



December 9, 2018  
Service Order

# SERVICE ORDER | OVERVIEW

10:25-10:30a	<b>Prelude:</b> <i>God With Us</i> [Ingram, Jordan]	Worship Team
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## GATHERING

10:30-10:32a	<b>Welcome</b>	Cathy Whang
10:32-10:35a	<b>Advent Reading 2</b>	Lloyd Family
10:32-10:40a	<b>Worship*</b> Song: <i>O Come All Ye Faithful</i> [Oakeley, Wade] Song: <i>Angels from the Realms of Glory/Emmanuel</i> [Brown, Smart, Montgomery, Rossback, Baloché]	Worship Team
10:40-10:45a	<b>Call to Confession / Words of Assurance</b> Song: <i>O Come, O Come Emmanuel</i> [Neale, Helmore]	Randy Anderson
10:45-10:50a	<b>Offering</b> Song: <i>Here I am to Worship</i> [Hughes] Song: <i>Doxology</i>	Daniel Yoon
10:50-11:00a	<b>Prayers of the People</b> > Prayers of the People > GraceKids Prayer	Daniel Yoon
11:00-11:03a	<b>Passing of the Peace</b> > Ministry Highlight	Daniel Yoon

## WORD

11:03-11:06a	<b>Scripture Reading*</b> Text: Malachi 2:17-3:4	Cathy Whang
11:06-11:41a	<b>Sermon:</b> <i>The Messenger of the Lord</i>	Brad Carpenter

## TABLE

11:41-11:44a	<b>Communion</b> Song: <i>God With Us</i> [Ingram, Jordan] > Communion: Randy Anderson, Mark Lee > Prayer Minister(s): Tina Hudson, Chris Odneal	Brad Carpenter
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## SENDING

11:44-11:45a	<b>Benediction*</b>	Brad Carpenter
11:45-11:49a	<b>Postlude</b>	Worship Team

\* Please stand if you are able

# GATHER | PREPARATION

## REFLECTION

Let the just rejoice,  
    for their justifier is born.  
Let the sick and infirm rejoice,  
    For their saviour is born.  
Let the captives rejoice,  
    For their Redeemer is born.  
Let slaves rejoice,  
    for their Master is born.  
Let free men rejoice,  
    For their Liberator is born.  
Let All Christians rejoice,  
    For Jesus Christ is born.

- St. Augustine of Hippo (AD 354-440)

## PRELUDE | **Worship Team** [Mia Bordiso, Chris Chu, Katie Nolan, Daniel Yoon]

### **Song: *God With Us***

[V1] Oh You've come to bring peace  
    to be Love  
To be nearer to us  
You've come to bring life to be Light  
To shine brighter in us  
Oh Emmanuel God with us

[Chorus] *Our Deliverer, You are Savior  
In Your presence we find our strength  
Over ev'rything our Redemption  
God with us  
You are God with us*

[V2] Oh You've come to be Hope to this world  
For Your honor and name  
And You've come to take sin to bear shame  
And to conquer the grave  
Oh Emmanuel God with us

[Bridge] You are here  
You are holy  
We are standing in Your glory (Lord)

[Ending] Oh God with us  
You are God with us

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# GATHER | PREPARATION

## WELCOME | Cathy Whang

> Welcome to *Grace Sacramento*

> My name is Cathy and I'm so happy you are here.

Today is the second Sunday of Advent, the four-week period in which the church remembers the promises of Jesus' first coming, and looks forward to his promise to come again. Just as John the Baptist told the Jewish people to "prepare" for the Lord's coming, we need to encourage each other to be ready for his coming again. Last week we lit the first candle: a candle for readiness. This week we will light a second candle to help us prepare our hearts with repentance. This morning, I want to welcome the Lloyd family to come and call us into Advent worship with the lighting of our second Advent candle.

## LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE | Lloyd Family

READER: We light these candles as a sign of the coming light of Christ. Today we prepare our hearts with REPENTANCE.

READER: The people walking in darkness have seen a great light:

PEOPLE: **On those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.**  
(Isaiah 9:2)

READER: John the Baptist called out in the wilderness: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near."

