

First Presbyterian Church of Berkeley Worship Bulletin December 5, 2021

Prelude: Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

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Welcome

Rev. Mark Stryker

Choral Call to Worship: While We Are Waiting Come

With pow'r and glory, come
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Jesus our Lord Emmanuel
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Advent Candle Lighting: The Candle of Hope

Sydney Booth, Joshua Leung, Libby McBride

Song: While We Are Waiting Come

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While We Are Waiting, Come
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Song: 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 every nation
Joy of every 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

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus
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Prayer of Confession

Li-Wen Monk

Almighty God, you love us, but we have not loved you. You call, but we have not listened. We walk away from our neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed.

God of grace, help us to admit our sin, so that as you come to us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our redeemer.

Assurance of Pardon

One: Friends, believe the good news.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and are being made whole. Amen.

Passing of the Peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Scripture: Luke 1:67-79

Then his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke this prophecy:

“Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,

for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them.
He has raised up a mighty savior for us
in the house of his servant David,
as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,
that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us.
Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors,
and has remembered his holy covenant,
the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham,
to grant us that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies,
might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness
before him all our days.
And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High;
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,
to give knowledge of salvation to his people
by the forgiveness of their sins.
By the tender mercy of our God,
the dawn from on high will break upon us,
to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,
to guide our feet into the way of peace.”

Sermon: Waiting Patiently With Hope

Michelle Vecchio-Lyzenga

Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed

Rev. Tom Elson

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer / The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Mark Stryker

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Words of Institution

Rev. Mark Stryker, Rev. Tom Elson

Distribution of Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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Call to Give

Maisie Wiltshire-Gordon

Song: Make a Way

Come son of God and make us new
Light of the world our hearts renew
Hope in our inner darkness lies
Oh healing sun of justice rise

O make a way open wide the gates
O make a way through the sorrow and the pain
O make a way though the road is dark and winding
O come come

Come promised since our Eden's end
Child of the woman come defend
Long have we felt the serpent's sting
Come strike his head and mercy bring

Come son of man to show the way
O through the tears may we see the day
So long did we in darkness dwell
Come down to break the chains of hell

Make A Way
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Benediction

Michelle Vecchio-Lyzenga