

Welcome to Worship!

December 11, 2022

Third Sunday of Advent

Children's Program







Prelude

Welcome

THANKS FOR COMING

Opening Hymn



*Awake! Awake, and
Greet the New Morn*
red hymnal, ELW #242

Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn, ELW #242, Verse 1

***Awake! Awake, and greet the new morn,
for angels herald its dawning.
Sing out your joy, for soon he is born,
behold! the Child of our longing.
Come as a baby weak and poor,
to bring all hearts together,
he opens wide the heav'nly door
and lives now inside us forever.***

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Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn, ELW #242, Verse 2

***To us, to all in sorrow and fear,
Emmanuel comes a-singing,
his humble song is quiet and near,
yet fills the earth with its ringing;
music to heal the broken soul
and hymns of lovingkindness,
the thunder of his anthems roll
to shatter all hatred and blindness.***

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Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn, ELW #242, Verse 3

***In darkest night his coming shall be,
when all the world is despairing,
as morning light so quiet and free,
so warm and gentle and caring.
Then shall the mute break forth in song,
the lame shall leap in wonder,
the weak be raised above the strong,
and weapons be broken asunder.***

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Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn, ELW #242, Verse 4

***Rejoice, rejoice, take heart in the night,
though dark the winter and cheerless,
the rising sun shall crown you with light,
be strong and loving and fearless.
Love be our song and love our prayer
and love our endless story;
may God fill ev'ry day we share
and bring us at last into glory.***

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.

C: **Blessed be God's name forever.
Amen.**

P: Beloved, now is the time to wake from sleep. Let us confront our sins, and confess them to the one who is merciful and just.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God of new beginnings,

C: we confess that we have not welcomed your holy reign. We have strayed from your paths. We prepare for war instead of peace. We dishonor one another and your creation. Purify us with your refining fire and set us again on your way of love, that we may bear fruit worthy of repentance, and welcome your coming among us. Amen.

P: People of God, a new thing is growing in our midst, a tender branch, a living sign. By water and the Spirit you are joined to this wonder. You have put on + Christ, and your sins have been washed away. Rejoice in the way of the Lord.

C: Amen.

Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

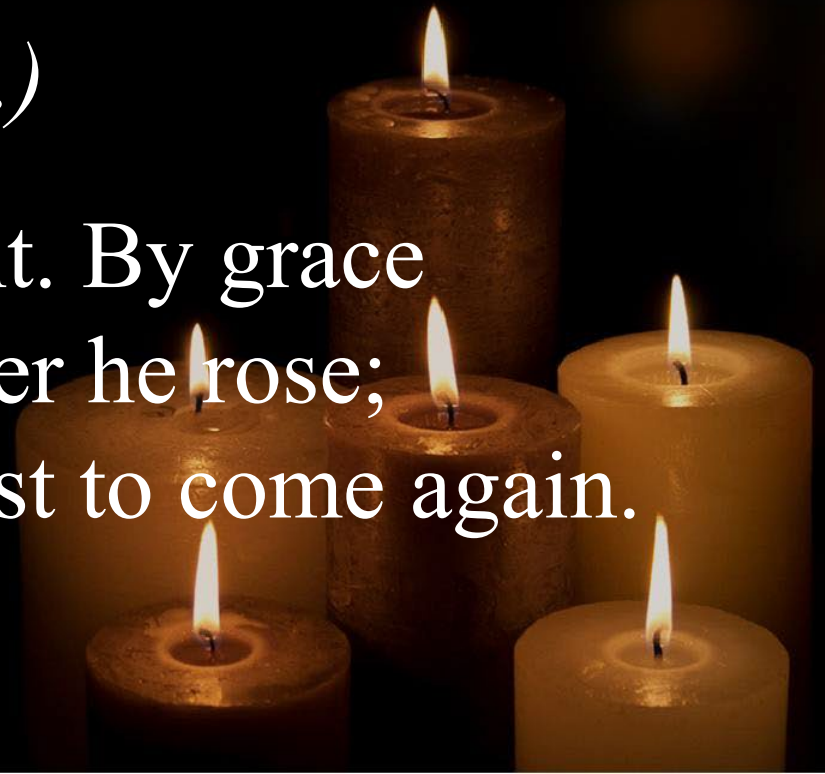
C: **And also with you.**

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

R: The people who walked in
darkness have seen a great light.

