



WHITEHOUSE UMC

...to love, serve, and share Christ

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
NOVEMBER 29, 2020—9:30 AM

WELCOME

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS & †OPENING PRAYER

†LIGHTING THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

based on Isaiah 64:1-9 & Mark 13:24-37

If ever there was a year we needed Advent, this is the year. We hardly know how to describe the year we've had to live through. We hesitate to reflect on all the mess around us in 2020. All we know is that nothing seems right, nothing seems like it used to be, nothing. We need Advent!

The prophet Isaiah cried out for us, "O that you would tear open the heavens and come down... to make your name known... so that nations might tremble at your presence." So tear through the mess, O Lord, and come down to us again. We long to be your people, a people of hope.

We light this first candle as a sign of our hope. Hope that you can meet us, even in the mess of our world. Hope that you still see us, though we feel we are lost in the rubble. Let this light be the guide that brings us to Emmanuel once more.

O come, o come, Emmanuel.

†SUNG RESPONSE: *Until Jesus comes, until Jesus come, I'll be watching and waiting until Jesus comes.*

†HYMN

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

UMH 196

*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 merit rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all-sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne.*

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" – words by Charles Wesley; music by Rowland H. Prichard, harm. from *The English Hymnal* CCLI#1550924

†AFFIRMATION

An Affirmation for Advent

by Nathan Nettleton

We believe in God, creator and lover of the earth, origin and destiny of us all.

**We believe in Jesus the Christ—God coming to us in the fragile promise of a baby yet unborn—
who emerges as the herald of hope, God's laughter in the face of despair.**

**Plunged into death and hell, he broke free the captives,
and is leading the way to the land of promise where justice and peace will flourish.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, who implants the seed of truth,
brings us to birth as the body of Christ,
and empowers us to confront and transform all that is corrupt, degrading and deceitful.**

We believe in the coming reign of God.

**Announced by the Baptist, it has drawn near to us in Jesus,
and will be consummated in the glorious marriage of earth and heaven,
when all who have passed through the world's deep sorrow will be raised from the waters,**

robed in righteousness, and gathered into the joyous fulfilment of God's desire.

For the coming of that day on this day, we work and pray: Come, Lord Jesus, Come!

†RESPONSE

The Gloria Patri

UMH 70

*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.*
"Glory be to the Father" – words *Lesser Doxology*; music by Charles Meineke CCLI #1550924

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Trey Burns

THE 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.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

Prepare Ye the Way!

WUMC Chancel Choir

Words and music by Michael Barrett & Martin Smith; arr. by Michael Barrett © 2013 Hal Leonard Music

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†OFFERING MOMENT & DOXOLOGY

UMH 94

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" – words by Thomas Ken, adapt. By Gilbert H. Viera;
music from *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, hamr. by Ralph Vaughan Williams
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†HYMN

Hail to the Lord's Anointed, vv. 1, 3-4

UMH 203

<i>Hail to the Lord's Anointed, great David's greater Son! Hail in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun! He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free; to take away transgression, and rule in equity.</i>	<i>He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth; love, joy, and hope, like flowers, spring in his path to birth. Before him, on the mountains, shall peace, the herald, go, and righteousness, in fountains, from hill and valley flow.</i>	<i>To him shall prayer unceasing and daily vows ascend; his kingdom is increasing, a kingdom without end. The tide of time shall never his covenant remove; his name shall stand forever; that name to us is love.</i>
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"Hail to the Lord's Anointed" – words by James Montgomery;
music from *Gesangbuch der H.W.k. Hofkapelle*, adapt. and harm. by W.H. Monk CCLI #1550924

†SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 11:27-12:4

²⁷Now these are the descendants of Terah. Terah was the father of Abram, Nahor, and Haran; and Haran was the father of Lot. ²⁸Haran died before his father Terah in the land of his birth, in Ur of the Chaldeans. ²⁹Abram and Nahor took wives; the name of Abram's wife was Sarai, and the name of Nahor's wife was Milcah. She was the daughter of Haran the father of Milcah and Iscah. ³⁰Now Sarai was barren; she had no child. ³¹Terah took his son Abram and his grandson Lot son of Haran, and his daughter-in-law Sarai, his son Abram's wife, and they went out together from Ur of the Chaldeans to go into the land of Canaan; but when they came to Haran, they settled there. ³²The days of Terah were two hundred and five years; and Terah died in Haran.

¹Now the Lord said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ²I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.' ⁴So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

The word of God for us, the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Waiting... with Abraham

Rev. Trey Burns

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

†HYMN

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

Infant holy, infant lowly, for his bed a cattle stall;
Oxen lowing, little knowing, Christ the babe is Lord of all.
Swift are winging, angels singing, noels ringing, tidings bringing:
Christ the babe is Lord of all.

*Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping vigil till the morning new
saw the glory, heard in story, tidings of a gospel true.
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow, praises voicing, greet the morrow:
Christ the babe was born for you.*

“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly” – words Polish carol, trans. by Edith M.G. Reed; music Polish carol, arr. by Edith M.G. Reed CCLI #1550924

†BENEDCITION

POSTLUDE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Don't forget about Project Joy! Financial offerings are due today; cans of soup are due by Dec. 11. More information can be found at whitehouseumc.com/project-joy

Please fill out our Christmas Eve survey to help us make plans for what that day will look like at WUMC.

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PRAYER LIST

The Weavers	The Loros	Nathan Lane	Michael Robinson
Sandra Walton	Brenda Caps	Betty Garner	Bert Gardner
Gaige Hendley	Lauren Lawler	Cindy North	Kelly Kea
Kristen Longfellow	Guy De LaMarter	Teresa Mitchum Hughes	Debby Baker
Janice Dupree	Joyce Bammes	The Lintners	Hannah Dintelman
Andrea Harris	Luke Shaeffer	Gene Ruelle	Paul Rider
Jason Krob	Bri Benoit	Carolyn & Patrick McClain	First Responders
Ryan Baron	Harold Marshall	Bobbie Akers	Our Schools
The Wilkes	Matt Lockwood	Our elected officials	Members of our military
Our Schools	Our Community	Our church family	Our Country

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