

# Shepherd of the Hill Presbyterian Church (USA)

~ Fourth Sunday in Advent ~

December 21, 2025 10:00 a.m.

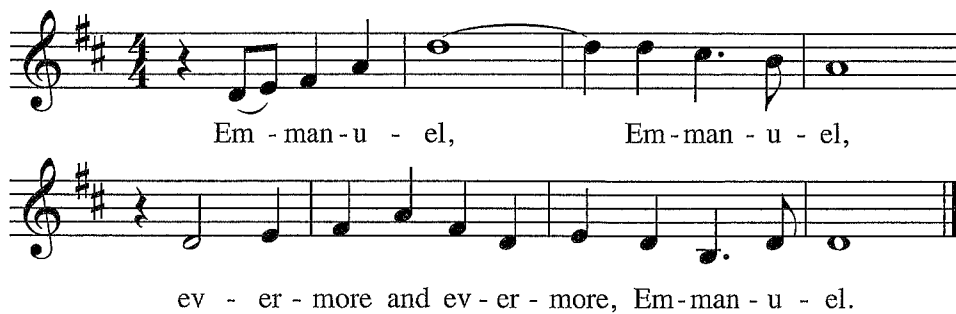
Prelude

Welcome

*Rev. John Asher*

Choral/ Congregational Introit

"Of the Father's Love"  
(Raney)



Lighting of the Fourth Candle of Advent

*Sally Schneider and Carole Smarr*

During Advent, we wait for the one promised in scripture.

**And he will be called Everlasting Father.**

We wait for the one who knows our deepest thoughts and fulfills our every need.

**And he will be called Everlasting Father.**

We wait for the one who will love us unconditionally, as a parent loves a child.

**And he will be called Everlasting Father.**

We wait for the one whose grace and mercy will never end.

**And he will be called Everlasting Father.**

Choral/Congregational Response

"Of the Father's Love"

[see above]

Advent Prayer

# *Let There Be Christmas*

by Joseph M. Martin

## Reading

**"Christmas Overture and Processional"  
With "O Come All Ye Faithful"  
(congregation on verses 1 & 3)**

verse 1

**O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant.  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem.  
Come and behold Him, born the King of angels.  
O come let us adore Him. O come let us adore Him.  
O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.**

verse 2, choir only

verse 3

**Yea Lord, we greet Thee; born this happy morning.  
Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n.  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing!  
O come let us adore Him. O come let us adore Him.  
O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.**

## Reading

**"The Advent Rose"**

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**"The Divine Expectation"**

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**"Concertato on "O Little Town of Bethlehem"**

## Reading

**"Carols from a Quiet Manger"**

Reading

**"Arise! (Hodie Christus Natus Est)"**

Reading

**"Bleak Midwinter's Gift"**

Reading

**"Let There Be Christmas"**

Reading

**"A Joyful Gathering of Carols"**

**"Joy to the World"**

**Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns.  
Let all their songs employ;  
while fields and floods,  
rocks, hills and plains  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat the sounding joy,  
and repeat, repeat the sounding joy.**

**"Infant Holy"**

**Infant holy, infant lowly, for his bed a cattle stall  
Oxen lowing, little knowing, Christ the Babe is Lord of all,  
Swift are winging, angels singing, noels ringing  
tidings bringing: "Christ the Babe is Lord of all."**

**"Silent Night"**

**Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright  
Round yon virgin mother and child  
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace,  
Sleep in heavenly peace.**

**Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight,  
Glories stream from heaven afar,  
Heav'nly hosts sing "Alleluia!"  
Christ the Savior is born,  
Christ the Savior is born.**

**"The First Noel"**

**The first Noel, the angel did say,  
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields where they lay.  
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,  
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,  
Born is the King of Israel.**

**"Hark the Herald Angels Sing"**

**Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King;  
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"  
Joyful, all ye nations rise. Join the triumph of the skies.  
With angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"**

**\* Benediction**

*Rev. John Asher*

**\* Postlude**

**Directed by Kathryn Lehmann  
Accompanist: Sheri Martin  
Reader: Rev. John Asher**

***Chamber Orchestra***

**Grace Malena, flute      Minh-Thi Butler, oboe  
Selina Siow, 1<sup>st</sup> violin      Sarah Choi, 2<sup>nd</sup> violin  
Daniel Kolb, viola      Michelle Dodson, cello**

***Shepherd of the Hill Choir***

**SOPRANO**

**Alexandra Atkinson  
Carly Bennett (solo)  
Helen Carpenter  
Janice Duvall  
Lucy Engle  
Julianne Jones  
Lindsay Martin  
Lisa Martin  
Kelsey Olson  
Brittain Southwell**

**ALTO**

**Rita Adams  
Sandy Cannon  
Nancy Doty  
Kathy Johnstone  
Mary Mathiesen  
Angie Nacorda  
Teresa Noll  
Deborah Ryker  
Betty Young**

**TENOR**

**Bruce Carpenter  
Liam Chynoweth  
Joe Derrig (solo)  
David Franklin  
John Stevens**

**BASS**

**Don Bennett  
Paul Cascio  
Ken Emly  
Joshua Martin  
Scott Martin  
Carson Noll  
Steven Zopfi**