

Lakewood Presbyterian Church
Order of Service for the Worship of God

November 20, 2022

10:00 am

Preparation for Worship

The Gathering

Star-Child

Star-Child earth-Child go-between of God,
Love Child, Christ Child, heaven's lightning rod,
This year, this year, let the day arrive
When Christmas comes for everyone, everyone alive!

Street child, beat child, no place left to go,
Hurt child, used child, no one wants to know,
This year, this year, let the day arrive
When Christmas comes for everyone, everyone alive!

Grown child, old child, memory full of years,
Sad child, lost child, story told in tears,
This year, this year, let the day arrive
When Christmas comes for everyone, everyone alive!

Spared child, spoiled child, having, wanting more,
Wise child, faith child, knowing joy in store,
This year, this year, let the day arrive
When Christmas comes for everyone, everyone alive!

Hope-for-peace Child, God's stupendous sign,
Down to earth Child, Star of stars that shine,
This year, this year, let the day arrive
When Christmas comes for everyone, everyone alive!

Noel

Verse 1

Love incarnate love divine
Star and angels gave the sign
Bow to babe on bended knee
The Savior of humanity
Unto us a Child is born
He shall reign forevermore

Chorus

Noel Noel
Come and see what God has done
Noel Noel
The story of amazing love
The light of the world given for us
Noel

Verse 2

Son of God and Son of man
There before the world began

Born to suffer born to save
Born to raise us from the grave
Christ the everlasting Lord
He shall reign forevermore

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Pastoral Symphony (from "Messiah")

GF Handel

Prayer of Invocation

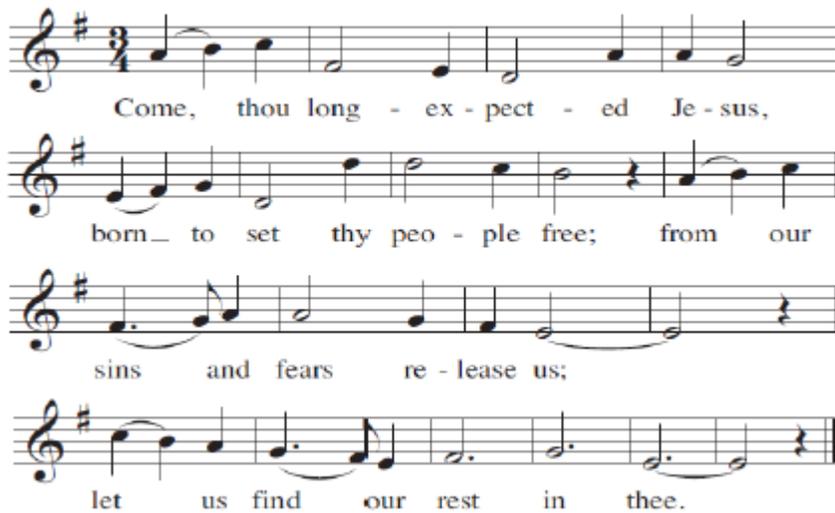
Kat Balow, Liturgist
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*Call to Worship

Advent Wreath Candle Lighting Ceremony
First Sunday of Advent – Hope

Verse: Choir Alone

Refrain: Choir & Congregation



Come, thou long - ex - spect - ed Je - sus,
born_ to set thy peo - ple free; from our
sins and fears re - lease us;
let us find our rest in thee.

Responsive Litany

Advent is a time to be filled with anticipation and hope.

We wait and hope for the One who will bring light to the darkness.

Advent is a time to remember that God's love extends to all people.

We wait and hope for the One who will bring justice.

Advent is a time to renew our determination.

We wait and hope for the One who will bring righteousness.

Advent is a time to strive for understanding.

We wait and hope for the One who will bring peace.

Candle Lighting

Today we light the first candle – the candle of hope – marking the beginning of our spiritual journey this Advent season. The light of this candle reminds us that hope begins with a spark that at first seems small and insignificant, but in time grows into a brilliant flame, a flame that quickly spreads, filling the darkness with light and bringing a renewed sense of hope to a world filled with doubt and fear. (*congregation repeats Refrain, above*).

After Refrain, Closing Prayer:

Gracious God, we thank you for the promise of the scripture that through Christ, we have hope. Forgive our lack of faith and restore in our hearts the assurance that your love can conquer the tyranny of injustice in a broken world. We pray today that you would strengthen our faith in your mercy and righteousness so we can live in hope every day of our lives. Amen.

