



*November 27, 2022 | Advent Week 1*

**A Home Bulletin**

*Jesus our hope is coming.*

***Jesus our Lord and Savior is coming. Praise be to God***

## **GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

May God be gracious to us and bless us  
and make his face to shine upon us,  
that your way may be known on earth,  
your saving power among all nations.

**Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you!**

**Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,  
for you judge the peoples with equity  
and guide the nations upon earth.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you!

**The earth has yielded its increase;  
God, our God, shall bless us.**

**God shall bless us;  
let all the ends of the earth fear him!**

*Psalm 67*

## **INVOCATION**

### **SONGS OF PRAISE**

***Rejoice the Lord is King*** Hymn #310

Rejoice, the Lord is King: your Lord and King adore!  
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore.

Refrain:

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Jesus the Savior reigns, the God of truth and love;  
when he had purged our stains, he took his seat above. *(refrain)*

His kingdom cannot fail, he rules o'er earth and heav'n;  
the keys of death and hell are to our Jesus giv'n. *(refrain)*

He sits at God's right hand till all his foes submit,  
and bow to his command, and fall beneath his feet. *(refrain)*

Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord, the Judge, shall come,  
and take his servants up to their eternal home. *(refrain)*

### ***Our God Reigns***

How lovely on the mountains are the feet of Him,  
Who brings good news, good news,  
Announcing peace, proclaiming news of happiness:  
Our god reigns, our god reigns!

Chorus:

Our God Reigns, our God Reigns  
Our God Reigns, our God Reigns

He had no stately form, He had no majesty,  
That we should be drawn to Him,  
He was despised and we took no account of Him,  
Yet now He reigns with the Most High. *(chorus)*

Out of the tomb He came with grace and majesty.  
He is alive. He is alive.  
God loves us so, see here His hands, His feet, His side...  
Yes, we know, He is alive! *(chorus)*

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## CONFESSION OF SIN

Christ our savior calls us to follow Him in newness of life.

**Yet we have preferred the known to the unknown,  
the comfortable to the challenging  
the safe to the disquieting.  
We are like Israel who desired  
to return to the familiar slavery of Egypt  
instead of being led into the Promised Land.**

Forgive us O Lord.

**Forgive us our fear, mistrust, and rebellion.**

Forgive us for not following where Christ leads.

**Forgive us for closing our eyes to the splendor of what you have  
promised,  
for giving in instead of pressing on.  
O Lord, give us victory over fear and doubt.  
Restore to us hearts of trust and wills of obedience.**

## SILENT CONFESSION

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Galations 4:4-7

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

## RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Travis Campbell

Tyler and Lauren Leicht

## PROFESSION OF FAITH

What is your only comfort in life and death?

**That I am not my own, but belong - body and soul, in life and  
in death - to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.  
He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood,  
and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.  
He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall  
from my head without the will of my Father in heaven;  
in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.**

**Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit,  
assures me of eternal life and makes me whole-heartedly  
willing and ready from now on to live for him.**

- Heidelberg Catechism, Question 1

How do you know this?

**There is therefore now no condemnation for those  
who are in Christ Jesus.  
And we know that for those who love God all things  
work together for good,  
for those who are called according to his purpose.  
In all these things we are more than conquerors  
through him who loved us.  
For I am sure that neither death nor life,  
nor anything else in all creation,  
will be able to separate us from the love of God  
in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Rom 8)**

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

## RECEPTION OF OFFERINGS

## PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be your name.  
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:  
For yours is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## HYMN OF PREPARATION

### *Come Thou Long Expected Jesus*

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.

Joy to those who long to see thee, Dayspring from on high, appear;  
come, thou promised Rod of Jesse, of thy birth we long to hear!  
O'er the hills the angels singing news, glad tidings of a birth:  
"Go to him, your praises bringin; Christ the Lord has come to earth."

Come to earth to taste our sadness, he whose glories knew no end;  
by his life he brings us gladness, our Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend.  
Leaving riches without number, born within a cattle stall;  
this the everlasting wonder, Christ was born the Lord of all.

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.

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## SCRIPTURE READING

I Samuel 27:1-28:25

This is the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

“Of Warriors and Witches”

Pastor Ian Hard

[Please find the sermon outline and/or space for notes after  
the *Benediction* at the end of bulletin.]

## HYMN OF RESPONSE

### *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

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## CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

*If you are following along at home, please refrain from taking  
Communion as it is a form of worship meant to be celebrated  
in the physical presence of the body of Christ.*

## HYMN OF SENDING

### *Trust and Obey*

When we walk with the Lord in the light of his Word,  
what a glory he sheds on our way!  
While we do his good will, he abides with us still,  
and with all who will trust and obey.

Refrain:

Trust and obey, for there's no other way  
to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

Not a shadow can rise, not a cloud in the skies,  
but his smile quickly drives it away;  
not a doubt or a fear, not a sigh nor a tear,  
can abide while we trust and obey. (*refrain*)

Not a burden we bear, not a sorrow we share,  
but our toil he doth richly repay;  
not a grief nor a loss, not a frown or a cross,  
but is blest if we trust and obey. (*refrain*)

But we never can prove the delights of his love  
until all on the altar we lay;  
for the favor he shows, and the joy he bestows,  
are for them who will trust and obey. (*refrain*)

Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at his feet,  
or we will walk by his side in the way;  
what he says we will do, where he sends we will go,  
never fear, only trust and obey. (*refrain*)

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## BENEDICTION

**Sermon NOTES:** Of Warriors and Witches

Obeying...

At Home and in Exile

In and Out of Power

With and Without Benefit

Seen and Unseen