

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader The Lord has done great things for us!
All And we are filled with joy!
Leader Our God brings justice for the poor and peace for the afflicted.
In his presence, all heaven and earth are restored.
All Our God has turned our weeping into singing,
our tears into songs of joy!
Leader O God, come anew in our lives today!
All God of Israel, with expectant hearts
we your people await Christ’s coming.
Leader As once he came in humility, so now may he come in glory,
that he may make all things new. For he is the Lord!
All Come, Lord Jesus, come! — based on Ps. 126

SONG OF PRAISE & RESPONSE

COME THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING / R. ROBINSON

1. Come Thou fount of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount I’m fixed upon it,
mount of Thy redeeming love!
2. Hither to Thy love has blessed me,
Thou has brought me to this place;
and I know thy hand will guide me
safely to arrive at home
by Thy good grace.
Jesus, sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God.
He, to rescue me from danger,
bought me with His precious blood.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Leader We light these candles to proclaim that Jesus Christ is the light of the
world. In him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light
shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.
All We were once in darkness, but now in the Lord, we are children of
light. May our light shine before others! Let us prepare the way of the
Lord! —based on Jn 1:4-5; Eph 5:8; Mt. 5:14-16; Lk. 3:4-6

SONGS OF PRAISE & RESPONSE

COME THOU LONG EXPECTED JESUS / C. WESLEY; ARR. B. COLEMAN

1. 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.
2. 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.

JESUS CHRIST, MY LIVING HOPE / B. JOHNSON & P. WICKHAM

1. How great the chasm
that lay between us
How high the mountain
I could not climb
In desperation I turned to heaven
And spoke Your name into the night
Then through the darkness
Your loving-kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished the end is written
Jesus Christ my living hope
2. Who could imagine so great a mercy
What heart could fathom
such boundless grace
The God of ages
stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame
The cross has spoken I am forgiven
The King of kings calls me His own
Beautiful Savior I’m Yours forever
Jesus Christ my living hope

CHORUS 1

Hallelujah praise
the One who set me free
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There’s salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ my living hope
3. Then came the morning that sealed
the promise Your buried body
began to breathe
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me
(REPEAT)
Jesus Yours is the victory

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Lord God, our maker and our redeemer,
this is your world and we are your people;
come among us and save us.
We have willfully misused your gifts of creation.
We have seen the ill-treatment of others
and have not gone to their aid.
We have condoned evil and dishonesty and failed to strive for justice.
We have not loved you with all our heart, nor our neighbors as ourselves.
Lord, be merciful; forgive us our sin. Amen. **Amen.**

Silence is kept together

SONG OF ASSURANCE

BLESSED ASSURANCE / F. CROSBY

1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of His spirit, washed in His blood.
3. Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my Savior am happy and blessed;
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

CHORUS

This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.
2. Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending, bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

WORDS OF COMFORT & ASSURANCE

Leader Fear not! Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Your sins are
pardoned. The penalty is paid by the One who has come and is com-
ing again! —based on Is. 40:1-2
All Thanks be to God!

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader May the peace of the Lord be always with you.
Together And also with you!
* Children ages 2 to 5th grade are invited to participate in our children’s program during the
sermon; children return for Communion. Our nursery, located behind the check-in table, is
available for children ages 0-23 months (drop off only). A wiggle area for toddlers 2+ and their
parents/guardians is available in the lounge next to the double glass doors leading to the back
patio.

GREETINGS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & OFFERING

*During the offertory, we consider all that we have and all that God may be asking
us to give. Please take this time to ask God how you might give of your financial gifts,
personal time and even vocational calling. There are different ways to give. You may
mail your offering to our office address: 16 N Marengo Ave Ste 609, Pasadena, CA
91101; or give via our website: www.gracepasadena.org/give.

ENDING

Jesus Christ my living hope
Oh God You are my living hope

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah11:1-10 (ESV)

¹ There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.
² And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him,
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the Spirit of counsel and might,
the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.
³ And his delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.
He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide disputes by what his ears hear,<
⁴ but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
⁵ Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist,
and faithfulness the belt of his loins.
⁶ The wolf shall dwell with the lamb,
and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat,
and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together;
and a little child shall lead them.
⁷ The cow and the bear shall graze;
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
⁸ The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra,
and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder’s den.
⁹ They shall not hurt or destroy
in all my holy mountain;
for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord
as the waters cover the sea.
¹⁰ In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of him
shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.

Leader This is the Word of the Lord.
All Thanks be to God!

MORNING MESSAGE

Marc Choi

“From the Stump”
Sermon Series: Waiting with Isaiah

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader Show us your mercy, O Lord;
All And grant us your salvation.
Leader Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
All Let your people sing with joy.
Leader Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
All For only in you can we live in safety.
Leader Lord, keep this nation under your care;
All And guide us in the way of justice and truth.
Leader Let your way be known upon earth;
All Your saving health among all nations.
Leader Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
All Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
Leader Create in us clean hearts, O God;
All And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.
Leader In silence, continue offering your prayers and laments for yourself,
your neighbors, and our city and world. (silence)
All Jesus, our Emmanuel, renew our hope as we wait for you. Amen.

COMMUNION

GUIDELINES: The sacrament of Communion is also called the Lord’s Supper or Eucharist.
It is the family meal for those who are willing to forsake their sin and trust in Jesus Christ for
salvation. The invitation is from Jesus Christ alone, not from this church or any minister. If you
are baptized and can call yourself a Christian, come to the table.
DIRECTIONS: When instructed, please come forward to receive Communion. Receive the
bread and juice from the servers. Participate as you feel comfortable.
CHILDREN: Children who are baptized, can profess faith in Jesus Christ in an age appropri-
ate manner, and have talked to a pastor or an elder may participate in communion.

