



Advent Week One Order for Worship

10:00 AM, November 30, 2025

Opening Hymn - #244

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

- 1 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.
- 2 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.

Welcome and Announcements

- **Welcome Visitors!** Please fill out the visitors' card from the pew rack in front of you and place it in an offering plate near the exits of the sanctuary.
- **Nursery Care** is available during worship for children three and under.
- **Sunday School:** age 4 through grade 12 begins after Children's Time.
- **Poinsettia Orders:** Help decorate our sanctuary this Christmas by purchasing poinsettias. Forms (due today) are available in the back of the sanctuary. Plants can be taken home after the service on December 21st or given to a shut in.
- **Advent and Christmas Worship Schedule:** Through January 4, we will have one service each Sunday at 10 am.
- **Christmas Eve Services:** Our annual Christmas Eve pageant will be presented at 6:30 and 8:00 pm on Christmas Eve.
- **Pageant Participants:** All RPPC kids and teens ages 5-17 are invited to participate in our Christmas Eve Pageant. Sign-up sheets have been sent home. See Beth Robinson with questions or for an extra form.

- **Children and Youth Ministries Open House:** All are invited to the youth room for an open house Christmas party on December 9th from 5:00-6:30. There will be cookie decorating and fun activities for young and old. Please stop by! Hannah would love to meet you.
- **Men's Bible Study:** meets on Thursdays from 6:30 - 8 and is studying the book of Revelation. All men are invited!
- **Women's Tea:** All women are invited for tea on December 6th at 11:30 AM. Seating is limited so sign up early. Wear your best fancy hat!
- **GriefShare:** this group for those who have lost loved ones meets in the parlor on Tuesdays from 6 - 7:30 pm. Let your friends and family know about this helpful opportunity.
- **Christmas Joy Offering:** This special offering supports past, present, and future leaders of the church. Please use the purple envelopes in the pews or in your offering envelope box. We will be collecting through December 21.
- **Christmas Gift Collection:** We're partnering with Delco Helping Hands to support 3 families (8 children) this Christmas. To purchase and donate a gift, please sign up on the mission bulletin board. Bring your unwrapped gifts labeled with child's name and family number to the child's box in Friendship Hall by next Sunday.
- **RPPC Kids Practice:** All Pre-K - 5th grade children are asked to attend a 1-hour Christmas music rehearsal from 9:30-10:30 AM on Saturday, December 13.

Opening Prayer

Hymn #245

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

- 1 O come, o come, Emmanuel and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear.

Refrain

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

- 2 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.
- 3 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.
- 4 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.

Affirmation of Faith

Leader: When the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship.

People: *Because we have become his children, God sends the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "Abba, Father."*

Leader: So we are no longer slaves to the law or to sin, but we have become God's adopted children;

People: *And since we are his children, God has made us also heirs.*

Christmas Choir

I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day

Lighting of the Advent Candle - Longing

Sacro Family

Song

Light of the World (Sing Hallelujah)

1 Light of the World, Treasure of Heaven,
Brilliant like the stars in the wintery sky.
Joy of the Father, reach through the darkness,
shine across the earth, send the shadows to flight.

2 Light of the World, from the beginning
The tragedies of time were no match for Your love
From great heights of glory, You saw my story.
God You entered in and became one of us.

Chorus

*Sing hallelujah, sing hallelujah.
Sing hallelujah for the things He has done!
Come and adore Him, bow down before Him.
Sing hallelujah to the Light of the World.*

3 Light of the World, crown in a manger,
Born for the cross, to suffer, to save.
High King of Heaven, death is the poorer.
We are the richer by the price that He paid.

Repeat Chorus

4 Light of the World soon will be coming.
With fire in his eyes, He will ransom his own.
Through clouds He will lead us straight into glory.
And there He shall reign forevermore. *(Repeat Chorus)*

Children's Time

Hannah Antrican

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 6:10-17

¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. ¹¹ Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. ¹² For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. ¹³ Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. ¹⁴ Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, ¹⁵ and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. ¹⁶ In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷ Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Sermon: The Arsenal - Faith

Pastor Jim

Congregational Prayer

Song

Glory (Let There Be Peace)

1. One star burns in the darkness, shines with the promise, Emmanuel.
One child born in the stillness, living within us, Emmanuel.

Chorus

*We're singing glory, glory; let there be peace, let there be peace.
Singing glory, glory; let there be peace, let it start in me.*

2. One voice speaks for the voiceless, hope for the hopeless, Emmanuel
One love brings us together, now and forever, Emmanuel.

Chorus

*We're singing glory, glory; let there be peace, let there be peace.
Singing glory, glory; let there be peace, let it start in me.*

Bridge

Do not be afraid, His love is strong enough to save us.
Nothing stands in the way; His love is strong enough to lead us.

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Chorus

*We're singing glory, glory; Let there be peace, let there be peace.
Singing glory, glory; Let there be peace, let it start in me.
Singing glory, glory; Let there be peace, let there be peace.
Singing glory, glory; Let there be peace, let it start in me.
Let there be peace, let it start in me.*

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Benediction

Closing Chorus

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Singing glory, glory; Let there be peace, let there be peace.
Singing glory, glory; Let there be peace, let it start in me.
Let there be peace, let it start in me.*