



November 28 9:00AM Carson Hall Worship

Please tell the lot attendant how you will be worshiping so they can direct you where best to park. Thanks!

Call to Worship

Prepare the way of the Lord.

Prepare the way of the Lord, and all people will see the salvation of our God.

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Song – A Light Has Dawned

A light has dawned a King has come to redeem every heart and soul.

Born unto us, Emmanuel, the Savior of the world.

Let us adore and praise His name.

Angels rejoice and shepherds bow at the sight of the holy Child.

Men from afar searching to find the Savior of the world.

Let us adore and praise His name.

Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna, let us sing,

Hosanna in the highest, we give glory to the King, glory to the King.

You are the Christ, the Son of God, and the nations will rally to You.

Let every heart come recognize the Savior of the world.

Let us adore and praise His name.

Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna, let us sing,

Hosanna in the highest, we give glory to the King, glory to the King.

We give glory to the King. We give glory to the King. We give glory to the King.

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Lighting Our First Advent Candle

Chandra Rigda

God Is Near

A Candle Lighting Ceremony for Advent

Words and Music by
JOEL RANEY

Congregation:

Lis - ten to the an - gels, hear the mes - sage they bring;
tell - ing the news of a com - ing King; fill - ing the
world with hope and good cheer. Je - sus, Em -
man - u - el, God is near.

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Bible Presentation

Song – Hope Was Born This Night

Tonight I can see a star shine, and its splendor fills up the sky.
It's the same that appeared and the wise men revered, when Hope was born this night.

Out upon the snowy fields there's a silent peace that heals,
and it echoes the grace of our Savior's embrace because Hope was born this night.
Glory to God in the highest! Peace on earth, goodwill toward men.
Let all of the world sing a chorus of joy, because Hope was born this night.

I can hear the Christmas bells ring, as softly a church choir sings.
It's the song used to praise the Ancient of Days when Hope was born this night.

There are angels in this place, and my heart resounds with the praise.
Like a shepherd so scared, I'll rejoice and declare that Hope was born this night!
Glory to God in the highest! Peace on earth, goodwill toward men.
Let all of the world sing a chorus of joy, Because Hope was born this night.

Gloria! Gloria! Gloria! Gloria!
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Glory to God in the highest! Peace on earth, goodwill toward men.
Let all of the world sing a chorus of joy, because Hope was born this night.
Glory to God in the highest! Peace on earth, goodwill toward men.
Let all of the world sing a chorus of joy, Because Hope was born this night.
I know Hope was born this night, because Christ was born this night!

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Prayer Time & 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Scripture Lesson – Deuteronomy 6: 4-9, Luke 3: 2b-6 (CEB)

Israel, listen! Our God is the Lord! Only the Lord! Love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your being, and all your strength. These words that I am commanding you today must always be on your minds. Recite them to your children. Talk about them when you are sitting around your house and when you are out and about, when you are lying down and when you are getting up. Tie them on your hand as a sign. They should be on your forehead as a symbol. Write them on your house's doorframes and on your city's gates.

During the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas—God's word came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. John went throughout the region of the Jordan River, calling for people to be baptized to show that they were changing their hearts and lives and wanted God to forgive their sins. This is just as it was written in the scroll of the words of Isaiah the prophet,

A voice crying out in the wilderness:

“Prepare the way for the Lord; make his paths straight.

Every valley will be filled, and every mountain and hill will be leveled.

The crooked will be made straight and the rough places made smooth.

All humanity will see God's salvation.”

Message – God Speaks: Hear

Celebrating Holy Communion

Hymn – *Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

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.

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.

UMH 196. Charles Wesley, Rowland H. Prichard; harm. from *The English Hymnal*.

Blessing & Sending Out

Outside to Share Peace

What to know this week ...

Please remember that our 4th quarter special offering will help change the world by fostering independence in orphan children in Africa and India! Please mark your special offering - either by marking the envelope for ZOE or writing ZOE on the memo line of your check. Checks should be made payable to St. James!

In keeping with our theme for Advent: God Is Near, we have daily scripture readings, a song to click and play/sing, and a prayer focus for the week. Please use this season to draw near to God, and enjoy the scripture and music!

Devotions are posted a week at a time on the church website: www.stjumc.us.

Get involved! We have multiple ways for you to get connected and volunteer at St. James!

Please consider this list of volunteer sign-ups and help where you feel called:

Advent Candle Lighters at www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0b49afaa22a75-advent

2021 Angel Tree at www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0b49afaa22a75-angel1

December 11 Produce Packing at www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0b49afaa22a75-food

December 19 Live Nativity Cast & Crew at www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0b49afaa22a75-live21

Food Pantry Needs for Advent: canned beans (pintos, black beans, etc.), spaghetti sauce (plastic jar or can), 1 lb. spaghetti, jelly (plastic container), 2 lb. rice (usually available at Dollar Tree), boxed cereal, canned pasta meals like beefaroni, boxed mac & cheese