



ORDER OF WORSHIP

November 27, 2022 | First Sunday of Advent

8:45 and 11:00 AM Sanctuary Worship Service | 11:00 AM Facebook Live Worship Service

GATHERING

TRINITY CHIMES

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

PRELUDE

“The First Nowell”

Carter

† WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

(8:45) Judith Hillman and Elaine Turner; (11:00) Benson Memorial Chancel Choir

* GREETING

(8:45) Ken Bond, (11:00) Anna Clark

Light is coming into the world!

It is on the faraway horizon, but it is drawing near.

Keep watch and prepare your hearts!

We wait with great hope. God is good!

* OPENING HYMN

“Christ Is the World’s Light”

UMH 188

Christ is the world’s light, Christ and none other;

born in our darkness, he became our brother.

If we have seen him, we have seen the Father:

Glory to God on high!

Christ is the world's peace, Christ and none other;
no one can serve him and despise another.
Who else unites us, one in God the Father?
Glory to God on high!

Christ is the world's life, Christ and none other;
sold once for silver, murdered here, our brother;
he, who redeems us, reigns with God the Father:
Glory to God on high!

Give God the glory, God and none other;
give God the glory, Spirit, Son, and Father:
give God the glory, God with us, my brother:
Glory to God on high!

* LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Advent Readers

(8:45) The Guettler Family (Lori, Jim, Emily, and Drew)

(11:00) Dee and Ron Springsteen

Reader One:

"I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord!'"

Reader Two:

We are glad. Whether we drove in or climbed up, whether we logged on or tuned in. We are glad to be here in this community, with this family. It is a place of joyful hope, of radical welcome. It is a place where, together, we can wait in wondrous anticipation of the kingdom to come.

Reader One:

"Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that God may teach us God's ways and that we may walk in Gods paths'" (Isaiah 2:3 NRSV).

Reader Two:

We light this candle as a sign of our hope, our joyous hope that we can be restored – our faith restored, our strength restored, our confidence restored, our joy restored as we watch and wait with all God's people for the promise to be fulfilled.

Light the first candle on the Advent wreath.

FIRST READING

[Isaiah 2:1–5](#)

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(11:00) ANTHEM "God of the Waters" Judith Hillman/lyrics, Donald Hillman
Judith Hillman

SECOND READING [Matthew 24:36-44](#)

SERMON "People Get Ready!" The Reverend Alan Felton

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH "The Apostles' Creed" UMH 881

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

* GLORIA PATRI UMH 70

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

* THE PEACE

OFFERING

Offertory "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" arr. Hopson

*Doxology "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH 95

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

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* CLOSING HYMN

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

UMH 196

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.

* DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

* TRINITY CHIMES

* POSTLUDE

“Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying”

arr. Walther

** Please stand as you are able.*

† Please register your attendance in the friendship pads.

Children are welcome in the service. Children’s worship bags are in the narthex.

Nursery care is available in room 113 in the Fellowship Building.

PRAYER CONCERNS

If you would like to have a friend or family member listed here, please contact Martha Johnston, bensonmemorial@gmail.com, or Terry Simpson, cterryz@bellsouth.net. We will keep that person on the list for no more than one month at a time, at which time we ask that you contact us again with updates. Thank you.

REQUEST FOR PRAYER

If you would like to submit an urgent request for prayer, please contact Terry Simpson at cterryz@bellsouth.net.

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