

## First Week of ADVENT

### HOPE

November 27, 2022

*God, as known to us  
in Jesus Christ,  
welcomes all.  
So do we.*

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OPTIONAL**

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### PRELUDE



### WELCOME

The altar flowers are in honor of Fay Wilson and Lynn Trygstad  
in gratitude for their dedication and service.



### CROSSING THE THRESHOLD

*We will spend some quiet time at the beginning of every one of our  
Advent and Christmas worship experiences to soften our focus on  
life...*

One: We pray for HOPE this day.  
Many: **We pray for HOPE this day.**  
One: We open to see the Sacred reflected in all things.  
Many: **We open to see the Sacred reflected in all things.**  
One: We open to see each moment  
Many: **We open to see each moment**  
One: as a gift of holy presence.  
Many: **as a gift of holy presence.**  
One: This is the gift of the Christ Mystery.  
Many: **This is the gift of the Christ Mystery,**  
One: lighting the way to hope  
Many: **lighting the way to hope.**

*The first advent candle (HOPE) it is lit.*



# Upon This Moment

Marcia McFee  
Arr. Chuck Bell

U-pon this mo - ment, U-pon this peo - ple, U-pon this

place the Ho - ly comes. And Sa - cred know - ing brings. Sa - cred

be - ing for Sa - cred do - ing of God's plan.



## OPENING PRAYER



## +OPENING HYMN

*Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*

UMH #196

## INTRODUCTION TO THE SCRIPTURE



## +GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 24:36-44 NRSVUE

*Please stand in body and in spirit for the reading of the Gospel.*

36 “But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. 37 For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. 38 For as in the days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, 39 and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so, too, will be the coming of the Son of Man. 40 Then two will be in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. 41 Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken, and one will be left. 42 Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. 43 But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. 44 Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

This is the word of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**



 **+HYMN OF PREPARATION** *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

UMH #211 (v. 1, 4, 7)

 **SERMON**

Rev. Megan Tobola

 **ANTHEM**


*Make My Life a Bethlehem*

Courtney

 **PRAYERS**

*Emmanuel*

UMH 204

 We recognize that we are one in Christ, and one community of faith gathering in-person and digitally. If you have a prayer concern, please email us at [prayers@wesleynaperville.org](mailto:prayers@wesleynaperville.org). We will pray for you either privately, or, with your permission, we will share your request with the congregation in the Keeping In Touch weekly email and during our time of prayer.

[Sung] **Emmanuel, Emmanuel,  
his name is called Emmanuel.  
God with us, revealed in us,  
his name is called Emmanuel.**

**INTERCESSORY PRAYER**

[Spoken] **Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me,  
Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me,  
Christ on my right, Christ on my left,  
Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down, Christ when I arise.**

[Sung] **Emmanuel, Emmanuel,  
his name is called Emmanuel.  
God with us, revealed in us,  
his name is called Emmanuel.**

 **INVITATION TO THE PRACTICE OF GIVING**

**MISSION HIGHLIGHT: Fox Valley Habitat for Humanity**

Thank you for your support of mission and ministry!

Give by Text: (630) 528-0155.

To give electronically visit [wesleynaperville.org/giving](http://wesleynaperville.org/giving).  
The offering basket is also available at the front of the sanctuary.





## +DOXOLOGY

Tune "What Child Is This?" UMH 219

E Minor: Em D G D B<sup>7</sup> Em Am/C

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow. Praise God, all crea - tures

B Em D G D B<sup>7</sup>

here be - low. Praise God a - bove, ye heaven - ly host. Praise

Em Am B Em Bm G

Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. This, this is

D B<sup>7</sup> Em Am/C B

Christ the King, whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;

Bm G D B<sup>7</sup> Em Am B Em (or E Major)

haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Ma - ry.

Words: Thomas Ken, 1674  
Music: 16th Century English Melody

GREENSLEEVES  
87.87 with Refrain

Text and tune adapted by Dean McIntyre, The United Methodist General Board of Discipleship, PO Box 340003, Nashville TN 37203-0003. Telephone 615-340-7073. Website <http://www.umcworship.org>. Email address: [music@gbod.org](mailto:music@gbod.org). Text and tune are public domain.



## INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP



## + SENDING HYMN

*Eternal God, Transcending Time*

WS #3030



## +BENEDICTION



## POSTLUDE

*Thank you for remaining seated until after the postlude.*

Resources: *Worship Design Studio, The United Methodist Book of Worship, The United Methodist Hymnal, Worship & Song*



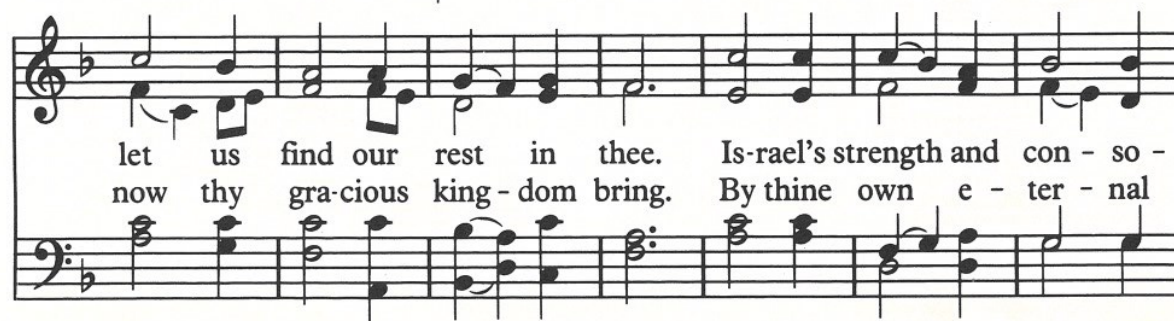
## Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus 196



1. Come, thou long - ex - spect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy  
2. Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and



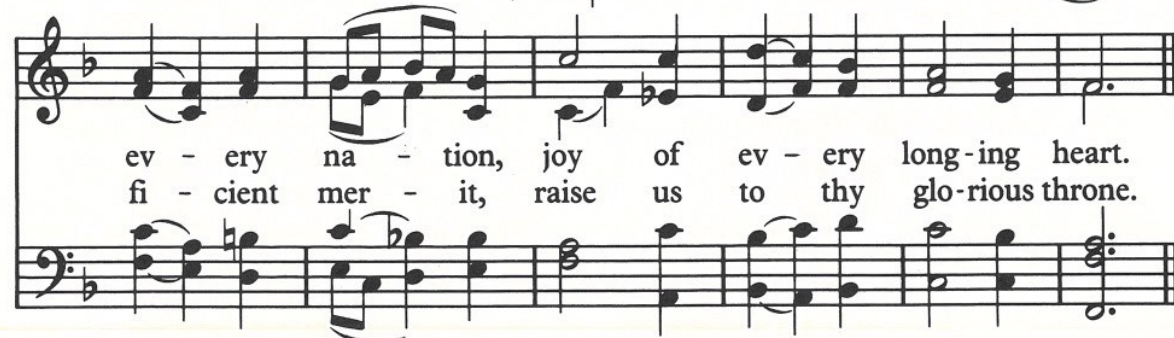
peo - ple free; from our fears and sins re - lease us,  
yet a King, born to reign in us for - ev - er,



let us find our rest in thee. Is-rael's strength and con - so -  
now thy gra-cious king - dom bring. By thine own e - ter - nal



la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art; dear de - sire of  
spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone; by thine all suf -



ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long-ing heart.  
fi - cient mer - it, raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1744

MUSIC: Rowland H. Prichard, 1830; harm. from *The English Hymnal*, 1906

HYFRYDOL

87.87 D



## 211 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran-som cap-tive  
 2. O come, thou Wis-dom from on high, and or - der all things  
 3. O come, O come, great Lord of might, who to thy tribes on  
 4. O come, thou Root of Jes - se's tree, an en-sign of thy

Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone-ly ex - ile here  
 far and nigh; to us the path of knowl - edge show  
 Si - nai's height in an-cient times once gave the law;  
 peo - ple be; be - fore thee ru - lers si - lent fall;

*Refrain*  
 un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
 and cause us in her ways to go. Re-joice! Re-joice! Em-  
 in cloud and majes - ty and awe.  
 all peo-ple's on thy mer - cy call.

