



ADVENT 2019

The Worship of God

First Sunday of Advent

Hope
December 1, 2019

Music for Gathering

Marietta Mobley, piano

Advent Wreath

Opening Sentences

Rev. Alan Sherouse

Handbell Voluntary

Cathy Moglebust

Tempus Adest Floridum
"A Time for Blooming"
Piae Cantiones, 1582

Combined Adult, Advent, and Youth Handbell Choirs

Isaiah 2:1-5

Brandon Walters

In days to come the mountain of the LORD'S house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be raised above the hills;
all the nations shall stream to it.
Many peoples shall come and say,

**"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
to the house of the God of Jacob;
that we may be taught the ways of the LORD,
and that we may walk in God's path."**

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

God shall judge between the nations,
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;

they shall beat their swords into plowshares,
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

Hymn of Praise 337

TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM

When the King Shall Come Again

Words of Friendship

Rev. Courtney Willis

A Time for Children

Christina McCord

Call to Prayer

ST. LOUIS

O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we

The first line of musical notation is in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is written on a treble clef staff, and the bass line is on a bass clef staff. The lyrics are: "O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we".

pray; cast out our sin, and en - ter in; be born in us to -

The second line of musical notation continues the melody and bass line. The lyrics are: "pray; cast out our sin, and en - ter in; be born in us to -".

day. We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad ti - dings

The third line of musical notation concludes the hymn. The lyrics are: "day. We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad ti - dings".

tell; O come to us, a-bide with us our Lord Em-man-u-el.

Prayers of God's People

Rev. Willis

Prayer Response

CRADLE SONG

Be near us, Lord Je-sus; we ask thee to
(Bless) all the dear chil-dren in thy ten-der

stay care, close by us for - ev - er, and -
and care, and fit us for heav - en to

love us, we pray. Bless live with thee there.

Opening of God's Word

Trevor Gill

Scripture Lesson

Rev. Willis

Matthew 24.36-44

Sermon

Rev. Sherouse

Any Day Now

Hymn of Response 271

CWM RHONDDA

Christ Is Coming! Let Creation

Musical Interlude

The Lord's Supper

Brad Wall, deacon chair
Rev. Willis

Singing



Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.



Wait for the Lord; be strong, take heart!

Offertory Prayer

Brad Wall

Musical Offering

Hart Morris

O Come Rejoicing
Adult Handbell Choir, Jerico Carrillo *flute*

tBenediction

Rev. Sherouse

tSong of Dismissal

Then let us all with one accord sing praises to our heavenly Lord,
who hath made heaven and earth of naught,
and with his blood our life hath bought.

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

tHandbell Postlude

Robert Ward

Praise Ye, the Lord of Hosts
from Christmas Oratorio by *Camille Saint-Saëns*

Combined Handbell Choirs

The rosebud welcomes **Caroline Elizabeth** born on 11/22/19
to Jacy and Jeremy Leonard, and big brother Grant.

Advent Evening Services

Hanging of the Green

Today at 5:00 p.m.

Youth Choir leads us in a brief dedication of the sanctuary adornments for the season ending with our signature "Shine on Us." All are welcome to join us afterwards for a soup and sandwich supper at 5:30 in the fellowship hall.

North Carolina A & T State University Choir in Concert

Sunday, December 8 at 4:00 p.m.

Join the University Choir under the direction of Maestro Travis Alexander for their annual holiday concert in the sanctuary.

Spontaneous Nativity

Wednesday, December 18 at 6:15 p.m.

A simple retelling of the birth of Jesus led by all the children of the church in costume.

Christmas Oratorio by Camille Saint-Saëns

Sunday, December 22 at 4:00 p.m.

Join the Sanctuary Choir, soloists, and orchestra for a presentation of this venerable traditional music, along with seasonal favorites. A reception of Christmas Cheer will follow at Double Oaks Bed and Breakfast. (just across the front lawn on Mendenhall Street.)

Christmas Eve

Tuesday, December 24 at 5:00 p.m.

Carols, Candles, and Communion.

Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors!
that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory?
The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

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