Christ's com - mu - nion bread.
stran - gers now are friends, And stran - gers now are friends.
see and praise Him here, We see and praise Him here.
live and speak His praise, We'll live and speak His praise.

Alternate tune: LAND OF REST, 522

Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending 754

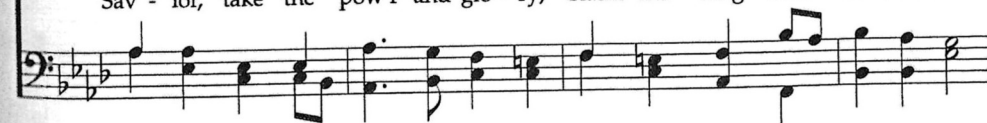
They will see the Son of Man coming with power and great glory. Matthew 24:30



1. Lo, He comes with clouds de-scend-ing, Once for fa-vored sin-ners slain;
2. Ev-ery eye shall now be-hold Him, Robed in dread-ful maj-es-ty!
3. Now the Sav-ior, long-ex-pect-ed, See in sol-emn pomp ap-pear.
4. Yes, a-men! let all a-dore Thee, High on Thine e-ter-nal throne.



Thou-sand thou-sand saints at-tend-ing Swell the tri-umph of His train.
Those who set at naught and sold Him, Pierced and nailed Him to the tree,
All His saints, by man re-ject-ed, Now shall meet Him in the air.
Sav-ior, take the pow'r and glo-ry; Claim the king-dom for Thine own.



Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! God ap-pears on earth to reign.
Deep-ly wail-ing, deep-ly wail-ing, Shall the true Mes-si-ah see.
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! See the day of God ap-pear.
O come quick-ly! O come quick-ly! Ev-er-last-ing God, come down!



TEXT: Charles Wesley and Martin Madan; based on John Cennick

MUSIC: Henry T. Smart

A higher setting may be found at No. 403

REGENT SQUARE

8.7.8.7.8.7.

Emmanuel 243

They will call Him Immanuel—which means, "God with us." Matthew 1:23

Unison

Em - man - u - el, Em - man - u - el,

The first system of music is in 4/4 time. The vocal line (treble clef) begins with a whole rest, followed by a half note G4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note B4. The piano accompaniment (bass clef) starts with a whole note G3, followed by a half note G3, and then a quarter note G3. The lyrics "Em - man - u - el," are placed under the vocal line.

His name is called Em - man - u - el;

The second system continues the melody. The vocal line has a whole rest, then a half note G4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note B4. The piano accompaniment has a whole note G3, then a half note G3, and then a quarter note G3. The lyrics "His name is called Em - man - u - el;" are placed under the vocal line.

God with us, re - vealed in us;

The third system continues the melody. The vocal line has a whole rest, then a half note G4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note B4. The piano accompaniment has a whole note G3, then a half note G3, and then a quarter note G3. The lyrics "God with us, re - vealed in us;" are placed under the vocal line.

His name is called Em - man - u - el.

The fourth system concludes the piece. The vocal line has a whole rest, then a half note G4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note B4. The piano accompaniment has a whole note G3, then a half note G3, and then a quarter note G3. The lyrics "His name is called Em - man - u - el." are placed under the vocal line.

Optional segue to "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus." No transition is needed.

TEXT: Bob McGee
MUSIC: Bob McGee

EMMANUEL
Irregular meter