



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
WICHITA FALLS

November 28, 2021

A GUIDE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

PRELUDE

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Arr. Robert Speed

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP | Adapted from Psalm 121

We lift up our eyes to the mountains.

Where does our help come from?

Our help comes from the Lord,

The maker of heaven and earth.

God will not let your foot slip,

The Lord will watch over our coming and our going,

Both now and forevermore.

*OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN OF PRAISE | Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent, No. 148 (see p. 2)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, we have not kept watch for you. We have occupied ourselves with our own concerns. We have not waited to find your will for us. We have not noticed the needs of the people around us. We have not acknowledged the love that has been shown to us. Forgive us for our lack of watchfulness. Help us to wait to know your will. Help us to look out for the needs of others. Help us to work and watch for your coming. Amen.

Time for silent prayer and confession

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND COMFORT

THE LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE | The Chisum Family

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

*Leah Tor Hansen, daughter of
Rev. Michael and Maggie Hansen*

***HYMN OF PRAISE | Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent, No. 148**

Liturgy of St. James

Traditional French melody



1. Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence, and with fear and
2. King of Kings, yet born of Mar - y, as of old on
3. Rank on rank the host of heav - en spreads its van - guard
4. At His feet the six - wing'd ser - aph; cher - u - bim, with



trem - bling stand; pon - der noth - ing earth - ly - mind - ed,
earth He stood, Lord of Lords, in hu - man ves - ture -
on the way, as the Light of Light de - scend - eth
sleep - less eye, veil their fa - ces to the pres - ence,



for with bless - ing in His hand, Christ our God to
in the bod - y and the blood - He will give to
from the realms of end - less day, that the pow'rs of
as with cease - less voice they cry, Al - le - lu - ia,



earth de - scend - eth, our full hom - age to de - mand.
all the faith - ful His own self for heav'n - ly food.
hell may van - ish as the dark - ness clears a - way.
Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!

***SONG OF HOPE & TRUST | Light of the World**

*Light of the World Treasure of Heaven
Brilliant like the stars in the wintery sky
Joy of the Father reach through the darkness
Shine across the earth send the shadows to flight*

*Light of the World from the beginning
The tragedies of time were no match for Your love
From great heights of glory You saw my story
God You entered in and became one of us*

*(Chorus)
Sing hallelujah
Sing hallelujah
Sing hallelujah for the things He has done
Come and adore Him
Bow down before Him
Sing hallelujah to the Light of the World*

*Light of the world crown in a manger
Born for the cross to suffer to save
High King of Heaven death is the poorer
We are the richer by the price that He paid*

CHORUS

*Light of the World soon will be coming
With fire in His eyes He will ransom His own
Through clouds He will lead us straight into glory
And there He shall reign forevermore forevermore*

CHORUS

All children are welcome to come to the front for a kid friendly message following the Song of Hope and Trust.

MOMENTS WITH CHILDREN

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever, Amen.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Luke 21:25-36 p. 881 in pew Bible

"Living Near the Kingdom of God" | Rev. Michael Hansen

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

The offering of time, money, and talents is a commitment to God and our participation in God's redeeming work in the world. You are welcome to place a financial gift to God as the offering plate is passed. You may also give online at myfirstpres.org/giving or text "give" to 830-584-1063.

OFFERTORY

ANTHEM

Emmanuel, Expected Jesus

Ruth Elaine Schram

*O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

*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,
hope of every longing heart.*

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he shall 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.

*SENDING HYMN | O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, No. 147 (see p. 6)

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Savior Of The Heathen, Come

J. S. Bach

All are sent to serve and love the Lord following the Benediction.

*SENDING HYMN | O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, No. 147

Latin, c. Twelfth century

Plainsong (Mode I), Thirteenth century

1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
 2. O come, Thou Day - spring, come and cheer our spir - its by Thine
 3. O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind all peo - ples in one

Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
 ad - vent here; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of night,
 heart and mind; bid en - vy, strife, and dis - cord cease;

un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 and death's dark shad - ows put to flight. Re - joice! Re - joice!
 fill the whole world with heav - en's peace.

Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

Announcements

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EVERYONE

Advent Devotionals

First Pres is providing "The Gospel of Advent" devotionals for you and your family to use in December. Please only take one devotional per household.

Poinsettia Sales

Start TODAY and ending on December 5th. Look for tables set up outside of the Sanctuary. The cost will be \$15/plant.

Interfaith Needs for December

- Soups
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Boxed potatoes

There are drop off bins outside of the church office and inside the door in the Atrium.

Sandy Lavine Retirement Date

Church Secretary, Sandy Lavine, has announced her retirement date for December 2, 2021. We are thankful for her time here at FPC and grateful for her friendship. Please share messages of thanks and best wishes to Sandy between now and December 2nd.

DECEMBER EVENTS

MSU PANCAKE FEED

FPC's Connection Committee is back in action on December 5th from 6-8 PM. They will be serving MSU students that are busy studying for finals. If you would like to volunteer please reach out to Sherry Fitts or Taz Ellett.

One Starry Night

An interactive Advent event for families! Sunday, December 12th from 5:00 - 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. An opportunity for your family to experience a special night in Bethlehem. Dinner will be served and your family can walk through the tents in Bethlehem and hear about the night our Savior was born (crafts, goodies, stories and more!)

A Night Of Christmas Joy

On Thursday, December 16th at 6:00 PM. A family fun evening of Christmas music, light refreshments, and a walk through the Fantasy of Lights!!

MINISTRY STAFF

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