man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

7. O come, Desire of nations bind  
 all peoples in one heart and mind.  
 From dust thou brought us forth to life;  
 deliver us from earthly strife.  
*Refrain*

WORDS: 9th cent. Latin; trans. st. 1, 3, 5ab, 6cd, 7ab *The Hymnal*, 1940; st. 2, Henry Sloane Coffin, 1916; st. 4, 5cd, 6ab, 7cd, Laurence Hull Stookey, 1986  
 MUSIC: 15th cent. French; arr. and harm. by Thomas Helmore, 1854  
 Sts. 1, 3, 5ab, 6cd, 7ab © 1940, 1943, renewed 1981 The Church Pension Fund; trans. sts. 4, 5cd, 6ab, 7cd; © 1989 The United Methodist Publishing House; antiphons © 1962 Sisters of St. Benedict

VENI EMMANUEL  
 LM with Refrain



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## Emmanuel, Emmanuel

*Unison*  
C E+ F Dm7 Eb° Em

Em - man - u - el, Em - man - u - el,

A7 A/C# Dm G7 C Cmaj7 C9 E+

his name is called Em-man-u-el. God with

F Dm7 Eb° Em A7 A/C#

us, re - vealed in us, his name is

Dm G7 C F/C D.C. C *(final)*

called Em - man - u - el.

WORDS: Bob McGee, 1976 (Mt. 1:23)

MUSIC: Bob McGee, 1976

McGEE  
Irr.

© 1976 C. A. Music (div. of Christian Artists Corp.)



# Eternal God Transcending Time 3030



1. E - ter - nal God tran-scend-ing time, yet mind-ful of the
2. In - car - nate God re-vealed in time, true Word in flesh re -
3. Life-breath-ing God en - liv - ening time, a - wak-ing heart and
4. Great Tri - une God, so bless the time en - trust-ed to our



fears, the hopes, the ques - tions raised for us by  
told, who marked the years from birth to death, then  
tongue, in - spir - ing proph - ets, bring - ing hope, con -  
care, that all our var - ied min - is - tries may



ev - er-chang - ing years: so guide us through our  
rose to break death's hold: by your be - com - ing  
sol - ing old and young: draw us to those de -  
form a com - mon prayer; then when time ceas - es,



pil - grim days that we may find a home where  
one with us, help us to know and claim the  
nied your gifts by bi - as, want, or strife, con -  
bring us where di - vi - sions are un - done, that



jus-tice, truth, and mer - cy meet, ful - filled in your sha - lom.  
u - ni - ty of all bap - tized in your re-deem-ing name.  
vert our wills and form through us new chan-nels of your life.  
in your pres - ence, joined in praise, at last we may be one.

WORDS: Carl P. Daw, Jr.

MUSIC: USA folk melody, Walker's *Southern Harmony*

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RESIGNATION

CMD



# Children's Ministry

On First Sundays children are invited to attend the full worship service with their families. On the remaining Sundays of each month, the children will be dismissed from worship following the Time for Young Disciples for Sunday School. If you would like to volunteer to help with Sunday School contact Alexander at [alexander@wesleynaperville.org](mailto:alexander@wesleynaperville.org) or call 630-355-1834 ext. 104.



## A Reflection And Invitation From Pastor Duane



Pastor Megan's sermon on 11/13 stressed the importance of generosity. She reminded me of the generosity of many who have supported Fox Valley Habitat for Humanity (FVHFH) since its birth over 30 years ago.

John Lear and Steve Ferrin have each been giving several days a week of labor for years. Others have given generously financially. Carol and I have been happy to give from our RMD annually. All of this has enabled FVHFH to complete 69 homes and have several more in the pipeline to be completed soon. The Lopez family home, at 656 Spruce, Aurora, will be dedicated on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. To see pictures of the homes and the families, go to: [www.foxvalleyhabitat.org](http://www.foxvalleyhabitat.org).

Recently Nicor Gas has partnered with HFH to build 15 net zero emissions, energy efficient homes starting next year! As we say: "The Excitement is building!"

