

**Welcome to Worship!**

**December 22, 2024**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**



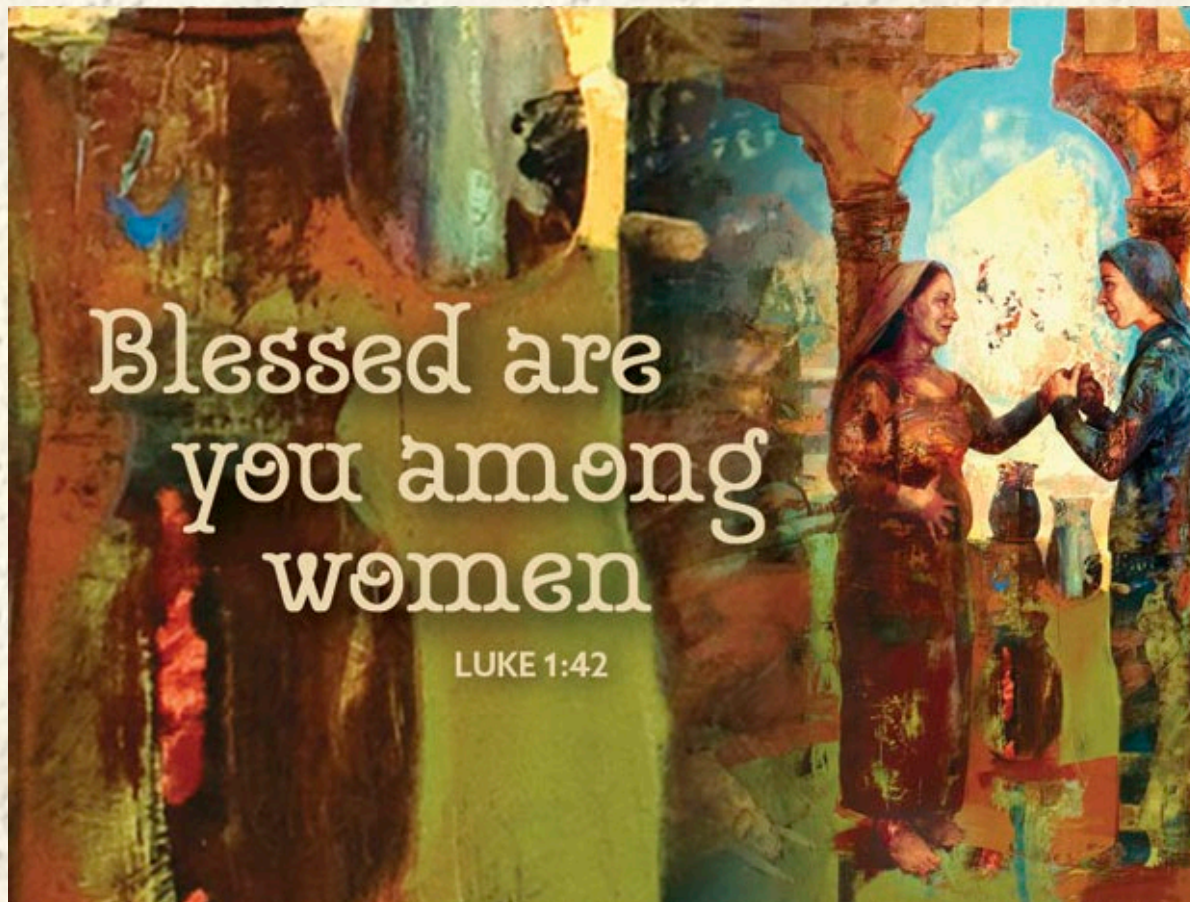
Blessed are  
you among  
women

LUKE 1:42





# Prelude – Ben Corwyn



***For Advent***

*(by Benoit)*





Welcome  
to  
Worship



# Opening Hymn



## *Lord Jesus, Come*

*by Richard Cootes*



*Refrain*

***Lord Jesus, come.***

***Come, Lord Jesus, come.***

***Come and be born in our hearts.***

***Come live, come dwell in us Emmanuel.***

***Come and be born in our hearts.***



*Verse 1*

***Your people are waiting.***

***Your people are waiting.***

***Your people are waiting for you Lord.***



*Refrain*

***Lord Jesus, come.***

***Come, Lord Jesus, come.***

***Come and be born in our hearts.***

***Come live, come dwell in us Emmanuel.***

***Come and be born in our hearts.***



*Verse 2*

***Your people are longing.***

***Your people are longing.***

***Your people are longing for you Lord.***



*Refrain*

***Lord Jesus, come.***

***Come, Lord Jesus, come.***

***Come and be born in our hearts.***

***Come live, come dwell in us Emmanuel.***

***Come and be born in our hearts.***



*Verse 3*

***Your people are ready.***

***Your people are ready.***

***Your people are ready for you Lord.***



*Refrain*

***Lord Jesus, come.***

***Come, Lord Jesus, come.***

***Come and be born in our hearts.***

***Come live, come dwell in us Emmanuel.***

***Come and be born in our hearts.***



# Confession & Forgiveness

**P:** Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, alive in the world, reviving creation, arriving soon.

**C:** **Amen.**

**P:** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

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P: God of mercy,

**C: we confess that we have sinned. We trust earthly powers and human authority alone. We grow fearful. We cling to false comforts.**



P: God of might,

**C: we confess that we have sinned. We have turned away from our neighbors. We have trusted false promises.**



P: God in our midst,

**C: we confess that we have  
sinned. We plead: come to us.  
Bring your mercy to birth  
in us.**



**P:** A righteous branch springs forth:  
it is Christ the Lord, our Savior, in  
whom we have forgiveness, life  
and mercy. By the power of the  
Holy Spirit, receive the grace and  
forgiveness of God through +  
Christ Jesus, whose day draws  
near.

**C: Amen.**



# Greeting

**P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C:** **And also with you.**



# Lighting of the Advent Wreath



**The Fourth Candle:  
Peace**



# **Advent Verse**

***Hark! the herald angels sing,  
“Glory to the newborn king;  
peace on earth, and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled.  
“Joyful all you nations, rise,  
join the triumph of the skies;  
with angelic hosts proclaim,  
“Christ is born in Bethlehem.”  
Hark! the herald angels sing  
“Glory to the newborn king!”***



# Lighting of the Advent Wreath



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# First Reading

