



First Sunday of Advent
November 28, 2021 at 10am

Welcome to Worship

We are a community touched by Christ and we seek to share that love by serving the community of Everett and our world.

As Stewards of God, who love our neighbors and seek to build up the common good we follow our Church Council and Public Health Guidelines.

So we stay masked, quietly whisper our responses and hum with the hymns

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit gathers us into a community of prayer

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

LIGHTING OF ADVENT WREATH

Lord Jesus,
we do not lack any spiritual gift as we wait for your coming.
Keep us awake and help us use our gifts to serve those who
look for the dawn of your justice and mercy. Amen.

ELW #240

Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah

Light one candle to watch for Messiah
Let the light banish darkness
He shall bring salvation to Israel
God fulfills the promise

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

(All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.)

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who alone does wonders,
who lifts up the lowly,
who fills the hungry with good things.
Amen.

Let us confess our sin, trusting in the tender mercy of our God.

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

God for whom we wait,

in the presence of one another, we confess our sin before you.

We fail in believing that your good news is for us.

We falter in our call to tend your creation.

We find our sense of self in material wealth.

We fear those different from ourselves.

We forget that we are your children and turn away from your love.

Forgive us, Blessed One, and assure us again of your saving grace.

Amen.

God, in Christ Jesus, has looked with favor upon you!
 Through the power of the Holy Spirit, † your sins are forgiven.
 You are children of the Most High, inheritors of the eternal promise,
 and recipients of divine mercy.
 God strengthens you anew to follow the way of peace.
 Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

Blessed Be the God of Israel

ELW250



1 Blessed be the God of Is - ra - el who comes to set us free
 2 With prom - ised mer - cy will God still the cov - e - nant re - call,
 3 My child, as proph - et of the Lord you will pre - pare the way,



and rais - es up new hope for us: a Branch from Da - vid's tree.
 the oath once sworn to A - bra - ham, from foes to save us all;
 to tell God's peo - ple they are saved from sin's e - ter - nal sway.



So have the proph - ets long de - clared that with a might - y arm
 that we might wor - ship with - out fear and of - fer lives of praise,
 Then shall God's mer - cy from on high shine forth and nev - er cease



God would turn back our en - e - mies and all who wish us harm.
 in ho - li - ness and righ - teous - ness to serve God all our days.
 to drive a - way the gloom of death and lead us in - to peace.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944, based on Luke 1:68-79

Music: FOREST GREEN, English folk tune

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APOSTOLIC GREETING

P The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God the Creator,
 And our fellowship in the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 33:14-16

¹⁴The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

L This is the Word of the Lord,

C Thanks be to God!

PSALM

Psalm 25:1-10

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. (Ps. 25:1)

¹To ¹ you, O Lord, I lift ¹ up my soul.

²My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be ¹ put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph ¹ over me.

³Let none who look to you be ¹ put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame ¹ who are treacherous.

⁴Show me your ¹ ways, O Lord, and teach ¹ me your paths.

⁵Lead me in your ¹ truth and teach me,

for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all ¹ the day long.

⁶Remember, O Lord, your compas- ¹ sion and love, for they are from ¹ everlasting.

⁷Remember not the sins of my youth and ¹ my transgressions; remember me
according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your good- ¹ ness, O Lord.

⁸You are gracious and up- ¹ right, O Lord; therefore you teach sinners ¹ in your way.

⁹You lead the low- ¹ ly in justice and teach the low- ¹ ly your way.

¹⁰All your paths, O Lord, are steadfast ¹ love and faithfulness
to those who keep your covenant and your ¹ testimonies.





SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

⁹How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? ¹⁰Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

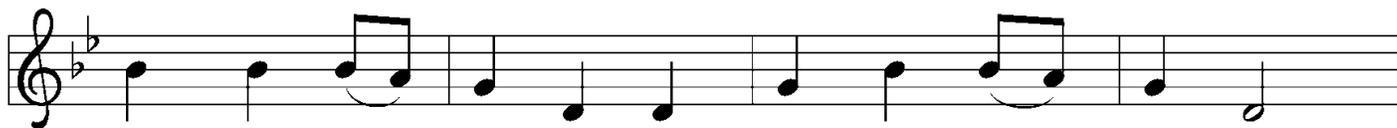
¹¹Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. ¹²And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. ¹³And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Come Now, O Prince of Peace*

ELW247 v.1



O - so - sŏ o - so - sŏ, pyong - hwa - ũi - im - gŭm

- 1 Come now, O Prince of peace, make us one bod - y.
- 2 Come now, O God of love, make us one bod - y.
- 3 Come now and set us free, O God, our Sav - ior.
- 4 Come, Hope of u - ni - ty, make us one bod - y.



u - ri - ga han - mom i - ru - ge ha - so - sŏ.

- Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.
- Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.
- Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile all na - tions.
- Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile all na - tions.



1 Wake, a - wake, for night is fly - ing, the watch-men
 2 Zi - on hears the watch-men sing - ing, and all her
 3 Glo - ri - a! Let heav'n a - dore you! Let saints and



on the heights are cry - ing; a - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, at last.
 heart with joy is spring-ing. She wakes, she ris - es from her gloom.
 an - gels sing be - fore you, with harp and cym-bal's clear-est tone.



Mid - night hears the wel - come voic - es, and at the
 Her dear friend comes down, all glo - rious, the strong in
 Gates of pearl, twelve por - tals gleam - ing, lead us to



thrill-ing cry re - joic - es: "Come forth, you maid-ens! Night is past.
 grace, in truth vic - to - rious: her star is ris'n; her light is come.
 bliss be - yond all dream - ing, with an - gel choirs a - round your throne.



The bride - groom comes! A - wake; your lamps with glad - ness take!"
 Now come, O Bless - ed One, Lord Je - sus, God's own Son.
 No eye has caught the light, no ear the thun-d'ring might



Al - le - lu - ia! Rise and pre - pare the feast to share;
 Sing ho - san - na! Oh, hear the call! Come one, come all,
 of such glo - ry. There we will go: what joy we'll know!



go, meet the bride - groom, who draws near.
 and fol - low to the ban - quet hall.
 There sweet de - light will ev - er flow.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
 born of the virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.
 On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
 he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
 and he will come to judge the living 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.

THANKSGIVING

We give thanks as the Holy Spirit prays with us and through us.

OFFERING

We give thanks for the gifts of Time, Talent and Treasure that are shared to support and sustain our ministry with the Everett Community and the world.

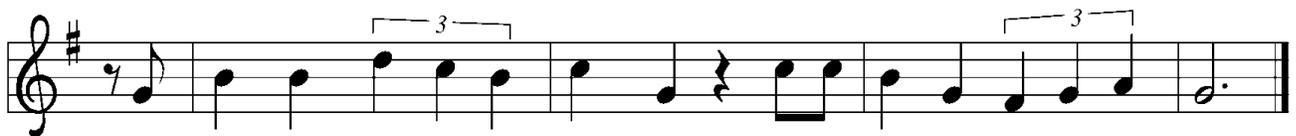
OFFERING PRAYER

God of our waiting and watching,
 we offer the gifts of our hearts and our lives
 to the service of all your people.
 Prepare the way before us ,
 through Christ Jesus, our pathway and our peace. Amen.

OFFERING RESPONSE ELW 253 verse 1



- 1 He came down that we may have love; he came down that we may have love;
- 2 He came down that we may have light; he came down that we may have light;
- 3 He came down that we may have peace; he came down that we may have peace;
- 4 He came down that we may have joy; he came down that we may have joy;



he came down that we may have love;
 he came down that we may have light; hal - le - lu - jah for - ev - er - more.
 he came down that we may have peace;
 he came down that we may have joy;

Text: Cameroon traditional
 Music: HE CAME DOWN, Cameroon traditional

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE In your mercy O God, C: hear our prayer

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 and ever. Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world as servants of healing, justice and peace

SENDING HYMN

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

ELW 244



1 Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear;
2 The watch - ers on the moun - tain pro - claim the bride - groom near;
3 The saints, who here in pa - tience their cross and suf - f'nings bore,
4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



the eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.
go forth as he ap - proach - es with al - le - lu - ias clear.
shall live and reign for - ev - er when sor - row is no more.
a - rise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this be - night - ed sphere.