COMMUNION PRAYERS FOR REFLECTION

For those searching: Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and lead me to the reality of who you are. Give me not only understanding, but also an experience of your love and presence. Amen.

For faith and belief: Lord Jesus, I am weak and sinful, but you call me beloved and accepted. I thank you for taking my place in death and offering forgiveness and renewal. I hear you calling, and so I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and my Lord. Amen.

For those struggling with sin: Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my need, and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, to ask for help, and to follow you faithfully in life. Amen.

SONGS OF RESPONSE & CELEBRATION

O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL / J. NEALE

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

REFRAIN:

Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to Thee, O Israel.

2. O come, Thou Rod of Jesse,
free Thine own from Satan's tyranny;
from depths of hell Thy people save,
and give them victory over the grave.

HOW GREAT THOU ART / C. BOBERG

1. O Lord my God,
when I in awesome wonder,
consider all the worlds
Thy hands have made;
I see the stars,
I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout
the universe displayed.

CHORUS

Then sings my soul,
my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art,
how great Thou art. (repeat)

3. O come, Thou Dayspring,
from on high and cheer us
by Thy drawing nigh;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night
and death's dark shadows put to flight.

4. O come, Thou Key of David, come,
and open wide our heavenly home;
make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery.

2. And when I think,
that God, His Son not sparing,
sent Him to die,
I scarce can take it in;
that on the cross
my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin.

3. When Christ shall come
with shout of acclamation,
and take me home what joy
shall fill my heart.
Then I shall bow, in humble adoration,
and there proclaim,
“My God, how great Thou art!”

THE BENEDICTION & SENDING

Leader Be on guard! Be alert! The Lord is coming! And may Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you, scatter the darkness from before your path, and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory; and the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

All Come, Lord Jesus, come! Amen!

THE CHURCH CALENDAR

ADVENT Advent is a season of hopeful expectation and preparation; it's the season the church anticipates the coming of Christ. We look forward to and prepare for the celebration of his birth in the little town of Bethlehem many years ago. We also look forward to and prepare for his future and final coming to judge the world and mend all things. During Advent, we prepare our hearts for the Lord, so that when he comes, he may find us watching and waiting. The color of the season is purple, which is associated with repentance and preparation.

CHRISTMAS

EPIPHANY

LENT

EASTER

PENTECOST

ORDINARY TIME

ANNOUNCEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

- **12/10:** Door of Hope Christmas Festival
- **12/11:** Prayer Service for the Grieving @ 12PM
- **12/18:** All Church Family Advent Service @ 10AM
- **12/24:** Christmas Eve Service @ 4PM
- **12/25 & 1/1:** No Sunday Services; Services resume 1/8
- **1/2:** Rose Parade Viewing Party

Scan the QR code below for more details, other announcements and contact information!



GRACE PASADENA'S VISION STATEMENT

Grace Pasadena exists to **Experience** & **Extend** the life-giving grace of God

- **As** we grow in the knowledge of the gospel of Jesus Christ
- **In** every sphere of life
- **For** our neighborhoods, city and the world

GRACE PASADENA'S CORE VALUES

God-Centered Worship – We seek to be transformed in worship as we experience the wonder of God and respond appropriately

Gospel-Driven Identity – We seek a personal experience of the gospel that both humbles us, and assures us that we are more deeply valued and loved by God than we can possibly imagine

Outward-Facing Community – We seek the betterment of our city as we extend God's grace by loving our neighbors as ourselves

Kingdom-Minded Movement – We seek to extend the Kingdom of Jesus Christ by creating community and global partnerships that can reach and serve those in need

GIVING & BUDGET

	JAN-DEC '21	JAN-NOV	DEC '22'
OFFERINGS & CONTRIBUTIONS _____	488,889	412,749	1,806
BUDGETED GIVING _____	468,000	423,000	78,000
DIFFERENCE _____	+20,889	-10,251	-76,194

¹as of 12/1/2022; figures exclude directed gifts from outside donors

YEAR-END GIVING NOTE

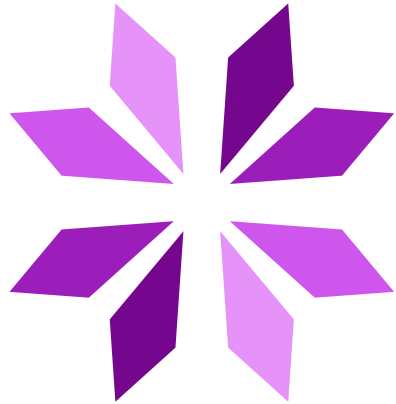
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We do not preach only one coming of Christ, but a second as well, much more glorious than the first. The first coming was marked by patience; the second will bring the crown of a divine kingdom.

ST. CYRIL OF JERUSALEM

“Our God shall come,” it says in a psalm for Advent, “and shall not keep silence; there shall go before him a consuming fire, and a mighty tempest shall be stirred up round about him.” It is the shock I remember. Not only does something come if you wait, but it pours over you like a waterfall, like a tidal wave. You wait in all naturalness without expectation or hope, emptied, translucent, and that which comes rocks and topples you; it will shear, loose, launch, winnow, grind.

ANNIE DILLARD | PILGRIM AT TINKER CREEK

All of us sprung from one deep-hidden seed,
Rose from a root invisible to all.
We knew the virtues once of every weed,
But, severed from the roots of ritual,
We surf the surface of a wide-screen world
And find no virtue in the virtual.
We shrivel on the edges of a wood
Whose heart we once inhabited in love,
Now we have need of you, forgotten Root
The stock and stem of every living thing
Whom once we worshiped in the sacred grove,
For now is winter, now is withering
Unless we let you root us deep within,
Under the ground of being, graft us in.
Malcolm Guite | “O Radix”

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THE 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 4, 2022