



December 7, 2025 | Advent Week 2
At Home Bulletin

WELCOME and ADVENT READING

Jesus who sits on the throne says, "Behold, I am making all things new."
Come, Lord Jesus, Come!

CALL TO WORSHIP

Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the Lord.

This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.

I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Psalm 118:19-24

INVOCATION

SONGS OF PRAISE

Brethren We Have Met to Worship

Brethren we have met to worship and adore the Lord our God
Will you pray with all your power while we try to preach the Word
All is vain unless the Spirit of the Holy One comes down
Brethren pray and holy manna will be showered all around

Brethren see poor sinners 'round you slumb'ring on the brink of woe
Death is coming hell is moving can you bear to let them go
See our fathers and our mothers and our children sinking down
Brethren pray and holy manna will be showered all around

Sisters will you join and help us Moses' sister aided him
Will you help the trembling mourners who are struggling hard with sin
Tell them all about the Savior tell them that He will be found
Sisters pray and holy manna will be showered all around

Let us love our God supremely, let us love each other too
Let us love and pray for sinners till our God makes all things new
Then He'll call us home to heaven at His table we'll sit down
Christ will gird Himself and serve us with sweet manna all around

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Psalm 133

Tune: O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

Comfort, comfort ye my people, speak ye peace, thus saith our God;
comfort those who sit in darkness, mourning 'neath their sorrow's 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.

For the herald's voice is crying in the desert far and near,
bidding all men 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.

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GOD'S LAW AND OUR CONFESSION

And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart
and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first
commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as
yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."

Matthew 22:37-40

You alone O Lord are worthy of honor, glory and praise.
The heavens declare your glory, all of creation your majesty.

We confess our failure to worship you as you deserve.

We have failed to love you with all our heart, soul, and strength.

We have not fulfilled our design to glorify and enjoy you.

You called us to be a holy nation, a priestly people.

Yet our mouths have remained silent

when we should have been declaring your excellencies.

We point to ourselves instead of to you.
We hide the treasure of the kingdom
instead of declaring it to the nations.
Restore to us our priestly function.
Forgive and restore us that we might declare the good news to all.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Ephesians 1:4-8

In love he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Christian, how does our story begin?

**In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God.
All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing
made that was made, in him was life and the life was the light of men.**

Did the Word remain in Heaven with God?

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us.

Who is the Word?

**The Word is Jesus Christ, and though he was in the form of God,
did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,
but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant,
being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form,
he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death,
even death on a cross.**

Why did Christ do this?

**Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures.
He was buried, and he was raised on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
Therefore, God has highly exalted him
and bestowed on him the name that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father. Amen**

-Adapted from John 1, Philippians 2, 1 Corinthians 15

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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.**

SONG OF PREPARATION

What Wondrous Love is This

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
what wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing,
to God and to the Lamb, I will sing;
to God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM,
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,
while millions join the theme, I will sing!

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,
and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
and through eternity I'll sing on!

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SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 49:1-6

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“A New Israel”

Pastor Ian Hard

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.*

MERCY OFFERING

HYMN OF SENDING *

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored

Chorus

And they'll know we are Christians by our love by our love
Yes they'll know we are Christians by our love .

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land. *(chorus)*

We will work with each other, we will work side by side
We will work with each other, we will work side by side
And we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride. *(chorus)*

All praise to the Father from whom all things come
And all praise to Christ Jesus His only Son
And all praise to the Spirit Who makes us one. *(chorus)*

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