PEOPLE: **"Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him."** (Matthew 3:2,3)

READER: Christ himself has given us the power for repentance. By his holy life and innocent death he has conquered Satan and sin and is able to help us when we are tempted. (Hebrews 2:18)

PEOPLE: **He reigns in our lives with his grace and bring us to eternal life.** (Romans 5:21)

READER: Let us pray.

Almighty God, your holy Word has called us to repent of sin and walk in your path of righteousness. For the sake of Jesus Christ, you have not quickly judged the world for sin, but have given all a time of grace, and a call to turn from evil ways. By the power of your Spirit, turn our hearts to you. Make us grow in our obedience to your Word. In Jesus, you have revealed to us your holy love. Move us to love one another as he has loved us, and to serve one another as if we were serving you; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

PEOPLE: **Amen.**

*[The first two Advent candles are lit during the opening song]*

# GATHER | WORSHIP

## SONGS OF ADORATION | Worship Team

### Song: *O Come All Ye Faithful*

[V1] O come, all ye faithful  
Joyful and triumphant  
O come, ye O come, ye to Bethlehem  
Come and behold Him  
Born the King of angels

[Chorus] *O come let us adore Him*  
*O come let us adore Him*  
*O come let us adore Him*  
*Christ the Lord*

[V2] Sing choirs of angels  
Sing in exultation  
O sing all ye bright hosts of heav'n above  
Glory to God all  
Glory in the highest

[V3] Yea Lord we greet Thee  
Born this happy morning  
Jesus to Thee be all glory given  
Word of the Father  
Now in flesh appearing

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### Song: *Angels from the Realms of Glory/Emmanuel*

[V1] Angels from the realms of glory  
Wing your flight o'er all the earth  
Ye who sang creation's story  
Now proclaim Messiah's birth  
Come and worship  
Come and worship  
Worship Christ the newborn King

[V2] Shepherds in the field abiding  
Watching o'er your flocks by night  
God with man is now residing  
Yonder shines the infant light  
Come and worship  
Come and worship  
Worship Christ the newborn King

[Chorus] *Emmanuel, Emmanuel*  
*You are the God who saves us*  
*Worthy of all our praises*  
*Emmanuel, Emmanuel*  
*Come have Your way among us*  
*We welcome You here, Lord Jesus*  
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*We welcome You here, Lord Jesus*

[Pre-chorus] Come and worship  
Worship Christ the newborn King  
God is with us even now His love is here

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# GATHER | CONFESSION & ASSURANCE

## CALL TO CONFESSION | Randy Anderson

*Isaiah 7:14-15 tells of the coming messiah. Isaiah says,*

“Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey when he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good.”

*This morning the worship team will assist us with the words from “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” as we confess that we still do refuse evil and choose the good as we should.*

(sung) O come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free  
Thine own from Satan's tyranny  
From depths of hell Thy people save  
And give them victory o'er the grave

O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer  
Our spirits by Thine advent here  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night  
And death's dark shadows put to flight

## CONFESSION OF SIN

**We need you to speak to us, O God, because we have, each in our own way, forgotten your Law, forgotten your love for us. We are in need of your deliverance, because we have, too often, given ourselves to powers and practices that would destroy us. We are lost, in need of rescue.**

*Silent Prayer, concluded with:*

Come, Lord Jesus;

**forgive us and restore us.**

Come, Lord Jesus;

**guide us and deliver us.**

Come, Lord Jesus;

**teach us and renew us.**

Come, Lord Jesus;

**Come, Lord Jesus.**

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE (from Titus 3:4-6)

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior,

**Thanks be to God.**

*[Refrain Sung]*

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel**

**Shall come to thee, O Israel**

# GATHER | OFFERING

## OFFERING | Worship Team

### Song: Here I Am to Worship

[V1] Light of the world  
You stepped down into darkness  
Opened my eyes let me see  
Beauty that made  
This heart adore You  
Hope of a life spent with You

[Chorus] *So here I am to worship  
Here I am to bow down  
Here I am to say that You're my God  
And You're altogether lovely  
Altogether worthy  
Altogether wonderful to me*

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[V2] King of all days  
Oh so highly exalted  
Glorious in heaven above  
Humbly You came  
To the earth You created  
All for love's sake became poor

[Bridge] And I'll never know how much it cost  
To see my sin upon that cross  
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## DOXOLOGY

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him, all creatures here below  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

# GATHER | PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Liturgist: Daniel Yoon

In the hushed anticipation of your coming, O Lord, kindle in us the desire to remain awake; that we might be ready for your coming, and eager to pray.