(Three candles are lit.)

Christ is our light. By grace
he came, in power he rose;
we wait for Christ to come again.



Advent Response

ELW #262

*Wait for the Lord,
whose day is near.
Wait for the Lord:
be strong, take heart!*



R: Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout,
O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all
your heart, O daughter Jerusalem!
The Lord has taken away the
judgments against you and turned
away your enemies. We will fear
disaster no more.



R: Do not let your hands grow weak. The Lord, your God, is in your midst. God will rejoice over us with gladness and renew us in love.



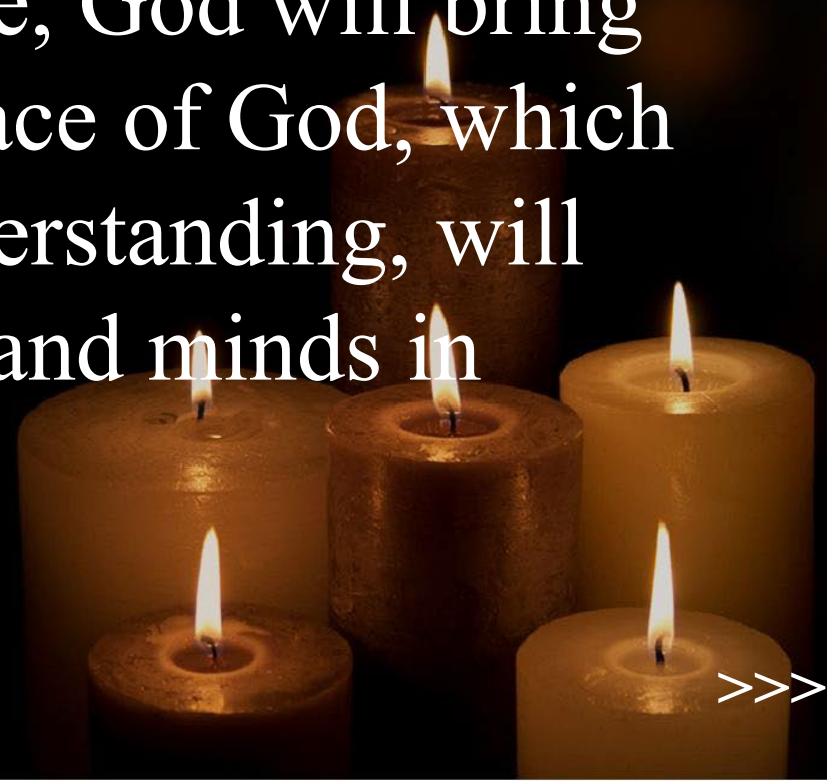
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whose day is near.
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R: God will save the lame and gather the outcast, changing their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time, God will bring us home. The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.



Advent Hymn

ELW #254, Verse 1

*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 ev'ry nation,
joy of ev'ry longing heart.*

ELW #254, Verse 2

***Born thy people to deliver,
born a child, and yet a king;
born to reign in us forever,
now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal Spirit
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all-sufficient merit
raise us to thy glorious throne.***



Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

C: **Stir up the wills of all who look to you, Lord God, and strengthen our faith in your coming, that, transformed by grace, we may walk in your way; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**



The Little Drummer Boy
A Christmas Pageant by the
St. Philip Children & Youth



Baby Jesus is Born



Our Finest Gifts We Bring



The Animals in the Stable



We Play Our Drums For Him

Hymn of the Day



Prepare the Royal Highway

red hymnal, ELW #264

Prepare the Royal Highway, ELW #264, Verse 1

***Prepare the royal highway;
the King of kings is near!
Let ev'ry hill and valley
a level road appear!
Then greet the King of glory,
foretold in sacred story:***

***Hosanna to the Lord,
for he fulfills God's word!***

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Prepare the Royal Highway, ELW #264, Verse 2

**God's people, see him coming:
your own eternal king!**

**Palm branches strew before him!
Spread garments! Shout and sing!
God's promise will not fail you!
No more shall doubt assail you!**

