

**JOHN McMILLAN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
10:00 AM WORSHIP & FACEBOOK LIVE
TO KNOW, TO GLORIFY AND TO SERVE GOD
NOVEMBER 27, 2022**

THE PRELUDE - *"Lord of the Dances, Shaker melody"* - arr. by Mark Hayes

THE WELCOME

LIGHT OF LIGHT

Chancel Choir

THE ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

The Druga Family

LIGHT OF LIGHT (REPRISE)

Chancel Choir

***THE HYMN OF ADVENT-** *"Lift Up Your Heads Ye Mighty Gates"* #93

1 Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates;
behold the King of glory waits;
the King of kings is drawing near;
the Savior of the world is here.

2 Fling wide the portals of your heart;
make it a temple, set apart
from earthly use for heaven's employ,
adorned with prayer and love and joy.

3 Redeemer, come! I open wide
my heart to thee; here, Lord, abide.
Let me thy inner presence feel;
thy grace and love in me reveal.

THE CALL TO CONFESSION (*please be seated*)

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, in the blindness of our routine, we have missed your presence with us. We come to church often expecting to be entertained rather than to worship you. Nor do we look for your active presence in our daily lives and for that we confess our sorrow. Forgive us for not allowing our eyes to glimpse your glory in the ordinary. May in this season, we see your presence in your Son, the one who was your presence with us.

THE SILENT CONFESSION

THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Beloved, know this:

the God of Presence,

the God of Transformation,

the God of Peace,

hears our prayers

and gives us power to love.

Through Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God!

***THE GLORIA PATRI #581**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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 ANTHEM- "Emmanuel is Coming!" - by Don Besig

Shadows fall around us; now we face the night. Hope and faith surround us. Soon will come the light. Prepare the way, Emmanuel is coming. Will we be ready to greet our Lord and King? (Repeat) Prophets tell of the Promised One; from heaven above to earth He will come. Soon the world will know the time is here. God will send a sign to show the Savior is here. Prepare the way... He may come in the dark of night or heaven may glow with radiant light. We will know Him by the peace He brings, and proclaim Him Lord and King of all kings! Prepare the way...Come now Emmanuel.

THE SCRIPTURE AND MESSAGE

Rev. Jeff Tindall

Isaiah 11: 1-9

Lo How a Rose

*THE HYMN OF REFLECTION- "*Lo, How a Rose*" - #129

1 Lo, how a rose e'er blooming
from tender stem hath sprung,
of Jesse's lineage coming,
by faithful prophets sung.
It came, a floweret bright,
amid the cold of winter,
when half spent was the night.

2 Isaiah 'twas foretold it,
the rose I have in mind;
with Mary we behold it,
the virgin mother kind.
To show God's love aright
she bore for us a Savior,
when half spent was the night.

3 This flower, whose fragrance tender
with sweetness fills the air,
dispels with glorious splendor
the darkness everywhere.
Enfleshed, yet very God,
from sin and death he saves us
and lightens every load.

*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Out of Israel, God in due time raised up Jesus.
His faith and obedience were the response
of the perfect child of God.
He was the fulfillment
of God's promise to Israel,
the beginning of the new creation,
and the pioneer of the new humanity.
He gave history its meaning and direction
and called the church to be his servant
for the reconciliation of the world.

THE INVITATION TO OFFERING *(please be seated)*

THE COLLECTION OF THE OFFERING

THE OFFERTORY

***THE DOXOLOGY #609**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures high and low.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

***THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***THE CONFIRMATION HYMN - "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" - #83**

1 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.

2 Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.

3 Born thy people to deliver,
born a child and yet a king,
born to reign in us forever,
now thy gracious kingdom bring.

4 By thine own eternal Spirit
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all-sufficient merit
raise us to thy glorious throne.

***THE BENEDICTION**

THE POSTLUDE - "Advent Noël" - Charles Alexis Chauvet