O God, you are the potter, and we are the clay, the work of your hand. We pray for the church (especially...), that you might form us and mold us into the church you would have us be.

Come Lord Jesus, **and hear our prayer.**

In your time, O Lord, the valleys shall be lifted up, the mountains and hills shall be made low, and the rough places will become a plain. We pray for our nation, and all nations, that your peace would be manifest in every corner of the earth.

Come Lord Jesus, **and hear our prayer.**

In your Kingdom, O Lord, you bring unending comfort; you feed your flock like a shepherd, and gather the lambs into your arms. We pray for the sick, the suffering, and those in distress of any kind (especially...); that you would heal all injuries, comfort all grief, and settle all wrongs.

Come Lord Jesus, **and hear our prayer.**

Your great works of redemption, O God, span the ages. We pray for those who rejoice this week with birthdays, anniversaries, graduations and accomplishments; that they might obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing might flee away.

Come Lord Jesus, **and hear our prayer.**

In the fullness of time, O God, you sent your son, to be born of our sister Mary. And his name was Emmanuel: God With Us. We thank you for your Presence with us here, and the great hope in which we live that one day we might be in your presence forever.

Come Lord Jesus, **and hear our prayer.**

Come among us O God, and hear our prayers; so that when your Son Jesus comes among us with great might, and in manger mild, we might recognize his face and his voice, and come to adore him. Amen.

## GRACEKIDS PRAYER

**ALL:** May God be with you as you worship

GraceKids: And also with you

## PASSING OF THE PEACE

**LEADER:** The peace of Christ be with you

**PEOPLE:** And also with you

## MINISTRY MOMENT



# WORD | SCRIPTURE READING & SERMON

**Title:** *The Messenger of the Lord*  
**Text:** Malachi 2:17-3:4  
**Preacher:** Brad Carpenter

## **SCRIPTURE READING | Cathy Whang**

Please stand if you are able for a reading from God's Holy Word. Today's Scripture reading is From Malachi 2:17- 3:4. Please read with me the verses in blue.

[17] You have wearied the Lord with your words. But you say, "How have we wearied him?" By saying, "Everyone who does evil is good in the sight of the Lord, and he delights in them." Or by asking, "Where is the God of justice?"

**[1] "Behold, I send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts.**

[2] But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap.

**[3] He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the Lord.**

[4] Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

**L:** This is the Word of the Lord  
**P:** **Thanks be to God**

# TABLE | THE LORD'S SUPPER

## INVITATION & WORDS OF INSTITUTION | Brad Carpenter

> Communion Servers: Brad Carpenter, Daniel Yoon, Randy Anderson, Mark Lee

> Prayer Minister(s): Tina Hudson, Chris Odneal [***Standing in back during communion***]

## SUGGESTED PRAYERS DURING THE TABLE

### ***Prayer for those searching for truth***

Lord Jesus, you claimed to be the way, the truth, and the life. As I search for spiritual truth, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the life you promise. Amen.

### ***Prayer of belief***

Lord Jesus, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner. Trusting in God's love and in your death and resurrection on my behalf, I ask you to forgive me, merciful Lord, and fill me with your Holy Spirit. Relying upon your grace, I promise to confess you publicly before others, to serve you daily and walk in your way. Amen.

### ***Prayer of commitment***

Lord Jesus, you called your disciples to be baptized and follow your commandments. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to become one with you and with your church, and live in the fullness of your Spirit. Amen.

## SONG OF RESPONSE | Worship Team

### **Song: *God With Us***

[V1] Oh You've come to bring peace  
to be Love

To be nearer to us

You've come to bring life to be Light

To shine brighter in us

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[Chorus] *Our Deliverer, You are Savior*

*In Your presence we find our strength*

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## SENDING | BENEDICTION

### **BENEDICTION | Brad Carpenter**

> Prayer Minister(s): Tina Hudson, Chris Odneal [***Standing in front after the service***]

If you would like to be prayed for by a member of the prayer team, please come to the front.

> Deacon On-Call: Ken McDonald (12/9-15)

### **POSTLUDE | Worship Team**