**Hosanna to the Lord,
for he fulfills God's word!**

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Prepare the Royal Highway, ELW #264, Verse 3

***Then fling the gates wide open
to greet your promised king!
Your king, yet ev'ry nation
its tribute too may bring.
All lands will bow before him;
their voices join your singing:***

***Hosanna to the Lord,
for he fulfills God's word!***

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Prepare the Royal Highway, ELW #264, Verse 4

***His is no earthly kingdom;
it comes from heav'n above.
His rule is peace and freedom
and justice, truth, and love.
So let your praise be sounding
for kindness so abounding:***

***Hosanna to the Lord,
for he fulfills God's word!***

Advent Creed

A: Living together in trust and hope,
we confess our faith.

**C: We believe in one God, who is
Creator, maker of all we see
and all we don't see. Who is
Ruler of the universe: Source
of all creation!**

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**We believe in one God, who is
Jesus Christ, God from God,
Light from Light, true God and
true human. He is one with the
Creator; the Word made flesh,
our Messiah: Savior of all
creation!**

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**We believe in one God, who is
Holy Spirit, Breath of God
moving among us; Who is one
with the Creator; one with the
Christ; our Comforter and our
Guide: Mentor of all creation!**

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Prayers of Intercession

A: As we prepare for the fullness of Christ's presence, let us pray for a world that yearns for new hope.

A brief silence.

After each portion of the prayers:

A: God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

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The prayers conclude:

A: God of our longing, you know our deepest needs. By your Spirit, gather our prayers and join them with the prayers of all your children. In Jesus' name we pray.

C: Amen.

Presentation of Tithes and Gifts

*You can give on our website,
stphilip-co.org/giving and make a donation
electronically now.*

**All quarters received in the regular offering will
go to the ELCA World Hunger Program.**

*If you have a prayer request, go online to
stphilip-co.org/prayer request/ and fill
out the digital form.*

Anthem



Fum, Fum, Fum!

Ringing Brass

Offertory

ELW #294, vs. 3

*What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd I would bring a lamb;
if I were a wiseman I would do my part;
yet what I can I give him – give my heart.*

Offering Prayer

A: Eternal God, you make the desert bloom and send springs of water to thirsty ground. Receive these simple gifts of bread, wine, and money, and make us messengers of your mercy and love for all in need of your healing and justice. We ask this through Christ our Savior.

C: Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**



Words of Institution

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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

Communion

The communion follows.

*You are welcome to move to the altar as
indicated by the ushers,
or to take communion at your seat
with an individual packet.*

*All are welcome,
for it is the Lord's Table.*



Lamb of God

ELW #272, vs. 4

*O Savior, child of Mary,
who felt our human woe;
O Savior, king of glory,
who dost our weakness know:
bring us at length, we pray,
to the bright courts of heaven
and into endless day.*

Communion Hymn



Please turn in your
red hymnal to:

ELW #266

All Earth is Hopeful

All Earth is Hopeful, ELW #266, Verse 1

***All earth is hopeful,
the Savior comes at last!
Furrows lie open
for God's creative task:
this, the labor of people
who struggle to see
how God's truth and justice
set ev'rybody free.***

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All Earth is Hopeful, ELW #266, Verse 2

***People of Israel,
you heard the prophet tell:
“A virgin mother will bear Emmanuel”;
she conceived him, “God with us,”
our brother, whose birth
restores hope and courage
to children of this earth.***

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All Earth is Hopeful, ELW #266, Verse 3

***Mountains and valleys
will have to be prepared;
new highways opened,
new protocols declared.
Almost here! God is nearing,
in beauty and grace!
All clear ev'ry gateway,
in haste, come out in haste!***

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All Earth is Hopeful, ELW #266, Verse 4

***We first saw Jesus a baby in a crib.
This same Lord Jesus
today has come to live
in our world; he is present,
in neighbors we see
our Jesus is with us,
and ever sets us free.***

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Communion Hymn



Please turn in your
red hymnal to:

