

Prayer of Confession

Congregation prays out loud those parts in bold.

Almighty and Ever-Loving God,
as we continue our way through this Advent season,
help us, in the midst of everything that consumes our time –
all that is true and good and honorable and just and worthwhile,
as well as all that is not –
to attend to the mystery of your birth and to the work of your Spirit in us.
Advent is time for an annual ‘check-up’ on how well we are able
to tame our busyness,
to quell our hectic tendencies in managing our lives,
to cultivate a spirit of anticipation – a heart and hope of waiting for you.

We confess that we don’t wait well.

We struggle with humility, patience, and trust.

We want what we want, and too often we want it sooner – not later.

We confess how easy it is for us to fall prey to the idolatry of the self.

Especially is this true in the times in which we live –

a time when individual rights are supreme,
and the operative value is *doing it my way*.

Forgive us.

In a world that exalts our desires, our choices, and our will over yours,
give us an ever-renewing vision of the value, goodness, and joy of doing
things *your way*,

so that our desires, choices, and resolve will increasingly align with yours.

Give us a greater and deeper taste of life lived

within the realm of your truth and purpose.

**When we waver in this endeavor – through doubt, confusion,
cynicism, and fear –**

be our provision.

**And when we desire more clarity, certainty, and courage –
give us more trust most of all.**

Time of silent, personal reflection and confession

Through Christ, who is *God with us* in all things, we pray. **Amen**

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The Lord is coming, always coming. When you have ears to hear and eyes to see, you will recognize him at any moment of your life. Life is Advent; life is recognizing the coming of the Lord. – **Henri Nouwen**

Gathering Together

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Building the Creche – SHEPHERDS

Ryan & Camille Hayes Family

Lighting the Advent Candles – LOVE

Trago Wallace & Sons

Lifting Up Our Voices

Hark the Herald Angels Sing

The First Noel

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Assurance of Pardon

Song *We Have a Savior*

Moment for Mission: ENRICH LIVES (Christmas Hope Offering) **James & Kellie**

Children and Youth Dismissed

Prayer of Intercession / Offering

Scripture *John 17:14-19; 1 Peter 1:14-16*

Sermon *Not of this World: Called to Be Holy*

Hymn *O Come All Ye Faithful*

Benediction

Postlude

A FEW REMINDERS...

-**Restrooms** in Butler Hall and Narthex can be accessed through the breezeway.

-**Offering plate** is on the entry table.

-**Help yourself to chairs** as needed. Please replace in rack after service.

-**Extra help** cleaning up is always appreciated. Many hands make light work!

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 th'angelic hosts proclaim/Christ is born in Bethlehem
Hark the herald angels sing/Glory to the newborn King

Christ by highest heav'n adored/Christ the everlasting Lord
Late in time behold Him come/Offspring of the Virgin's womb
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see/Hail th'incarnate Deity
Pleased as man with men to dwell/Jesus our Emmanuel
Hark the herald angels sing/Glory to the newborn King

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace/Hail the Sun of Righteousness
Light and life to all He brings/Ris'n with healing in His wings
Mild He lays His glory by/Born that man no more may die
Born to raise the sons of earth/Born to give them second birth
Hark the herald angels sing/Glory to the newborn King

THE FIRST NOEL

The first Noel the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep
On a cold winter's night that was so deep

Chorus
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel
Born is the King of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the east beyond them far
And to the earth it gave great light
And so it continued both day and night ooh

This star drew nigh to the northwest
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest
And there it did both stop and stay
Right over the place where Jesus lay.

Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord
That hath made heaven and earth of nought
And with His blood our life hath bought.

WE HAVE A SAVIOR

A child has been given/The King of our freedom
Sing for the light has come/This is Christmas

Come and adore Him/And bring gifts before Him
Joy to the world/Worship the Son
This is Christmas

Chorus
This is Jesus Emmanuel/Here with us tell all the world
We have a Savior we have a Savior/We are no longer lost
'Cause He has come down for us/We have a Savior we have a Savior

Sing with the angels/And lift up your voices
Join in the song of hope/This is Christmas

(Bridge)
His love will reign forever/His love will reign forever/His love will reign forever

O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL (SING TO THE KING)

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

2. Sing choirs of angels/Sing in exultation
O sing all ye citizens/Of heaven above
Glory to God, all glory in the highest

So come let us sing a song/A song declaring we belong to Jesus
He is all we need/Lift up a heart of praise
Sing now with voices raised to Jesus/Sing to the King

Come let us sing a song
A song declaring we belong to Jesus
He is all we need

Lift up a heart of praise/Sing now with voices raised
To Jesus to Jesus/He is all we need
So come let us sing a song/A song declaring we belong to Jesus
Sing to the King

Yea Lord we greet Thee/Born this happy morning
Jesus to Thee be all glory given
Word of the Father/Now in flesh appearing