

# WHITE MEMORIAL

— PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH —

## Advent Evening Prayer

December 16, 2020 | 6:30 p.m.

### PRELUDE

### OPENING SENTENCES:

*ONE: Jesus Christ is the light of the world,*

**ALL: the light no darkness can overcome.**

*John 1:5, 8:12*

**Hymn 88 - O Come, O Come, Emmanuel**

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### LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

Walker Wilson and Family, leaders

*ONE: As we light our third Advent candle*

**ALL: we pray for the holy joy of God**

*ONE: Come now, O Child of Mary.*

**ALL: Come now, O Prince of Joy**

*(brief silence)*

**ALL: Amen.**

### OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

*Psalm 95:1-7; Isaiah 11:1-10*

### NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

*Luke 17:11-19*

### MEDITATION

**Hymn 647 - Give Thanks**

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### PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

### BENEDICTION

# 88 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som  
 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest  
 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy  
 4 O come, thou Root of Jes - se, free thine own from



cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile  
 all things might - i - ly: to us the path of knowl - edge  
 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the  
 Sa - tan's tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell thy peo - ple



here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
 show; and teach us in her ways to go. Re-joyce! Re-joyce!  
 law in cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.  
 save and give them vic - tory o'er the grave.



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

- 5 O come, thou Key of David, come, and open wide our heavenly home;  
 and open wide our heavenly home;  
 make safe the way that leads on high,  
 and close the path to misery.  
 Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
 shall come to thee, O Israel.
- 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.  
 Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
 shall come to thee, O Israel.

- 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.  
 Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
 shall come to thee, O Israel.

*One stanza of this paraphrase of the great O Antiphons may be sung on each of the last days of Advent as follows:*

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|------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Dec. 17: O Wisdom (2)        | Dec. 20: O Key of David (5)      | Dec. 23: O Emmanuel (1) |
| Dec. 18: O Lord of might (3) | Dec. 21: O Dayspring (6)         |                         |
| Dec. 19: O Root of Jesse (4) | Dec. 22: O Desire of Nations (7) |                         |

These titles of the coming Christ appeared in daily Vesper antiphons sung during the week before Christmas; their roots date at least to the reign of Charlemagne. Both text and tune are the fruit of 19th-century efforts to reclaim Christian treasures from pre-Reformation sources.

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## Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grate-ful heart; give thanks to the Ho-ly One;

give thanks be-cause we're giv-en Je-sus Christ, the Son. Give

Son. And now let the weak say, "We are strong"; let the

poor say, "We are rich be-cause of what the Lord has done for

us!" And us!" Give thanks. Give thanks.

Drawing on language from 2 Corinthians 6:10 and 12:10 as well as Psalm 126:3, this short and repetitive song can be easily memorized. The simple vocabulary makes it suitable for multigenerational use, reminding all ages how gratitude for God's goodness changes our perspective.

## **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.**

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### **Worship Leaders**

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*Walker Wilson and Family*

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*Glory to God, Hymn 88 - O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

*Glory to God, Hymn 647 - Give Thanks*

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