



O DAYSPRING

ADVENT II

10 DECEMBER 2017

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

YOUTH SUNDAY

Music for Gathering

Marietta Mobley *piano*

Video Presentation

CBF Global Missions Offering

Handbell Prelude

Cynthia Dobrinski

And the Glory of the Lord

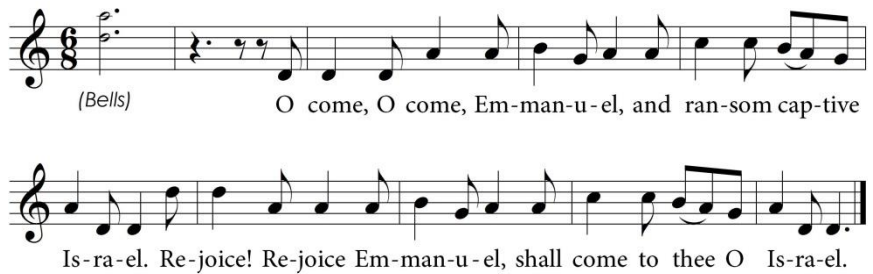
Youth Handbell Choir

Jamell Strickland, McCormick Music Intern *director*

Opening Sentences

Rev. Alan Sherouse

Advent Song



(Bells) O come, O come, Em-man-u-el, and ran-som cap-tive
Is-ra-el. Re-joice! Re-joice Em-man-u-el, shall come to thee O Is-ra-el.

*O Come, thou Dayspring,
come and cheer our spirits by thine Advent here,
and drive away the shades of night,
and pierce the clouds and bring us light!*

Kaitlyn Rainey *soloist*

Text: St. Ambrose (340-379) Music: Donald Pearson

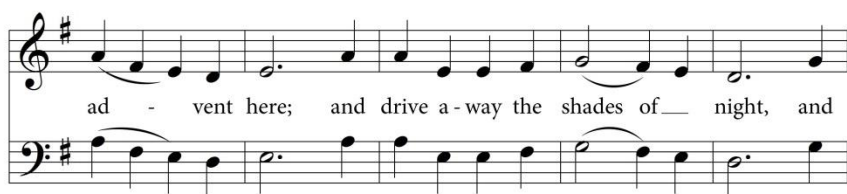
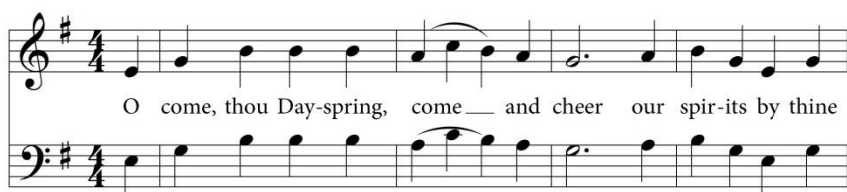
†Call to Worship

Cassie Starnes

A voice cries:

**“In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.”**

As we worship today, let us prepare to welcome God’s
dramatic work in our midst, in our hearts, in our community,
and in all of creation. Let us worship God. —from Isaiah 40.3



A Time for Children

Christina McCord

Words of Friendship

Dr. Steve Pressley

Call to Prayer

Roxana Johnson

Isaiah 40.10-11

Prayers of God's People

Sarah Parker

Assurance of Pardon

Megan Webb

Isaiah 40.1-2

Choral Prayer

Mark A. Miller

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

Youth Choir, Cynthia Hartis *accompanist*

†Scripture Reading

Jake Isom/Adair Garner

Mark 1.1-8

The gospel of our Lord.

Thanks be to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Rev. Sherouse

O Come, Thou Dayspring

†Hymn 136

PUER NOBIS

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

Musical Interlude

Faith Story

Rebecca Little

Offertory Prayer

Virginia Wells

Choral Offering

Taylor Davis

Hark, the Herald Angels Sing

Youth Choir

Benediction

Rev. Sherouse

Song of Dismissal

Robert Sterling

Shine on Us

Youth Choir

†Congregational Verse



Lord, let Your love, love with no end come o-ver us.



Lord, let Your love, love with no end come o-ver us that



we may be saved, that we may have life to find our way —



in the dark-est night, — Let Your love come o - ver us,

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The luminary is lit in memory of member Louis Nipper who died October 24, 2017.

“O Come, O Come” | Advent 2017

Our Advent theme this year is based on the liturgical tradition of the **O Antiphons**, also known as **The great Os**. An “antiphon” is a verse or song chanted or sung in response, and in Christian tradition the “O Antiphons” refer to those traditional Advent statements about the Messiah that we hear in the carol, “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.” In early church history, seven antiphons were recited in the week leading up to Christmas. Each Antiphon does two things: names an aspect of the identity of the Messiah, and reminds of a prophecy about the coming of the Messiah.

In the four Sundays of Advent, and on Christmas Eve, we will remember five of these antiphons, reflecting on Jesus Christ as Lord (Dec 3), Dayspring (Dec 10), Desire of Nations (Dec 17), Wisdom (Sunday morning, Dec 24), and Emmanuel (Christmas Eve). In doing so, we will worship the one who is coming to us again this Advent, fulfilling the hopes of our world and the hopes of our individual hearts.

According to Professor Robert Greenberg of the San Francisco Conservatory of Music, the Benedictine monks arranged the original seven antiphons with a definite purpose. If one starts with the last title and takes the first letter of each one in Latin - Emmanuel, Rex, Oriens, Clavis, Radix, Adonai, Sapientia - the Latin words “ero cras” are formed, which are translated to mean, “Tomorrow, I will come.” It’s the grand hope of Advent -- that what we have longed to see will be known in our place and time, through the person of Jesus. We hope you’ll join us as we share this hope, and these proclamations of the Messiah, throughout this season, until we can all come to believe more fully that tomorrow Messiah will come.



Advent 2018 Visual Artist

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