



West Main Baptist Church

advent one: hope

\*congregation standing; **bold print** indicates congregation reading in unison

PRE SERVICE MUSIC *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* (Flor Peeters)

Mark Gourley

WELCOME

Drew Herring

INTROIT

*Prepare the Royal Highway*  
Swedish Melody; David W. Music, harmonization

Sanctuary Choir

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Patrick Wales

**A voice cries out: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain."**

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 79

*O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

The Church

THE MEANING OF ADVENT

Patrick Wales and Pam Pulley

ADVENT AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Advent is believing in God's good.

**Advent is embracing hope in fear.**

Advent is making peace in chaos.

**Advent is finding joy within sorrow.**

Advent is love made visible.

**Light in darkness.**

Life abundant.

**Advent is waiting patiently...**

With hope and with peace.

**With joy and with love.**

ADVENT RESPONSE 83 (v.1)

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

The Church

**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.**

THE GREENS

Patrick Wales and Pam Pulley

Carol 90, verse one

*People Look East*

The Church

**People, look east, the time is near of the crowning of the year. Make your house fair as you are able, trim the hearth and set the table. People, look east and sing today: Love, the Guest, is on the way.**

THE POINSETTIAS

Carol 90, verse two

Patrick Wales and Pam Pulley

The Church

**Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is planted the. Give up your strength the seed to nourish, that in course the flower may flourish. People, look east and sing today: Love, the Rose, is on the way.**

THE POINSETTIA TREE

Patrick Wales and Pam Pulley

\*Carol (Words by Bruce Wilson; Sung standing, to the tune: *Away In A Manger*)

The Church

**We worship together in this sacred place, Your people forgiven, reborn by your grace. We thank you, kind Father, for family, for friends. For hope in the darkness, for life without end. For parents who raised us, for children to love; For earth's gentle bounty and rain from above; For health, joy and beauty, on which we now thrive; For all of your saints who have guided our lives. All praise to the Father, the Spirit and Son, All glory to God, who is three and yet one. Was born in a manger, but Lord of all time, O, Beautiful Savior, Your glory still shines.**

ANTHEM

*An Advent Song* (Michael Bedford)

Children's Choir

Sandie Parker, *piano*; Mary Frances Gourley, *handbells*

THE ADVENT WREATH AND CANDLES

Patrick Wales and Pam Pulley

Lighting of the Hope Candle and the Window Candles

Chuck and Carrie Syvanthong

Carol 90, verse three & four

The Church

**Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim, One more light the bowl shall brim, Shining beyond the frosty weather, Bright as sun and moon together. People, look east and sing today: Love, the star, is on the way.**

Angels, announce with shouts of mirth Christ who brings new life to earth. Set every peak and valley humming with the word, the Lord is coming.

**People, look east and sing today: Love, the Lord, is on the way.**

PRAYERS

Sean Timmons

SERMON

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" Isaiah 11:1-9

Drew Herring

\*HYMN 140

*Jesus Came to Dwell Among Us*

The Church

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Tricia Buchanan

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*All Bells in Paradise* (John Rutter)

Sanctuary Choir

Judy Gourley, *soloist*; Sandie Parker, *piano*

\*ADVENT RESPONSE 119 (verse one; tune: *Lasst Uns Erfreuen*)

The Church

**His name is called Emmanuel, more wonderful than words can tell. God is with us! Alleluia! Born in our darkness, He is Light; Born in our weakness, He is Might. God is with us! Alleluia! God is with us! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

\*BENEDICTION

Ethan Stephens

POSTLUDE

*Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying*

Mark Gourley

(WACHET AUF) Tune: Philipp Nicolai; David Cherwien, setting

*Thank you to Jon Lawton, Sandie Parker, Mary Frances and Judy Gourley for assisting in worship.*

**PLEDGE UPDATE:** 2024 Budget: \$523,249. We have collected \$188,355 (35%). We collect through Dec. 31st.

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