

Welcome to
Northbrook Presbyterian Church

December 20, 2020

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Lighting the Advent Candle & Opening Prayer

Hymn of Praise 88 - *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

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.

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.

Confession & Pardon

God of the future, you are coming in power to bring all people into your realm. We confess that we have not expected your kingdom, for we live casual lives, ignoring your promised judgment. We accept lies as truth, exploit neighbors, abuse the earth, and refuse your justice and peace. In your mercy, forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your way, and to seek things that will endure when Christ comes to judge the world.

Passing the Peace

Song of Preparation 92 - *While We Are Waiting, Come*

1 While we are waiting, come;
while we are waiting, come.

Refrain:

Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.

2 With power and glory, come;
with power and glory, come. (Refrain)

3 Come, Savior, quickly come;
come, Savior, quickly come. (Refrain)

Sermon - *My Soul Cries Out*

Luke 1:39-56

Music for Reflection

Prayers of the People and 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Sending Hymn 100 - *My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout*

1 My soul cries out with a joyful shout
that the God of my heart is great,
and my spirit sings of the wondrous things
that you bring to the ones who wait.
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight,
and my weakness you did not spurn,
so from east to west shall my name be blest.
Could the world be about to turn?

Refrain:

My heart shall sing of the day you bring.
Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,
and the world is about to turn.

2 Though I am small, my God, my all,
you work great things in me,
and your mercy will last from the depths of the past
to the end of the age to be.
Your very name puts the proud to shame,
and to those who would for you yearn,

you will show your might, put the strong to flight,
for the world is about to turn. (Refrain)

3 From the halls of power to the fortress tower,
not a stone will be left on stone.
Let the king beware for your justice tears
every tyrant from his throne.
The hungry poor shall weep no more,
for the food they can never earn;
there are tables spread; every mouth be fed,
for the world is about to turn. (Refrain)

4 Though the nations rage from age to age,
we remember who holds us fast:
God's mercy must deliver us
from the conqueror's crushing grasp.
This saving word that our forebears heard
is the promise which holds us bound,
till the spear and rod can be crushed by God,
who is turning the world around. (Refrain)

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Announcements

Eternal God, as you led your people in ages past, you direct our journey into the future. By your Spirit, open our eyes to the generosity of your hand, and nurture our souls in all spiritual gifts. Fill us with gratitude overflowing that we may share life and love in praise to you, God of all the ages, in the gracious name of Jesus Christ, your son, by the power of your Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

Charge & Benediction

Sending Music

Leading You in Worship Today

Pastor: Rev. Ben Larson-Wolbrink

Liturgists: Phil and Judy Own

Live Musicians: Dan Gross & Pete Zajicek

Pre-recorded Vocalists: Angel Gippert, Winnie Davies-Hancock and Bill Hancock

Pre-recorded Musicians: Angel Gippert

Tech Crew: Kaeyanna King, Bill Jordan, Dave Vander Weide

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Office Hours

Monday—Thursday: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Fridays: 9:00—Noon

Please call to make an appointment or let us know you are coming and we will gladly welcome you.

Masks are required and social distancing guidelines will be followed.

Worship

Join us at 10:15 a.m. on Sundays to watch our pre-recorded service
on Northbrook's YouTube Channel: [NorthbrookPresCh](#)

The service will also be available for viewing anytime after 10:15 a.m. on YouTube
or on the church website: www.northbrookpc.org