



Plymouth

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

November 27, 2022 • 9 a.m.

The Waiting that Leads to Wonder
First Sunday in Advent: Hope

GATHERING MUSIC

SNOWFALL

Claude Thornhill

OPENING SONG

O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL
(see next pages)

"Veni Emmanuel"

WELCOME

Beth Hoffman Faeth

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE: HOPE

Hillary Oppmann, Andy Holdsworth,
and Theo and Henry Holdsworth

O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL

Latin: c.9th century

Tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, and

Tr. Henry Sloane Coffin, 1877-1954, alt.

VENI EMMANUEL 8.8.8.8.8.8.

Adapted from Plainsong

Thomas Helmore, 1811-1890

Unison

1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el,
2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high,
3 O come, O come, great Lord of might,
4 O come, O Day - spring, come and cheer
5 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind

And ran - som cap - tive Is - - - ra - el,
And or - der all things, far - and - nigh;
Who to thy tribes on Si - - - nai's height
Our spir - its by thine ad - - - vent here;
All peo - ples in one heart and mind;

That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here,
To us the path of knowl - edge show,
In an - cient times once gave the law
Dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of night,
O bid our sad di - vi - sions cease,

Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
And teach us in its ways to go.
In cloud, and ma - jes - ty and awe.
And death's dark shad - ows put to flight.
And be for us the Prince of Peace.

Refrain

Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - - - u - el

Shall come to thee, O Is - - - ra - el!

SUNG RESPONSE

HE CAME DOWN
(see next page)

*Cameroon traditional
arr. John L. Bell*

PASSING OF THE PEACE

SCRIPTURE READING

MATTHEW 24:36–42

MESSAGE

THE WAITING THAT LEADS TO WONDER:
HOPE

Seth Patterson

He Came Down

- 1 He came down that we may have hope; he came down that we may have hope;
- 2 He came down that we may have peace; he came down that we may have peace;
- 3 He came down that we may have joy; he came down that we may have joy;
- 4 He came down that we may have love; he came down that we may have love;

he came down that we may have hope;
he came down that we may have peace; hal - le - lu - jah for - ev - er - more.
he came down that we may have joy;
he came down that we may have love;

Text: Cameroon traditional
Music: Cameroon traditional; arr. John L. Bell, b. 1949
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HE CAME DOWN
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OFFERING LO, HOW A ROSE E'ER BLOOMING *16th-century German melody*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Tender, loving God, 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 for ever. Amen.

CLOSING SONG

CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT
(see next page)

Bernadette Farrell

BLESSING

POSTLUDE

RUSSIAN STRUT
(based on a movement from Tchiakovsky's *Nutcracker Suite*)

Laura Caviani



Christ, Be Our Light



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for
4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for
5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.

Refrain



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

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CHANCEL FLOWERS are given in loving memory of Rev. Joel D. Albers by his parents, Sonia and Bob Albers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS are available on the church website.

WORSHIP STAFF: DeWayne L. Davis, *Lead Minister*; Beth Hoffman Faeth, *Minister for Congregational Care & Worship*; Seth Patterson, *Minister for Spiritual Formation & Theater*; Philip Brunelle, *Organist and Choirmaster*; Marie Scholtz, *Associate Music Director & First Service Music Coordinator*; Laura Caviani, *First Service Trio Director*; Cody Bourdot, *A/V Production Manager*; Chris Bohnhoff, *Digital Ministry Specialist*

JAZZ TRIO: Laura Caviani, *piano*; Steve Pikal, *bass*; Daryl Boudreaux, *percussion*

TRIO ARRANGEMENTS: Laura Caviani

CHURCH REGISTER

RECENTLY BEREAVED

Haley & Tim Brunelle, death of Haley's father, Stan Drab (November 22, 2022); Maks, Eli, and Felix Brunelle, death of grandfather

RECENTLY DECEASED

Barbara Haglund (November 14, 2022)

Mary Lou Mathison

Hans Melgaard (November 10, 2022), father of Rebecca Melgaard Newton, Christine Melgaard, Hans Melgaard, Timothy Melgaard, and Andrew Melgaard

HOME AND HOSPITAL VISITS: Plymouth's ministers call upon members of the church in their homes, in hospitals or care and rehabilitation centers. If you know of someone who would like a visit from a minister, please contact Rev. Beth Hoffman Faeth (612/871-7400).

