

Order of Worship
December 13, 2020

Welcome

Rev. Tracy McNeil Wines

Greeting

Shauna Dyer

We sing of God's mercy and grace shown to all generations.
We praise God's constant and never-ending love and faithfulness.
We rejoice that God's promise of an anointed one—the Messiah—
is about to be fulfilled.
O come, O come, Emmanuel—God with us—forever!

Lighting of Advent Candle

Jennifer Owen

In the past, God spoke through the prophets in many times and many ways. But in these final days, God spoke to us through a Son. "The Son is the light of God's glory and the imprint of God's being."

We light the third Advent candle as a sign that God is with us, bringing light and joy amid every conceivable darkness. Come what may, we are not alone. We wait, we hope, trusting that the One born to Mary is fully God. Jesus, you are Emmanuel.

Opening Hymn

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Verses 1-4

Vs. 1, 2 (from the UMH 211)

*Vs. 3 - O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer
Our spirits by thine advent here
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night
And death's dark shadows put to flight*

*Vs. 4 - O come, Desire of nations, bind
All people in one heart and mind
Bid envy strife and quarrels cease
Fill the whole world with heaven's peace*

Opening Prayer

Leah Dudani

Oh Emmanuel, God with us,
truly in this Advent season we celebrate that you are not hidden in some
faraway cloud, but you chose to be with us in the blur and mystery of our lives.

In the midst of lists and rush, you are with us as a song that echoes in our minds, as the light of a candle, as a card from a friend. They are signs of your presence. We turn to you this season and pray that you would birth joy and healing, blessing and hope in us.

Let something wonderful begin in us — something surprising and holy. May your hand be upon us. Let your love fill us. Let your joy overwhelm us. Let our longing for you be met on a coming holy night. Emmanuel, be with us once again. Amen.

Scripture

Matthew 1:18-25

Lisa White

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

"Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel,"

which means, "God is with us." When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

Sermon

Incarnation: Rediscovering the Significance of Christmas

Week 3: God Be with Us

Rev. Tracy McNeil Wines

Special Music

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel with Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Fran Underwood, handbells

arr. Thompson

Offering Prayer

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Closing Hymn

God With Us

Benediction

Rev. Tracy McNeil Wines

Choral Response

Come, Dearest Child, Into Our Hearts

Frazier

Postlude

Toccata on 'Nun Komm, der Heiden Heiland'

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O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

1. O come, O come Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive Is - ra -
 2. O come, thou wis - dom from on high, and or - der all things far and
 3. O come, thou Day - spring, come and cheer our spir - its by thine ad - vent
 4. O come, De - sire of na - tions bind all peo - ples in one heart and

el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here un - til the Son of
 here; to us the path of know - ledge show and cause us in her
 here; Dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of night, and death's dark shad - ows
 mind. Bid en - vy strife and quar - rels cease, fill the whole world with
 heav - en's peace.

God ap - pear. Re - joice! Re - joice! Em -
 ways to go.
 put to flight.
 heav - en's peace.

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

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God With Us

(sung in F# major on Dec 13, 2020)

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INTRO

D G A Bm A



1. Oh, You've come _
(2. Oh, You've come) _

VERSE

5 D G A



to bring peace, to be Love, to be near-
to be Hope to this world, for Your hon-

8 Bm A D G



- er to us. You've come to bring life, to be Light,
- or and name. And You've come to take sin, to bear shame,

11 A Bm A G D A



to shine bright - er in us. Oh, Em - man - u - el,
and to con - quer the grave. Oh, Em - man - u - el,

CHORUS

15 G D A G D A



God with us. Our De - liv - er - er, You are Sav - ior.
God with us.

19 G Bm⁷ A G D A



In Your pres-ence, we find our strength o - ver ev - 'ry - thing, our Re-demp - tion,

23 G Bm A Last time to Coda \diamond 1. A 2. A

God with us. You are God with us. 1. Oh, You've come us. 2. Oh, You've come us.

28 **BRIDGE** Bm Bm G D

You are here. You are ho - ly. We are stand - ing _

33 1. A repeat as desired 2. A G **CHORUS** G

in Your glo - ry. in Your glo - ry, Lord. Our De - liv - er - er, _

38 D A G Bm⁷ A

You are Sav - ior. In Your pres - ence, we find our strength

41 G D A G Bm A D.S. al Coda

o - ver ev - 'ry - thing, our Re - demp - tion, God with us.

45 \diamond Coda A **ENDING** G Bm A

us. Oh, God with us. You are _

God With Us - 3

48 G Bm A G

God with us.