

Order of Worship
November 27th 2022 ~ 1st Sunday of Advent

Prelude

Welcome, Announcements, and Peace

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Jesus, you are the hope in our messy world. This Advent, help us to slow down, listen for your voice, and focus on what's really important. We place our hope in you as we prepare our hearts to celebrate your birth on Christmas.

Amen.

Call to Worship

God comes! So don't let go
of all the reasons to rejoice.

**We will sing a song of Advent
to the One who fills our lives with joy.**

God comes! So don't stop
lifting your prayers with thanksgiving.

**We will sing a song of Advent,
to the One who hears our words and silence.**

God comes! So don't stop
giving your hearts to God.

**We will sing a song of Advent
to the One who graces us with a peace
we cannot begin to understand.**

Amen.

~ written by Thom Shuman

Hymn of Praise

My Lord, He Is A Comin' Soon
WS #166

Chorus

My Lord He is a comin' soon
Prepare ye the way of the Lord
Get ev'rything ready for that day
Prepare ye the way of the Lord

Verse 1

If you're asleep it's time to wake up
Awake O sleeper arise
If you're in the dark it's time to be lit
Awake O sleeper arise

Chorus

My Lord He is a comin' soon
Prepare ye the way of the Lord
Get ev'rything ready for that day
Prepare ye the way of the Lord

Verse 2

Come Lord Jesus come into my
heart
Prepare ye the way of the King

He is coming He's coming soon
Prepare the way of the King

Chorus

My Lord He is a comin' soon
Prepare ye the way of the Lord
Get ev'rything ready for that day
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Opening Prayer

Throughout the generations
God has sent the message of peace and reconciliation
in the words of the prophets,
in acted parable,
in history
in nature.

God has revealed a loving intent towards men and women.
Finally, in due time, God sent Jesus into the world
to demonstrate in human terms God's way of living and loving.
So today we come to prepare our hearts and minds once more
to receive the Gospel of hope and healing.
In this place we are invited to open ourselves to the Spirit of God.
to prepare a place for God in our lives.
Come then, let us worship God.
Amen.

~ posted on the Church of Scotland

Special Music

The Dance
Ellen Stapenhorst

Scripture Reading

Jim Light, reader

Genesis 24:10-21

The Message

10-14 The servant took ten of his master's camels and, loaded with gifts from his master, traveled to Aram Naharaim and the city of Nahor. Outside the city, he made the camels kneel at a well. It was evening, the time when the women came to draw water. He prayed, "O God, God of my master Abraham, make things go smoothly this day; treat my master Abraham well! As I stand here by the spring while the young women of the town come out to get water, let the girl to whom I say, 'Lower your jug and give me a drink,' and who answers, 'Drink, and let me also water your camels'—let her be the woman you have picked out for your servant Isaac. Then I'll know that you're working graciously behind the scenes for my master."

15-17 It so happened that the words were barely out of his mouth when Rebekah, the daughter of Bethuel whose mother was Milcah the wife of Nahor, Abraham's brother, came out with a water jug on her shoulder. The girl was stunningly beautiful, a pure virgin. She went down to the spring, filled her jug, and came back up. The servant ran to meet her and said, "Please, can I have a sip of water from your jug?"

18-21 She said, "Certainly, drink!" And she held the jug so that he could drink. When he had satisfied his thirst she said, "I'll get water for your camels, too, until they've drunk their fill." She promptly emptied her jug into the trough and ran back to the well to fill it, and she kept at it until she had watered all the camels.

Acts 10:9-20

The Message

9-13 The next day as the three travelers were approaching the town, Peter went out on the balcony to pray. It was about noon. Peter got hungry and started thinking about lunch. While lunch was being prepared, he fell into a trance. He saw the skies open up. Something that looked like a huge blanket lowered by ropes at its four corners settled on the ground. Every kind of animal and reptile and bird you could think of was on it. Then a voice came: "Go to it, Peter—kill and eat."

14 Peter said, "Oh, no, Lord. I've never so much as tasted food that was not kosher."

15 The voice came a second time: "If God says it's okay, it's okay."

16 This happened three times, and then the blanket was pulled back up into the skies.

17-20 As Peter, puzzled, sat there trying to figure out what it all meant, the men sent by Cornelius showed up at Simon's front door. They called in, asking if there was a Simon, also called Peter, staying there. Peter, lost in thought, didn't hear them, so the Spirit whispered to him, "Three men are knocking at the door looking for you. Get down there and go with them. Don't ask any questions. I sent them to get you."

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Anticipation, Part 1 of 2
Senior Pastor, The Rev. Dr. Robert de Wetter

Pastoral Prayer

Prayers of the People

Jim Light, Reader

Offertory

Who I Am
Ellen Stapenhorst

Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heav'nly host
Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost
Amen**

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Communion

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Closing Hymn

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus
RH #244

Verse 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

Verse 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

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Closing Prayer

Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

– BCP

Blessing

Postlude

Our love in action now begins

This Sunday's Special Music is brought to you by
Ellen Stapenhorst,
and Michael Schoepe & Paul Dankers.

Thank you to all of this Sunday's volunteers!

Greeter: Sharon Hall
Readers: Jim Light and Dave Ressler
Altar Setter : Sue de Campo
Fellowship Host: ...

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