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First Sunday of Advent

November 28, 2021

Welcome

Lynn Caterson

Call to Worship

Lynn Caterson

Leader: Come! Come from our sanctuary or from your home. Come at 11am on Sunday or any time during the week. Come whenever and wherever you are. Come! Worship is called in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit!

People: **We have come in the midst of a season of preparation.**

Leader: Today is the First Sunday of Advent, that season of preparation. But what are we preparing for?

People: **In Advent, we prepare to celebrate Christ's birth, and for Christ to come again. Today, we learn about a world preparing for a coming King!**

Prelude

The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came

arr. David Cherwien

Hymn No. 196

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

1. Come, thou long - ex - pect - 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.

Opening Prayer

Lynn Caterson

Lord, thank you for waking us up this morning! Thank you for calling us to the sanctuary and to our screens to connect with you and your people. For the things that went well this week, we thank you. Thank you for being present even in our struggles. We know that we all enter this advent season differently. Some of us enter this Advent with rejoicing and anticipation. Others enter with sadness, grief and distress. But that's what Advent is; a time to prepare for light in the darkness, hope to the hopeless and joy to the grieving. Amen!

Lighting the Advent Candle

David and Ali Wade

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Chorus

All Hail King Jesus

All Hail King Jesus! All hail Emmanuel,
King of kings, Lord of lords, Bright Morning Star.
And throughout eternity, I'll sing your praises,
And I'll reign with You throughout eternity.

(sing twice)

Senior Choir

A Tiny Child Will Come

Don Besig

Young Disciples Chatting with the Rev

Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 9:6-7

Lynn Caterson

For a child has been born for us,
a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders;
and he is named
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
His authority shall grow continually,
and there shall be endless peace
for the throne of David and his kingdom.
He will establish and uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time onward and forevermore.
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Message

A Coming King

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

Offertory

Ricercare on "Ave Marie Klare"

Fischer

Doxology

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Hymn No. 250


Once in Royal David's City

1. Once in roy - al Da-vid's cit - y stood a low - ly cat - tle
2. He came down to earth from heav - en who is God and Lord of
3. Je - sus is our child-hood's pat-tern; day by day, like us he
4. And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own re-deem-ing

shed, where a moth - er laid her ba - by in a
all, and his shel - ter was a sta - ble, and his
grew; he was lit - tle, weak, and help - less, tears and
love; for that child so dear and gen - tle is our

man - ger for his bed; Ma - ry, lov - ing moth - er
cra - dle was a stall. With the poor, the scorned, the
smiles like us he knew; and he feel - eth for our
Lord in heaven a - bove; and he leads his chil - dren

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mild, Je - sus Christ, her lit - tle child.
low - ly lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.
sad - ness, and he shar - eth in our glad - ness.
on to the place where he is gone.

Benediction

Postlude

Praise Ye the Lord of Hosts

Camille Saint-Saens

Violinist: Susan Elsayed

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