If you would like to learn more about the tax savings from giving through your Required Minimum Distribution speak to Pastor Duane. - Duane Mevis



**The deadline for ordering poinsettias is  
Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup>**

## Christmas Poinsettia Order Form

If you wish to order one or more poinsettias to decorate our church sanctuary during the Christmas season, please complete the order form below and put it in the offering plate on Sunday morning, or send it to the church office

*The cost per plant is 15*

# of Red \_\_\_\_\_ # of White \_\_\_\_\_ Amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

In Celebration of \_\_\_\_\_

Other dedication \_\_\_\_\_



# Keep on baking!

On Wednesdays, Wesley provides baked treats for North Central College students to enjoy after Wednesday evening chapel (Focus).

**Sign up in the Atrium to provide 3 dozen treats.**

Please include ingredient information. Disposable containers are preferred, but if you would like your container back, please label it.

Drop off your treats to the church by Wednesdays at the church by 2pm or call the church office at 630-355-1834

to arrange a pickup.

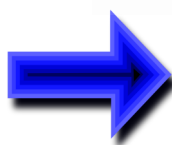
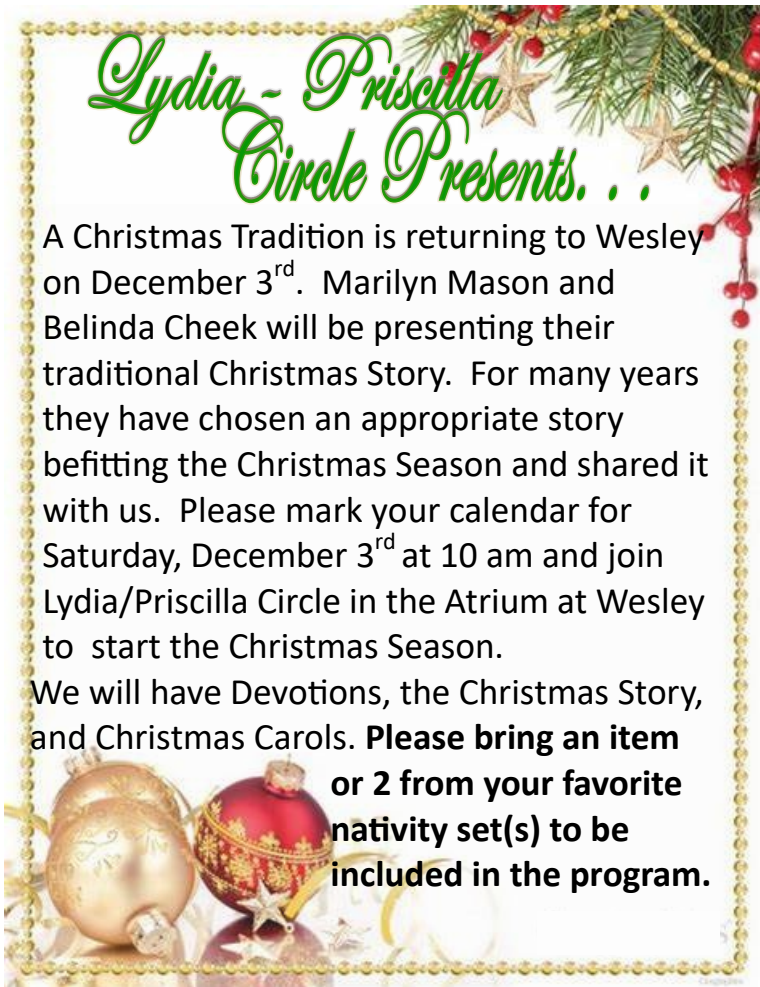
THE STUDENTS ARE  
THANKFUL!



*Lydia - Priscilla  
Circle Presents...*

A Christmas Tradition is returning to Wesley on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Marilyn Mason and Belinda Cheek will be presenting their traditional Christmas Story. For many years they have chosen an appropriate story befitting the Christmas Season and shared it with us. Please mark your calendar for Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10 am and join Lydia/Priscilla Circle in the Atrium at Wesley to start the Christmas Season.

We will have Devotions, the Christmas Story, and Christmas Carols. **Please bring an item or 2 from your favorite nativity set(s) to be included in the program.**



## *Welcoming Incoming Migrants*



**CLOTHES.** Choosing clothes from our closets and drawers that we no longer need or want because they are too small or too big or too out of date or too whatever, but they are good usable clothes which Migrants need — bag them up and bring them to Wesley. We will take these bags of clothes to a place called REPEAT BOUTIQUE in Carol Stream where the Immigrants can shop for FREE every three months.

