

First Presbyterian Church of Berkeley Worship Bulletin December 19, 2021

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Charlene Han Powell

Choral Call to Worship: While We Are Waiting Come

While we are waiting, come
While we are waiting, come
Jesus our Lord, Emmanuel,
While we are waiting, come

Advent Candle Lighting

The Romero family

Song: While We Are Waiting Come

With pow'r and glory, come
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Jesus our Lord Emmanuel
While we are waiting, come

Come, savior, quickly come
Come, savior, quickly come
Jesus our Lord Emmanuel
While we are waiting, come

While We Are Waiting, Come
Claire Coniger and Don Cason
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Song: The Lowly Will Be Lifted Up

The lowly will be lifted up,
the humble will arise,
and hungry home will overflow
with all that God supplies

O God, we sing of blessedness
as we await Christ's birth;

may we who know abundant love
reach out to love your earth

As Mary sang her thanks and praise,
we sing of living bread
May we reach out to share Christ's life
till all the world is fed

It's living bread we gladly share,
and bread for bodies, too
Remind us when we feed the poor,
we're giving food to you

God you uphold the cause of those
who hunger, long oppressed
May we your church seek justice here,
And share your blessedness

In many ways, you bless your world
with good and wondrous things
And so with Mary, we proclaim,
with joy my spirit sings
Amen

The Lowly Will be Lifted Up
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Prayer of Confession

Rev. Michelle Vecchio-Lyzenga

Advent God, we confess we are not the people you hope us to be.
Though we have heard Mary's song, we seek security in pride, power, and possessions.
All too often we look down upon your favored ones. We pass by those considered lowly.
We turn away from the hungry who still wait to be filled. Forgive us, we pray. Help us to
work for the justice you intend. Make us messengers of the peace you bring. As we wait
for you, turn our apathy into acts of love and service. In the name of Jesus Christ,
Emmanuel, we pray.

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 1:46-55

And Mary said,

“My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.
Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.
His mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.
He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.
He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,
and lifted up the lowly;
he has filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty.
He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants forever.”

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: A Home for All

Rev. Mark Stryker

The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Tom Elson

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.

Call to Give

Jason Draut

Song: This Is Our God

A refuge for the poor, a shelter from the storm
This is our God
He will wipe away your tears, and return your wasted years
This is our God
So call upon his name, he is mighty to save
This is our God

A father to the orphan, a healer to the broken
This is our God
He brings peace to our madness and comfort in our sadness
This is our God
So call upon his name, he is mighty to save
This is our God

This is the one we have waited for,
this is the one we have waited for, this is the one we have waited for
Jesus, Lord and Savior
This is our God

A fountain for the thirsty, a lover for the lonely
This is our God
He brings glory to the humble and crowns for the faithful
This is our God
So call upon his name, he is mighty to save
This is our God

This is the one we have waited for,
this is the one we have waited for, this is the one we have waited for
Jesus, Lord and Savior

You are the one we have waited for,
you are the one we have waited for, you are the one we have waited for
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Benediction

Rev. Mark Stryker