ELW #243

Lost in the Night

Lost in the Night, ELW #243, Verse 1

***Lost in the night
do the people yet languish,
longing for morning
the darkness to vanquish,
plaintively sighing
with hearts full of anguish.
Will not day come soon?
Will not day come soon?***

Lost in the Night, ELW #243, Verse 2

***Must we be vainly
awaiting the morrow?
Shall those who have light
no light let us borrow,
giving no heed
to our burden of sorrow?
Will you help us soon?
Will you help us soon?***

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Lost in the Night, ELW #243, Verse 3

**Sorrowing wand'ers,
in darkness yet dwelling,
dawned has the day
of a radiance excelling,
death's deepest shadows
forever dispelling.**

**Christ is coming soon!
Christ is coming soon!**

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Lost in the Night, ELW #243, Verse 4

***Light o'er the land
of the needy is beaming;
rivers of life through
its deserts are streaming,
bringing all peoples
a Savior redeeming.
Come and save us soon!
Come and save us soon!***

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Communion Hymn



Please turn in your
red hymnal to:

ELW #611

*I Heard the Voice of
Jesus Say*

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say, ELW #611, Verse 1

***I heard the voice of Jesus say,
“Come unto me and rest;
lay down, O weary one, lay down
your head upon my breast.”***

***I came to Jesus as I was,
so weary, worn, and sad;
I found in him a resting-place,
and he has made me glad.***

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I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say, ELW #611, Verse 2

***I heard the voice of Jesus say,
“Behold, I freely give
the living water, thirsty one;
stoop down and drink and live.”
I came to Jesus, and I drank
of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched,
my soul revived,
and now I live in him.***

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I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say, ELW #611, Verse 3

***I heard the voice of Jesus say,
“I am this dark world’s light;
look unto me, your morn shall rise,
and all your day be bright.”
I looked to Jesus, and I found
in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I’ll walk
till trav’ling days are done.***

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Post-Communion Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

Post-Communion Cantic

ELW #274, vs. 2

*Then why should we on earth be sad,
since our redeemer made us glad?
Then why should we on earth be sad,
since our redeemer made us glad,
when from our sin he set us free,
all for to gain our liberty?*

Post-Communion Prayer

A: Faithful God, in this meal you have remembered your mercy, bringing heaven to earth in the body and blood of Christ. As we wait for the day when all your promises will be fulfilled, sustain us and strengthen us by this holy mystery. Guide us toward your promised future, coming to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Blessing

P: God the eternal Word, who dwells with us in Jesus, and who holds us in the grace of the Holy Spirit, + bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn



*Light Dawns on a
Weary World*

red hymnal, ELW #726

Light Dawns on a Weary World, ELW #726, Verse 1

***Light dawns on a weary world
when eyes begin to see
all people's dignity.***

***Light dawns on a weary world:
the promised day of justice comes.***

Light Dawns on a Weary World, ELW #726, Refrain

***The trees shall clap their hands;
the dry lands, gush with springs;
the hills and mountains
shall break forth with singing!
We shall go out in joy,
and be led forth in peace,
as all the world in wonder echoes
shalom.***

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Light Dawns on a Weary World, ELW #726, Verse 2

***Love grows in a weary world
when hungry hearts find bread
and children's dreams are fed.***

***Love grows in a weary world:
the promised feast of plenty comes.***

Light Dawns on a Weary World, ELW #726, Refrain

***The trees shall clap their hands;
the dry lands, gush with springs;
the hills and mountains
shall break forth with singing!
We shall go out in joy,
and be led forth in peace,
as all the world in wonder echoes
shalom.***

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Light Dawns on a Weary World, ELW #726, Verse 3

***Hope blooms in a weary world
when creatures, once forlorn,
find wilderness reborn.***

***Hope blooms in a weary world:
the promised green of Eden comes.***

Light Dawns on a Weary World, ELW #726, Refrain

***The trees shall clap their hands;
the dry lands, gush with springs;
the hills and mountains
shall break forth with singing!
We shall go out in joy,
and be led forth in peace,
as all the world in wonder echoes
shalom.***

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Dismissal



OUR FINEST GIFTS WE BRING

A: Go in peace.
Christ is near.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

God Bless

H A V E A G R E A T W E E K



Postlude

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