



ARVADA
United Methodist Church

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**Sunday, November 30, 2025; 815 am and 10 am Services
1st Sunday of Advent**

Gathering Music

Unending Carols

Pat Mapel

(arr) Tim Doran

Prelude

The Three Kings

(arr. William Ryden)

Instrumenti di Deo and Abby Skinner, piano

Greeting

Dr. Amy Gearhart

Heralding of the Season

Randy Moorman and Congregation

The Herald: Today we come together to prepare for the birthday of a King,

People: to make ready our welcome for God's only Son.

The Herald: Today we begin the holy season of Advent, a season of anticipation,

as we await the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

People: Let us clear our minds and open our hearts to the coming of the Lord.

The Herald: How shall we prepare this house for the coming of the King?

People: With branches of cedar, the tree of royalty.

The Herald: How shall we prepare this house for the coming of the eternal Christ?

People: With garlands of pine and fir, whose leaves are ever living, evergreen.

The Herald: How shall we prepare this house for the coming of our Savior?

People: With wreaths of holly and ivy, telling of His passion, death and resurrection.

The Herald: How shall we prepare our hearts for the coming of the Son of God?

People: By hearing again the words of the prophets, who foretold the saving work of God.

The Herald: For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world,

but that the world through Him might be saved!

Let us open our lives with all of our senses to receive Him,
giving Him our hearts, as would a little child.

Enter into the sheer joy and great delights of preparing our house of worship for His Advent.

Get ready! He comes!

People: Glory to God in the Highest!

Interlude *Good King Wenceslas and O, Come all Ye Faithful*

(arr. Carl Strommen) One License # 210067

Symbols of the Season

Randy Moorman

First Procession

Opening Hymn #202 - *People, Look East* - vss. 1, 3

(Eleanor Farjeon, arr. Martin Shaw) One License # 07881

Verse 1

People look east the time is near of the crowning of the year.

Make your house fair as you are able. Trim the hearth and set the table.

People look east and sing today. Love, the guest, is on the way.

Verse 3

Stars keep the watch when night is dim. One more light the bowl shall brim.

Shining beyond the frosty weather. Bright as the sun and moon together.

People look east and sing today. Love, the star, is on the way.

Congregational Greeting

Rev. Lauren Boyd

Lighting the Advent Wreath

**Advent Wreath Readers - 8:15 am – Suzanne and Kevin Volzke;
10:00 am – The Winn Family**

Musical Response #202 - *People, Look East* - vs. 4

(Eleanor Farjeon, arr. Martin Shaw) One License # 07881

Verse 4

Angels announce with shouts of mirth Him who brings new life to earth.
Set every peak and valley humming with the word the Lord is coming
People look east and sing today. Love, the Lord, is on the way.

Offertory / Offertory Prayer

Offertory Music *When Christ Was Born and Here We Come A-Caroling*
(arr. William Ryden) Instrumenti di Deo and Abby Skinner, piano

Symbols of the Season

Second Procession

Hymn #211 - *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* - 1 verse
(arr. Thomas Helmore) CCLI# 3063194

1 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.

Symbols of the Season

Third Procession

“Children are invited to follow the bells as they process”

Musical Procession *Glorioso* Handbell Ensemble
(Steve Danyew)

Scripture Matthew 3:1-12 **From the Pulpit**

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, “The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.’ ”

Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

"I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Lay Reader: 8:15 – Bob Canter

Sermon

"Sensing the Sacred: TOUCH"

Symbols of the Season

Fourth Procession

Hymn

#196 - *Come Thou Long Expected Jesus*, vss. 1, 2

(Charles Wesley, Rowland Hugh Prichard) CCLI Song #31999

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.

Blessing of the Tree

Randy Moorman and Congregation

The Herald: Holy Lord, we come with joy to celebrate the birth of your Son, who rescued us from the darkness of sin by making the cross a tree of life and light.

People: May these trees, arrayed in splendor, remind us of the life-giving cross of Christ, that we may always rejoice in the new life that shines in our hearts.

(This blessing may also be used when a Christmas tree is set up at home.)

***Benediction**

Sending Forth Music *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing and Deck the Halls*

(arr. Carl Strommen)

Instrumenti Di Deo

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