



December 1, 2024 – Livestream  
First Sunday of Advent

GATHERING

WORDS OF WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brandon Wallace

PRELUDE

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

**People: My God, in you I trust;**

**do not let those who wait for you be put to shame.**

Leader: Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.

**People: Lead me in your truth and teach me,**

**for you are the God of my salvation;**

**for you I wait all day long.**

Leader: All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness,

**People: for those who keep God's covenant and decrees.**

\*OPENING HYMN #203

*Hail to the Lord's Anointed*

v. 1-3

***Hail to the Lord's Anointed, great David's greater Son!***

***Hail in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun!***

***He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free;***

***to take away transgression, and rule in equity.***

***He comes with succor speedy to those who suffer wrong;  
to help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong;  
to give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light,  
whose souls, condemned and dying, are precious in his sight.***

***He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth;  
love, joy, and hope, like flowers, spring in his path to birth.  
Before him, on the mountains, shall peace, the herald, go,  
and righteousness, in fountains, from hill to valley flow.***

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? <sup>10</sup>Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

<sup>11</sup> Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. <sup>12</sup>And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. <sup>13</sup>And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

*Hope is a Star*

J. Raney

Haste Family 11:00

When God is a child there's joy in our song. The last shall be first and the weak shall be strong, \_\_\_\_\_ and none shall be a -  
 fraid, \_\_\_\_\_ none \_\_\_\_\_ shall be \_\_\_\_\_ a - fraid. \_\_\_\_\_

Leader: In this season of Advent, we remember that Christ is coming to bring us hope.

For those of us bound by bitterness and anger

**People: Christ is coming to bring us hope.**

Leader: For those of us feeling trapped and misunderstood

**People: Christ is coming to bring us hope.**

Leader: For those of us burdened with ceaseless worry

**People: Christ is coming to bring us hope.**

Leader: For those of us whose lives feel out of control

**People: Christ is coming to bring us hope.**

SECOND LESSON

Jeremiah 33:14-16

<sup>14</sup> The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>15</sup>In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>16</sup>In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

*Jeremiah's Vision*

Darren Cushman Wood

HYMN #209

*Blessed Be the God of Israel*

***Blessed be the God of Israel, who comes to set us free,  
who visits and redeems us, and grants us liberty.  
The prophets spoke of mercy, of freedom and release;  
God shall fulfill the promise to bring our people peace.***

***Now from the house of David a child of grace is given;  
a Savior comes among us to raise us up to heaven.  
Before him goes the herald, forerunner in the way,  
the prophet of salvation, the harbinger of day.***

***On prisoners of darkness the sun begins to rise,  
the dawning of forgiveness upon the sinner's eyes,  
to guide the feet of pilgrims along the paths of peace;  
O bless our God and Savior with songs that never cease!***

PRAYER FOR THE WORLD

Brandon Wallace

INVITATION, CONFESSION AND PARDON

Leader: Jesus said, Do not let your hearts be weighed down  
by the sins and worries of this life,  
but watch and pray for the grace of God,  
who will save you in your time of trial.  
With confidence in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

**People: Lord, have mercy on us.**

**We are not ready for your coming.**

**We live in sin, as though there were no justice.**

**We live in fear, as though there were no grace.**

**Forgive us, Lord.**

**Show us your mercy and steadfast love.**

**Lead us in your truth, and teach us your paths,  
for you are the God of our salvation. Amen.**

Leader: Friends, believe the good news: In Jesus Christ you are forgiven.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Leader: May the Lord guide your way, strengthen you in all holiness,  
and make you abound in love for one another and for all.

**People: Amen.**

\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Long-Expected Dawn*

K. Marroli  
Voices in Accord

When our hearts are troubled and in need of light,  
and the darkness deepens 'midst the thickening night,  
we await your coming as our souls press on toward a long-expected dawn.  
When our hearts are broken and in need of balm, you send your promise,  
your hope and calm. We await your presence as we travel on  
toward a long-expected dawn.  
O Light of Hope! Break forth! Appear and shatter all the darkness here!

O let your advent herald clear an end to sorrow and to fear!  
You come from heaven to make straight the way,  
birthing hope from sorrow, changing night to day.  
Lord, walk among us as we journey on toward a long-expected dawn.

\*ADVENT DOXOLOGY

***Praise God from who all blessings flow.***

***Praise God, all creatures here below.***

***Praise God above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.***

***Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.***

\*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Darren Cushman Wood

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

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

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

Leader: It is right, and a good and joyful thing,  
always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God...  
And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**People: *Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

***Hosanna in the highest.***

***Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.***

***Hosanna in the highest.***

Leader: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ....

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,  
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving  
as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us,  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**People: *Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.***

Leader: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here and on these gifts of bread and cup....

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,

All honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

\*THE LORD'S PRAYER #2278

\*BREAKING THE BREAD

RECEIVING THE BLESSING

*As persons are sharing the bread and cup in the sanctuary, extend your hands to receive the blessing of the Holy Spirit. If you would like to receive communion from today's service please contact the church to schedule for a pastor to bring it to your home this week, [nricketts@northchurchindy.com](mailto:nricketts@northchurchindy.com)*

COMMUNION HYMNS

#626

*Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

***Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;  
ponder nothing earthly-minded, for with blessing in his hand,  
Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.***

***King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth he stood,  
Lord of lords, in human vesture, in the body and the blood;  
he will give to all the faithful his own self for heavenly food.***

***Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way,  
as the Light of light descendeth from the realms of endless day,  
that the powers of hell may vanish as the darkness clears away.***

***At his feet the six-winged seraph, cherubim, with sleepless eye,  
veil their faces to the presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry:  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Lord Most High!***

#216

*Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

***Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung!  
Of Jesse's lineage coming, as those of old have sung.  
It came, a floweret bright, amid the cold of winter when half spent was the night.***

***Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the Rose I have in mind;  
with Mary we behold it, the Virgin Mother kind.  
To show God's love aright, she bore to us a Savior, when half spent was the night.***

***O Flower, whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air,  
dispel in glorious splendor the darkness everywhere.  
True man yet very God, from sin and death now save us, and share our every load.***

PRAYER

\*HYMN OF DEDICATION #203

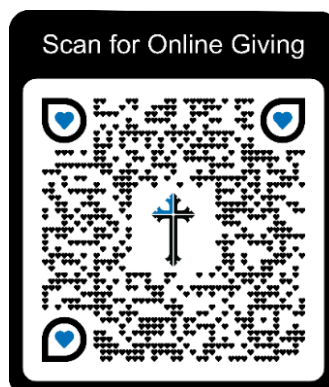
*Hail to the Lord's Anointed*

v. 4

***To him shall prayer unceasing and daily vows ascend;  
his kingdom still increasing, a kingdom without end.  
The tide of time shall never his covenant remove;  
his name shall stand forever; that name to us is love.***

\*THE CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE



Upcoming Events:

Today, Advent Festival, 4:30pm-6:30pm

Youth Progressive Dinner, December 15

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This week's worship  
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