

**Bulletin Information**  
**November 30**  
**First Week of Advent: Prepared People**

**Song of Preparation:**

**Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence**

**Call to Worship:**

Isaiah 40:1–5

[1] Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.  
[2] Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,  
    and cry to her  
that her warfare is ended,  
    that her iniquity is pardoned,  
that she has received from the LORD's hand  
    double for all her sins.  
[3] A voice cries:  
    "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD;  
    make straight in the desert a highway for our God.  
[4] Every valley shall be lifted up,  
    and every mountain and hill be made low;  
the uneven ground shall become level,  
    and the rough places a plain.  
[5] And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,  
    and all flesh shall see it together,  
    for the mouth of the LORD has spoken." (ESV)

**Prayer of Adoration**

**Adrian Potts**

**Hymn of Worship:**

**Let All Things Now Living**

**Confession of Sin**

**Josh Holestine**

**Assurance of Forgiveness**

**Hymn**

**Come Thou Long Expected Jesus**

**The Nicene Creed**

**Hymn**

**O Come, O Come Emmanuel**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Jonathan Dorst**

**Prayer for God's Help**

**Ricky Jones**

## **Scripture Reading**

Luke 1:5–25

[5] In the days of Herod, king of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah, of the division of Abijah. And he had a wife from the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. [6] And they were both righteous before God, walking blamelessly in all the commandments and statutes of the Lord. [7] But they had no child, because Elizabeth was barren, and both were advanced in years.

[8] Now while he was serving as priest before God when his division was on duty, [9] according to the custom of the priesthood, he was chosen by lot to enter the temple of the Lord and burn incense. [10] And the whole multitude of the people were praying outside at the hour of incense. [11] And there appeared to him an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense. [12] And Zechariah was troubled when he saw him, and fear fell upon him. [13] But the angel said to him, “Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John. [14] And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, [15] for he will be great before the Lord. And he must not drink wine or strong drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother’s womb. [16] And he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God, [17] and he will go before him in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready for the Lord a people prepared.”

[18] And Zechariah said to the angel, “How shall I know this? For I am an old man, and my wife is advanced in years.” [19] And the angel answered him, “I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I was sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news. [20] And behold, you will be silent and unable to speak until the day that these things take place, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their time.” [21] And the people were waiting for Zechariah, and they were wondering at his delay in the temple. [22] And when he came out, he was unable to speak to them, and they realized that he had seen a vision in the temple. And he kept making signs to them and remained mute. [23] And when his time of service was ended, he went to his home.

[24] After these days his wife Elizabeth conceived, and for five months she kept herself hidden, saying, [25] “Thus the Lord has done for me in the days when he looked on me, to take away my reproach among people.” (ESV)

## **Sermon:      When God is Silent**

- 1. Be Faithful with the Mundane**
- 2. Don’t Assume the Worst**
- 3. Prepare to Believe**

**Prayer of Commitment**

**Hymn of Response**

**It Came Upon a Midnight Clear**

**Receiving the Offering**

**The Lord's Supper**

**Jonathan Dorst**

**The Doxology**

**Benediction.**