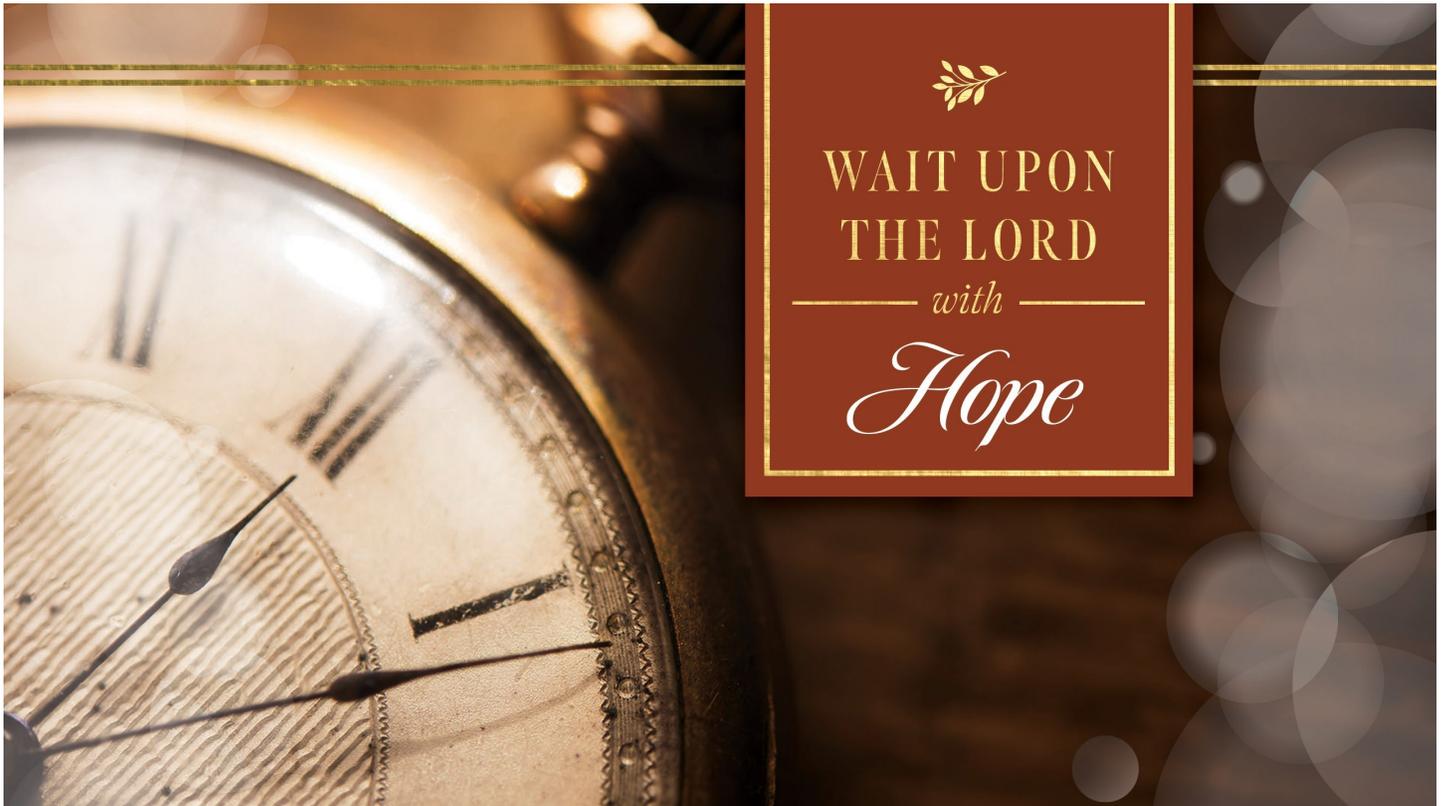




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CHURCH • SCHOOL



WAIT UPON
THE LORD

— with —

Hope

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

DECEMBER 4, 2021 - 5:00 PM

DECEMBER 5, 2021 - 10:45 AM

*(The * indicates when the congregation is to stand.)*

PRELUDE

“Three Settings of ‘Comfort, Comfort’”
(Egil Hovland, J.S. Bach, John Ferguson)

WELCOME

***THE INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP**

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: Wait upon the Lord.

People: **Be strong and courageous.**

Pastor: Wait upon the Lord. That’s what Isaiah said.