***Hymn of Praise**

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

1) O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.

2) O come, thou Wisdom from on high,
who orderest all things mightily:
to us the path of knowledge show;
and teach us in her ways to go.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.

3) O come, O come, thou Lord of might,
who to thy tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times didst give the law
in cloud and majesty and awe.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.

4) O come, thou Root of Jesse, free
thine own from Satan's tyranny;
from depths of hell thy people save
and give them victory o'er the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.

***Unison Prayer of Confession**

God of Hope, you invite us to join you on your holy mountain, to follow you on a new path, yet we prefer another way. We stay close to the ways we know rather than take up something new. We prefer to stake out our own path rather than watching for your way to emerge before us. We place our trust in other guides rather than having confidence that you will show us the way. Forgive us, Lord. Open a new path for us. Show us the way to your holy mountain, that we might know your ways and walk in your paths. Give us eyes to see and ears to hear the new thing you are doing in our midst and give us hearts of hope and joy that walk in your light each and every day until you come again.

***Assurance of Pardon**

***Gloria Patri**

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.



The Children's Time

Sue Laster

The Act of Offering

Offertory

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring
LPC Chancel Choir

JS Bach

***Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise him all creatures here below
Praise him above, ye heavenly hosts
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

***Prayer of Dedication**

The Word of God Proclaimed

Presentation by The Troupers

Scripture

Isaiah 2:1-5
Matthew 24:36-44

Sermon

Hope to Carry On

Brian Mitchell

Response of God's People

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

***Hymn of Commitment**

O Come, O Come Emmanuel
(vs 5-7)

5) O come, thou Key of David, come,
and open wide our heavenly home;
make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.

6) 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.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.

7) O come, Desire of nations, bind
all peoples in one heart and mind;
bid envy, strife, and discord cease;
fill the whole world with heaven's peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.

Blessing and Benediction

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

Rondeau (from "Abdelzaer")

Henry Purcell

***Indicates Congregation Standing**

Duty Elders for November:

Dana Jewell
Debbie Wallace
Frank Wood

Liturgist:

Kat Balow
Katie Ross

Senior Pastor:

Rev. Joy Laughridge

Director of Youth & Christian Education:

Brian Mitchell

Director of Music & Organist:

Carl Marucci

Parish Associate:

Rev. Vickie Bossuot

The Floral Arrangement in the Chancel this morning is given by Alan & Doris York to the glory of God & in celebration of Alan's birthday.



Lakewood Presbyterian Church



Sunday, 11/20

- Coffee & Conversation in Benz Hall immediately following the service

Thursday, 11/24

- 11:30 am Doors Open/12 pm Lunch - Thanksgiving Luncheon

Saturday, 12/3

- 7 pm - "Little Town of Christmas" at the Orange Park Theatre

Sunday, 12/4

- All-Church Luncheon in Benz Hall immediately following the service

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Lakewood Presbyterian Church

Income Statement: Summary v Budget

For the Nine Months Ending 09/30/2022

YTD September 2022

	Actual	Budget	Difference
Total Income	426,592.88	408,375.00	18,217.88
Total Expense	395,407.91	408,299.12	12,891.21
Net Income	31,184.97	75.88	31,109.09



*Come Join the Choir for our
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service*

You're invited to be part of a moving and exciting musical experience this Christmas Eve. How about adding your voice along with the Lakewood Presbyterian Church Choir, brass quintet from the Jacksonville Symphony, timpani (kettle drums), organ and bells for LPC's Candlelight Christmas Eve Service on Saturday evening, December 24th.

You'll perform at this special candlelight service in our beautiful colonial church, filled with folks whose spirits yearn to be lifted and enlivened this holiday season. We're inviting former choir members, members from other local choirs, and others as well. It's a short term commitment—only 3 rehearsals—it's rewarding, it's easy and most of all . . . it'll be FUN! No auditions required (age 18+). What's required? It's easy.

Sundays, Dec. 4, 11, & 18: Choir Rehearsal in church at 9AM (you can even join us in singing for the service that day)

Saturday, December 24: 7:30PM Pre-Service Music; 8PM Candlelight Christmas Eve Service

Please let us know if you'd like to join us. Email Carl, our music director, at music@lpcjax.org.