The bride - groom is a - ris - ing and soon is draw - ing nigh.
The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; the gates wide o - pen stand.
A - round the throne of glo - ry the Lamb they shall be - hold;
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see



Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; at mid - night comes the cry.
A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; the bride - groom is at hand.
in tri - umph cast be - fore him their di - a - dems of gold.
the day of earth's re - demp - tion that sets your peo - ple free!

Text: Laurentius Laurenti, 1660–1722; tr. Sarah B. Findlater, 1823–1907
Music: HAF TRONES LAMPA FÄRDIG, Swedish folk tune

BENEDICTION

SENDING (*Dismissal*)

A Go in peace. Christ is near.

C Thanks be to God!

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Readings for Next Sunday, First Sunday of Advent

Malachi 3:1-4, Psalm Luke 1:68-79, Philippians 1:3-11, Luke 3:1-6

We hold in prayer this week

We pray for those who are grieving

Family and Friends of: Pastor Jeremy, Babra Lichneckert on the death of her father Jim Mershon, Doug & Margra Muirhead (Debbie Saunders friend,) Dominic Orlando

We pray for God's Healing Presence to Surround

Mary Beck, Kathy Nelson, Fran Trosvig, Pat Krassin, Pastor Shannyn,, Dave Bemis, Amanda, anf Jan Muirhead, she is in the hospital with Covid-19.

We pray for our world, nation, and local communities.

All refugees and all those who are facing violence

Announcements & Reminders

Food "Basket"

Last Sunday, we delivered holiday gift cards and beyond to 55 Everett families. Thank you! Now we look forward to December 19 when we deliver additional envelopes to 62 grateful families. Your donations make it possible.

Donation for Food "Basket" so far:

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>YTD Total</u>
11/07/21	1,275	1,275
11/14/21	1,280	2,555
11/21/21	400	2,955

Property Chair Needed

The nominating committee is looking for someone to chair the property committee. This person will oversee the up-keep of our property. We also need delegates to the 2022 Synod assembly. If interested, please contact Debbie Ritchie, 425-258-2846

The Semi-annual Congregational Meeting

The semi-annual meeting of our congregation will be in our sanctuary right after worship on December 12. We need your participation. Among the items of business are electing representatives to several organizations and one council member, approving the 2022 budget, and various reports including an update on our search for a pastor.

Coats, Hats, and Gloves

The church community feeding program is looking for gently used coats, hats and gloves. Please put items on the pew at the back of the church. Also clean blankets will be accepted.

(Kathy Trosvig)

Got Plywood?

We recently have endured incidents by criminals breaking our windows. When that happens, we need plywood to cover the gap to protect the church from unwanted entry. Presently, none is on hand. These attacks on our building often occur when the stores are not open. ***Please donate your spare plywood having at least several square feet of surface***, so it will be ready for immediate use. Big sheets are best. We can also use 2x4s, 1x4s, etc., if they are at least 3 feet long. Leave it in plain sight in the old church basement, then Duane will take it into storage.

- Zoom Coffee Fellowship—Tuesday, 10am Please click on the link on our website to join.
- Zoom Bible Study — Wednesday, 10am Please click on the link on our website to join.
- **Zoom worship has returned!** Click the link at the top of our website home page.

Today's Worship Leaders

Greeter — Kathy Trosvig
Ushers — Trygve Anderson, Steve Olsen
Lector — Kathy Trosvig
Organist — Joan Dirska
Cantor — Peggy Kurtz
Assisting Minister —
Care Pastor — Pam Karas

The altar flowers today were given by the Watts family
*On November 28, 1937 Martin Bowen and LaVerne Larson
were married in the old parsonage at Central Lutheran.
Today would have been their 84th anniversary. Happy
anniversary Mom and Dad.*

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