People: **Those who wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength.**

Pastor: They shall mount up with wings like eagles.

People: **They shall run and not be weary.**

Pastor: They shall walk and not faint. Wait upon the Lord.

People: **Be strong and courageous. Wait upon the Lord!**

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

“Hark the Glad Sound”

Hymn 349

([10:45] Stand and face the cross as it enters the Sanctuary.)

**Hark the glad sound! The Savior comes,
The Savior promised long;
Let ev’ry heart prepare a throne
And ev’ry voice a song.**

**He comes the pris’ners to release,
In Satan’s bondage held.
The gates of brass before Him burst,
The iron fetters yield.**

He comes the broken heart to bind,
The bleeding soul to cure,
And with the treasures of His grace
To enrich the humble poor.

Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,
Thy welcome shall proclaim,
And heav'n's eternal arches ring
With Thy belovèd name.

(please kneel or be seated.)

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: God of all mercy and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ:

People: **We admit that we have become impatient with ourselves, each other, and sometimes with You. We have turned to our own way and have gone astray from Your will. Lost in sin and needing to become strong and courageous, we ask You, O Lord, to forgive our sin, cleanse our hearts, and keep us patiently waiting for the promised coming of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Pastor: Believe and receive the good news! God sent His Son, the Babe of Bethlehem, to show His infinite love and forgiveness for all people. Your sins are forgiven in the holy name of ✠ Christ who came and indeed, will come again.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: Wait upon the Lord.

People: **Be strong and courageous. Wait upon the Lord!**

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE “People Look East” (verse 2)

Fur - rows be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is plant - ed there.

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 MEMORY VERSE

Isaiah 40:31a

“They that wait upon the Lord will renew their strength.”

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 40:27-31

²⁷Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, “My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God”? ²⁸Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. ²⁹He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength. ³⁰Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; ³¹but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE SECOND READING

Romans 8:22-25

²²For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. ²³And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE ANTHEM

“Sleepers, Wake!” *J.S. Bach, arr. Douglas Wagner*
(Grace Bells)

*THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 1:1-5

Pastor: The Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. ⁴In him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

[10:45] CHILDREN’S MESSAGE AND LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

*SERMON HYMN

“Comfort, Comfort Ye My People”

Hymn 347

“Comfort, comfort ye My people, Speak ye peace,” thus saith our God;
“Comfort those who sit in darkness, Mourning ’neath their sorrows’ load.
Speak ye to Jerusalem Of the peace that waits for them;
Tell her that her sins I cover And her warfare now is over.”

Yea, her sins our God will pardon, Blotting out each dark misdeed;
All that well deserved His anger He no more will see or heed.
She hath suffered many a day, Now her griefs have passed away;
God will change her pining sadness Into ever-springing gladness.

Hark, the herald’s voice is crying In the desert far and near,
Calling sinners to repentance, Since the Kingdom now is here.
O that warning cry obey! Now prepare for God a way;
Let the valleys rise to meet Him And the hills bow down to greet Him.

**Make ye straight what long was crooked; Make the rougher places plain.
Let your hearts be true and humble, As befits His holy reign.
For the glory of the Lord Now o'er earth is shed abroad,
And all flesh shall see the token That His Word is never broken.**

THE SERMON

“Wait upon the Lord with Hope”

THE CONFESSION OF FAITH - THE APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

***PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

***HOLY COMMUNION**

***WORDS OF PREPARATION**

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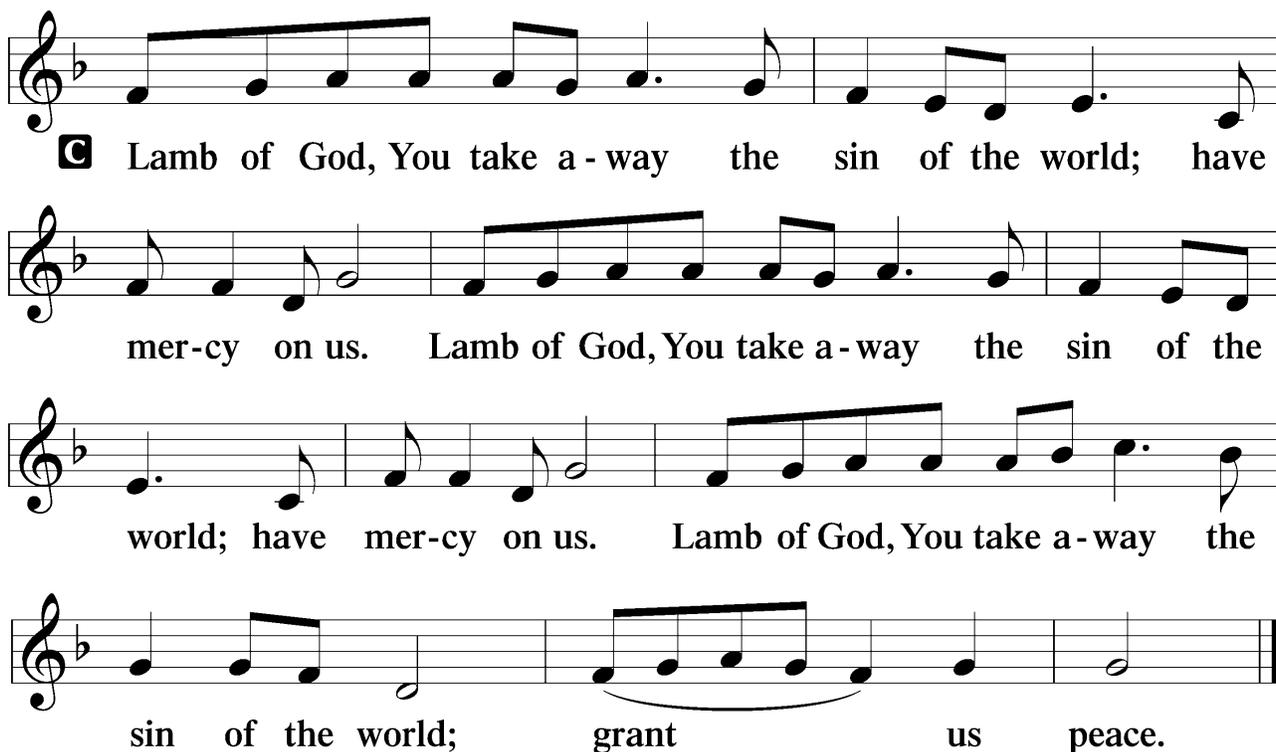
*LORD'S PRAYER

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.

*AGNUS DEI

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☐ Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

MUSIC DURING THE DISTRIBUTION

“What Hope! An Eden Prophesied

Hymn 342

**What hope! An Eden prophesied
Where tame live with the wild;
The lamb and lion side by side,
Led by a little child!**

**A shoot will sprout from Jesse’s stem,
A branch from David’s line,
A Prince of Peace in Bethlehem:
The fruit of God’s design.**

**As banner of God’s love unfurled,
Christ came to suffer loss,
That by His death a dying world
Would rally to the cross.**

**Come, Jesus, come, Messiah Lord,
Lost Paradise restore;
Lead past the angel’s flaming sword—
Come, open heaven’s door.**

“Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord”

Hymn 352

**Let the earth now praise the Lord,
Who has truly kept His word
And at last to us did send
Christ, the sinner’s help and friend.**

What the fathers most desired,
What the prophets' heart inspired,
What they longed for many_a year,
Stands fulfilled in glory here.

Abram's promised great reward,
Zion's helper, Jacob's Lord—
Him of twofold race behold—
Truly came, as long foretold.

As Your coming was in peace,
Quiet, full of gentleness,
Let the same mind dwell in me
Which is Yours eternally.

Bruise for me the serpent's head
That, set free from doubt and dread,
I may cling to You in faith,
Safely kept through life and death.

Then when You will come again
As the glorious king to reign,
I with joy will see Your face,
Freely ransomed by Your grace.

***POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

***THE BENEDICTION** *(Numbers 6:24-26)*

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Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

People: Amen.

**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.**

**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.**

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

“Wake, Awake”

arr. John Ferguson

WORSHIP SERVICE LEADERS

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM

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The Organist
The Communion Deacons
The Lector
The Usher/Greeter Team

The Rev. Charles T. Reich
Nick Klemetson
Jan Struck, Roger Walker
Krista Bernthal
Chuck & Carol Smith

SUNDAY, 10:45 AM

The Preacher
The Liturgist
The Organist
The Bell Choir Director
The Sound Technician
The Communion Deacons

The Elder on Duty
The Lectors
The Robing Leader/Crucifer
The Acolyte
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