

*Order of Worship*  
**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
9:30 am – November 27, 2022

***Participating Live?***

*Text your prayer requests to 805-309-6867 before the end of the first hymn.*

**PRELUDE**

*Comfort, Comfort Now My People*  
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Lance Crane, Organ

Paul Manz

**GREETING**

**CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)**

Fran Turner, liturgist

L: The Lord is getting us ready to receive a gift of great joy.

**P: Watch for this gift!**

L: Be vigilant and ready. For the gift is about to come.

**P: The promise of God is faithful and trustworthy.**

L: Watch, wait. The Gift is coming into the world!

**P: Praise be to God for such lavish love. Amen.**

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**HYMN**

*Rejoice, the Lord is King*  
Words: Charles Wesley, 1746 – Public Domain  
Music: John Darwall, 1770 – Public Domain

UMH 715

1. Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore;  
mortals, give thanks and sing, and triumph evermore.  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; rejoice; again I say, rejoice.

2. Jesus the Savior reigns, the God of truth and love;  
when he had purged our stains, he took his seat above.  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; rejoice; again I say, rejoice.

3. His kingdom cannot fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven;  
the keys of earth and hell are to our Jesus given.  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; rejoice; again I say, rejoice.

4. Rejoice in glorious hope! Jesus the Judge shall come,  
and take his servants up to their eternal home.  
We soon shall hear th'archangel's voice; the trump of God shall sound, rejoice!

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE**

KuanFen Liu, Terilyn Huang, Amanda Koehn

Psalm 122:1 - “I was glad when they said to me, “Let us go to the house of the Lord!”

**We are glad. Whether, we are here in person or online, 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.**

We light this candle as a sign of our hope, our joyous hope that 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.)

**HYMN***View the Present Through the Promise*

(W&amp;S 3048)

Words: Thomas H. Troeger Song #3393565. CCLI / Streaming: 345977 / 20105371  
Music: Traditional Welsh Melody. Public Domain.

1. View the present through the promise, Christ will come again.  
Trust despite the deepening darkness, Christ will come again.  
Lift the world above its grieving through your watching and believing  
In the hope past hope's conceiving: Christ will come again.
2. Probe the present with the promise, Christ will come again.  
Let your daily actions witness, Christ will come again.  
Let your loving and your giving and your justice and forgiving  
Be a sign to all the living: Christ will come again.
3. Match the present to the promise, Christ will come again.  
Make this hope your guiding premise, Christ will come again.  
Pattern all your calculating and the world you are creating  
To the advent you are waiting: Christ will come again.

**PASTORAL 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. Amen.**

**CHORAL OFFERING***O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

arr. Kyle Hanks

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Chancel Choir, Clara Johnson-Director, Lance Crane—accompanist

**SCRIPTURE***Isaiah 2: 1-5; Matthew 24: 36-44 (NRSV)*

Fran Turner, liturgist

The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

**MESSAGE**

Pastor Matt McPhee

**MUSICAL RESPONSE***While We Are Waiting, Come* (Verse 1)

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While we are waiting, come; while we are waiting, come.  
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**With grateful hearts on this holiday weekend, we offer these gifts and our very lives. Bless this offering as you have blessed our lives, that the world might know your light, your love, and your message of eternal life. In joy and thanksgiving, we pray. Amen**

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**HYMN***Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*

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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.

## **BENEDICTION**

## **POSTLUDE**

*Lift Up Your Heads!*  
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Lance Crane, organ

Arr. Paul Fey

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel arr. Kyle Hanks.*  
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O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.

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

O come, thou Root of Jesse's tree, an ensign of thy people be;  
Before thee rulers silent fall; all people on thy mercy call.

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

O come, thou Key of David come, and open wide our heavenly home.  
The captives from their prison free, and conquer death's deep misery.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.  
O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by thy justice here;  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight.

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

## ***Prayer Requests***

**First German UMC—Pastor Kurt Poland**

**Estero Bay UMC—Pastor Steven Poteete-Marshall**

All those suffering from illness or loss of loved ones.