

First Baptist Church at Worship

The Second Sunday of Advent

December 4, 2022

Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

While We Are Waiting, Come

Greeting

Alex Lockridge

Organ Voluntary

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

setting by Alice Jordan

Lo, how a rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung,

Of Jesse's lineage coming, as those of old have sung.

It came a flow'ret bright, amid the cold of winter, when half-spent was the night.

Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the Rose I have in mind,

With Mary we behold it, the virgin Mother kind.

To show God's love aright, she bore to us a Savior when half-spent was the night.

- 15th century German carol

Lighting the Candle of Peace – The Ring Family

Call to Worship

Sherry Pace and Nancy Rich

A new branch will grow from the root of Jesse.

The Spirit of the Lord will rest upon him.

We will live in peace, and we will walk in the light of the Lord.

And a little Child will lead us.

Come, Emmanuel. Come, Prince of Peace.

+Hymn 79

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

VENI EMMANUEL

+Prayer of Confession

Paul Sims

... claim us again for Your holy work, until You come in glory. Amen.

+Response

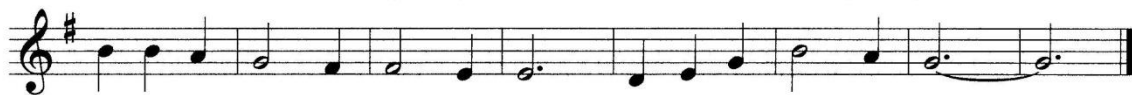
While We Are Waiting, Come

by Don Cason



While we are wait - ing, come;
With power and glo - ry, come;
Come, Sav - ior, quick - ly come;

while we are wait - ing, come.
with power and glo - ry, come.
come, Sav - ior, quick - ly come.



Je - sus, our Lord, Em - man - u - el, while we are wait - ing, come.

- Claire Cloninger

With Power and Glory, Come

Children's Sermon

Lindsay Lowe

A Reading from Hebrew Scripture: Isaiah 11:1-10

Paul Sims

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm 72

setting by Hal Hopson



Come, Lord, come soon, so that wars may cease.

Come, Lord, come soon; bring joy and peace.

All hail to God's anointed, great David's greater Son!

All hail, in time appointed, Your reign on earth begun!

You come to break oppression, to set the captive free,

*To take away transgression and rule with equity. **REFRAIN***

You shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth,

And love and hope, like flowers, spring in Your path to birth:

Before You on the mountains shall peace, the herald, go,

*And righteousness in fountains from hill to valley flow. **REFRAIN***

- James Montgomery

A Reading from the Gospels: Matthew 3:1-12

Alex Lockridge

The Gospel of our Lord

Thanks be to God

+Response

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

For the Lord our God will come and shall take his harvest home;

From his fields shall purge away all that doth offend that day;

Give his angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast;

But the fruitful ears to store in his garner evermore.

Even so, Lord, quickly come, bring Thy final harvest home;

Gather Thou Thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin;

There, forever purified, in Thy presence to abide;

Come, with all Thine angels, come, raise the glorious harvest home.

- Henry Alford

Sermon

“Choose Peace – A Little Child Shall Lead Them” Jeremiah Banks

Come, Savior, Quickly, Come

+Hymn 256

We Are People of God's Peace TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM

If you desire to become a follower of Christ or if you wish to present yourself for membership today, please come to the front of the sanctuary during the hymn and a minister will receive you. You are welcome here.

+Offertory Prayer

Alex Tremaine

All loose change received in December will benefit our church's benevolence ministries

Offertory Anthem

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming setting by Deborah Govenor

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Of Jesse's lineage coming, as those of old have sung.
It came a flow'ret bright, amid the cold of winter, when half spent was the night.
Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the Rose I have in mind,
With Mary we behold it, the virgin Mother kind.
To show God's love aright, she bore to us a Savior when half-spent was the night.
This Flow'r, whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air,
Dispels with glorious splendor the darkness everywhere.
True man, yet very God; from sin and death he saves us, and lightens every load.*

- 15th century German carol

Remembering Our Past

Wes Tipton

Prayers of the People

Alex Lockridge

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 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. Amen.*

+Doxology for Advent

VENI EMMANUEL

*To You, O Christ, all glory be, whose advent sets Your people free;
Whom, with the Father, we adore, and Holy Spirit, evermore;
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

While We Are Waiting, Come

+Sending Song

Song of Hope

Argentine Folk Song



Pray-ing, ___ let us work for peace, ___ sing-ing, ___ share our joy with all, ___
work-ing ___ for a world that's new, ___ faith-ful ___ when we hear Christ's call. ___

May the God of hope go with us every day, filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.

*May the God of justice speed us on our way, bringing light and hope to every land and race. **REFRAIN***

- Alvin Schutmaat

+Commission and Blessing

Jeremiah Banks

Know the peace of God in this Advent season.

May God's peace go with you through your busy days.

We take the peace of this worship hour into the clamor of our daily lives.

Be alert to signs of God's presence wherever you go;

God comes to you at times you least expect.

We carry the anticipation of this season into our work and our leisure.

Accept God's healing and salvation,

for they are gifts meant for you to have and to share.

We believe that God is shaping a new world where peace will reign. Amen.

Organ Postlude

Fanfare

by Jacques Lémmons

+all who are able may stand

Donna Davis, accompanist

Carolyn Garr, cantor

The Advent wreath is given in loving memory of

Felix and Mattie Pace

Leonard and Marie Leake

by

Kevin and Sherry Pace

Daniel and Lindsay Lowe, Jackson, Harrison, and Emerson

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