

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
SERVICE OF WORSHIP (Online Sanctuary, November 29)

*"Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down,
that the mountains would tremble before you!"*

– Isaiah 64:1

GATHERING MUSIC

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" vs. 1, 2

Matt Holtzman, Yvette Pezan, Worship Leaders;

Andy Burtschi, Bass; Scott Barbier, Percussion

ORGAN PRAISE

"Prelude on Hyfrdol" Gorby

Roderick Gorby

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Matthew 1) John Goodale

*Leader: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Emmanuel,
which means, "God with us."*

People: Come, O come, Emmanuel!

Leader: Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

People: Come, O Come, Emmanuel!

HYMN OF PRAISE

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" vs. 1, 4

DECLARATION OF GOOD NEWS

PRAYER OF ADORATION

WELCOME AND GREETING

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

The McCabe family; Trevor, Kari, Ava, Charlotte, and Quinn

SONG OF PRAISE

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” vs. 2, 3

CALL TO CONFESSION

COMMUNITY PRAYER OF CONFESSION (based on Isaiah 64)

O that You would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at Your presence! From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides You, who works for those who wait for Him. Forgive us Lord, because our sins and iniquities sweep us away like the wind. We fail to call on Your name. Restore us, we pray, through the coming of our Lord Jesus, in whom we place our hope and trust.

PRAYER OF PERSONAL CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

RESPONSE

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

Rejoice! Rejoice!

Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / THE LORD’S PRAYER Greg Hartnett

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

MINISTRY OF MUSIC (ARCHIVED FROM DECEMBER 2019)

"The Promise"Nagy
The Sanctuary Choir; Jim DeJarnette

LIFE OF THE CONGREGATION

SERMON

WONDER: "Heaven Torn Open"
Isaiah 64:1-9 Jennifer Holz
Scripture read by Roy and Janice Strickler

HYMN OF RESPONSE

"Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates" vs. 1-4

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Fanfare on Truro"/"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" Gorby

Information on those who have gone to be with the Lord may be found at firstprescos.org/memorials.

Please call the Caring Ministries Office at 719-884-6145 with any requests for pastoral care.

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GATHERING MUSIC *"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"*

Come, Thou long-expected Jesus,
Born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us;
Let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
Hope of all the earth Thou art;
Dear Desire of every nation,
Joy of every longing heart.

Born Thy people to deliver,
Born a child and yet a King,
Born to reign in us forever,
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all-sufficient merit
Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

HYMN OF PRAISE *"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"*

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here,
Until the Son of God appear.

Chorus

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

O come, Desire of nations, bind
All peoples in one heart and mind;
Bid envy, strife and quarrels cease;
Fill the whole world with heaven's peace. *Chorus*

SONG OF PRAISE *"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"*

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.

Chorus

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

O come, Thou Wisdom from on high,
And order all things far and nigh;
To us the path of knowledge show,
And cause us in her ways to go. *Chorus*

SONG OF RESPONSE *"Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates*

Lift up your heads, O mighty gates;
Behold the King of glory waits!
The King of kings is drawing near,
The Savior of the world is here.

Fling wide the portals of your heart:
Make it a temple set apart
From earthly use for heaven's employ,
Adorned with prayer and love and joy.

Redeemer, come! I open wide
My heart to You: here, Lord, abide!
Let me Your inner presence feel:
Your grace and love in me reveal.

So come, my Sovereign, enter in!
Let new and nobler life begin.
Your Holy Spirit guide us on,
Until the glorious crown be won.

NEW TO FIRST PRES?

We're so glad you're joining us online! Our joyful hope is that you experience the Light and Life of Christ while you're with us. We would love to help get you connected with First Pres. Let us know you're worshipping with us by filling out the online connect card at my.firstprescos.org/connectcard.

Do you receive Pastor Tim's weekly email? Sign up to get encouragement and important First Pres updates right to your inbox every Tuesday! Start receiving emails by signing up at my.firstprescos.org/subscribe or call us at 719-884-6100.

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Wonder, our Advent sermon series, begins today with Executive Pastor Jennifer Holz teaching.

Help for the Holiday Blues is online: The holidays can be stressful in any year, even more in 2020, and we're here to encourage and equip anyone who may be entering a difficult season. Losses and life changes make the holidays tougher and "Help for the Holiday Blues" is designed to bring comfort, hope and even joy to your life. The workshop is

Pray for those in hospital/short-term rehab

Penrose Main – Mr. Ted Johnson
Pikes Peak Care Center – Mr. Fred Hyde

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online only so go to firstprescos.org/holiday-blues to join us for a video by Assisting Minister of Care Linda Boyles and lots of helpful information that is easy to download.

A Walk Through Bethlehem: The entire family is invited to join us from 4-6 p.m. Sunday, December 6 in the Weber Street Center for a walk through the story of Jesus' birth with scenes in Bethlehem. This free event will culminate with a live petting zoo on the Weber Street Lawn. Learn more and register at my.firstprescos.org/bethlehem.

Women's and Men's Christmas Programs will be online only this year, and will feature stories from pastors and beautiful worship music. Join us for the women's program beginning Thursday, December 10 at firstprescos.org/womens-christmas. The men's program will be available beginning Friday, December 11 at firstprescos.org/mens-christmas.

Something Significant for Christmas: Who in your life would be blessed to receive an alternative gift this Christmas? Browse our unique 2020 gift catalog at rock.firstprescos.org/somethingsignificant to learn more and select gifts to live out the First Pres value of Deploying Generosity.

Christmas Joy! is online this year, starting at 2 p.m. on Sunday, December 13. Go to our Facebook Live or to firstprescos.org/christmasjoy to watch and to learn more. The concert will be available through the holiday season.

Would you like to gift an Advent Devotional to a friend or family member? Let us know by calling the First Pres Welcome Center at 719-884-6100 or go to my.firstprescos.org/AdventDevotional to order online. Pick up copies at the Welcome Center from 9 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday, or we can mail them for a suggested donation of \$10.