**FOOD.** Wesley United Methodist Women will purchase Gift Cards from Scrip, (now known as RaiseRight), for Target or Walmart. Put money in the specially marked envelopes in the atrium and we will purchase the Gift Cards and get them to World Service DuPage. If you wish to write a check please do so to Wesley United Methodist Women. We can handle cash also.

*So let's WELCOME INCOMING IMMIGRANTS with clothes and food from Wesley!*



Wesley

# Kids Day Out!

## Boosters!

Are *you* excited to get other people  
*excited about KDO?*

Are you interested in supporting the  
Wesley Kids Day Out ministry by coming  
up with creative fundraising, advertising,  
and outreach efforts?

Whether you have a little time to  
volunteer, or a lot,

**you would be an excellent  
BOOSTER!**

Get in touch with one of us to join

**Pastor Megan** [pastor@wesleynaperville.org](mailto:pastor@wesleynaperville.org)  
630-355-1834 ext. 102

**Ken Tobola** (KDO Director)  
[wesleykidsdayout@gmail.com](mailto:wesleykidsdayout@gmail.com)  
630-355-1758

## Registration Is Open!

For ages 6 months to 5 years

## Contact Us

**Wesley Kids Day Out**  
**21 E Franklin Ave**  
**Naperville, IL 60540**

**Phone: 630-355-1758**

**Email:**  
**[wesleykidsdayout@gmail.com](mailto:wesleykidsdayout@gmail.com)**

**Classroom Teacher Position  
Available!**

[wesleynaperville.org/job-opportunities](http://wesleynaperville.org/job-opportunities)



# Sunday Mornings

For your convenience, our Atrium and Center St. doors will be open at 8:30am.

Additional parking is allowed in the Old National Bank (formerly, Midwest Bank) lot for Sunday mornings.

10:00 AM (Hybrid): **Worship in-person or online** at [wesleynaperville.org](http://wesleynaperville.org)  
2nd - 5th Sundays: **Sunday School** for Children (dismissed from Sanctuary following Time For Young Disciples)  
11:45 AM In Person: **HOPE United Methodist Church** Worship Service

## Keeping In Touch

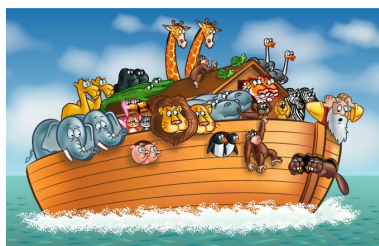
Our weekly e-news helps us connect with YOU! We hope you are finding our Thursday delivery in your e-mail service, however, if you need to have it mailed to you, let us know where to send it!

Contact the church office via email at [info@wesleynaperville.org](mailto:info@wesleynaperville.org),  
or call the church office at 630-355-1834.

**Children are always welcome at Wesley UMC**, and for your convenience, we have child-friendly areas for your infants and children who are not yet in school full-time who need a safe, cozy and fun place to worship. **CHANGING TABLES** are available in the Nursery (Main Level) and in the gender neutral restroom just down the narthex steps.



**Cozy Kids Corner** is located in the narthex, at the back of the sanctuary. There you will find age-appropriate books and toys to keep your little ones engaged in the service so that you can worship. Please stay with your child as they play, as this area is not supervised otherwise.



**Enjoy interacting with the ark animals in the Atrium.**

Adult supervision is required for this area of play. Sanitize your hands or pick a pair of CLEAN gloves to wear during play. Be careful not to stand or sit on the bow or stern or the ark.

## In Person Office Hours\*

\*As long as there are no emergencies or unforeseen circumstances

### Pastor Megan

W, Th, F, 9:00AM - 2:00PM  
or by appointment

Cell: (312) 715 - 8752  
[pastor@wesleynaperville.org](mailto:pastor@wesleynaperville.org)

*Mondays are her sabbath*

### CHURCH OFFICE

**Vicki Stokes**, *Administrative Assistant*  
T, W, Th  
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM  
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