

First Presbyterian Church of Berkeley Worship Bulletin—November 27, 2022

❖ **Prelude: O Come, O Come Emmanuel** (Lani Smith)

❖ **Choral Call to Worship: The Candle of Hope**

The Candle of hope we light in this hour
proclaims that the Lord is coming in power.
We wait for a future now hidden from view
when Christ in his glory will make all things new.

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❖ **Advent Candle Lighting—*Rosemary and Tommy Goggans***

❖ **Sung Response: O Come, O Come Emmanuel**

O come, Thou Wisdom from on high,
And order all things, far and nigh;
To us the path of knowledge show
And cause us in her ways to go.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel

❖ **Song: O Come, O Come Emmanuel**

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here,
until the Son of God appear

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel

O come, thou day-spring, come and cheer
our spirits by thine advent here;
And drive away the shades of night
And pierce the clouds and bring us light

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel

O come, desire of nations, bind
all peoples in one heart and mind;
bid envy, strife, and quarrels cease;
fill all the world with heaven's peace

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel

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❖ **Prayer of Confession**

Gracious God,
You have come to make a home with us,
but we are not quite ready to welcome you.

You have come to dispel the darkness,
but we often live as if the light has not broken through.
You have called us your children,
but we are still questioning our seat at your table,
as well as everyone else's.
Lord, forgive us.
Open our hearts to receive you.
Light our paths, so that our lives will be guided by your wisdom.
And as you have welcomed us in love and compassion,
help us to welcome others.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

❖ **Assurance of Pardon**

One: Friends, believe the good news.

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

❖ **Passing the Peace**

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

❖ **Welcome**—*Rev. Mark Stryker*

❖ **Anthem: Every Valley** (John Ness Beck)

❖ **Scripture: John 1:1-13**

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 came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it.

There was a man sent from God whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

One: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

❖ **Sermon: O Wisdom**—*Rev. Michelle Vecchio-Lyzenga*

❖ **Musical Reflection**

❖ **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**—*Rev. Dr. Charlene Han Powell*

❖ **Song: Hail to the Lord's Anointed**

Hail to the Lord's Anointed
great David's greater Son
Hail in the time appointed
his reign on earth begun
He comes to break oppression
to set the captive free
to take away transgression
and rule in equity

He comes with succor speedy
to those who suffer wrong
to help the poor and needy
and bid the weak be strong
to give them songs for sighing
their darkness turn to light
whose souls, condemned and dying
are precious in his sight

He shall come down like showers
upon the fruitful earth
love, joy, and hope, like flowers
spring in his path to birth
Before him on the mountains
shall peace, the herald, go
and righteousness, in fountains
from hill to valley flow

To him shall prayer unceasing
and daily vows ascend
his kingdom still increasing
a kingdom without end
The tide of time shall never
his covenant remove
his name shall stand forever
that name to us is love

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❖ **Benediction**—*Rev. Michelle Vecchio-Lyzenga*

❖ **Postlude: Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall Come** (James Denton)