## Micah 5:2-5a



<sup>2</sup>But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. <sup>3</sup>Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel.



<sup>4</sup>And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; <sup>5a</sup>and he shall be the one of peace.





**L:** Word of God,  
word of life.

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**





# Second Reading

## Hebrews 10:5-10



<sup>5</sup>Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, “Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; <sup>6</sup>in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. <sup>7</sup>Then I said, ‘See, God, I have come to do your will, O God’ (in the scroll of the book it is written of me).”

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<sup>8</sup>When he said above, “You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings” (these are offered according to the law), <sup>9</sup>then he added, “See, I have come to do your will.” He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. <sup>10</sup>And it is by God’s will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. †





**L:** Word of God,  
word of life.

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**



# **Gospel Acclamation**

**ELW p. 142**

***Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life.  
Alleluia. Alleluia.***





**P:** The Holy Gospel  
according to Luke.

**C:** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Luke 1:39-45 [46-55]**



<sup>39</sup>In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, <sup>40</sup>where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. <sup>41</sup>When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit <sup>42</sup>and exclaimed with a loud cry,



“Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.  
<sup>43</sup>And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? <sup>44</sup>For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. <sup>45</sup>And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.”



<sup>46</sup>And Mary said, “My soul magnifies the Lord, <sup>47</sup>and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, <sup>48</sup>for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; <sup>49</sup>for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. <sup>50</sup>His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.

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<sup>51</sup>He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. <sup>52</sup>He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; <sup>53</sup>he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty.



<sup>54</sup>He has helped his servant Israel,  
in remembrance of his mercy,  
<sup>55</sup>according to the promise he made  
to our ancestors, to Abraham and to  
his descendants forever.”





**P:** The Gospel of the  
Lord.

**C:** Praise to you,  
O Christ.





# Children's Conversation



# Sermon – Pastor Brad



*“Advent Peace”*



# Hymn of the Day



*My Soul Proclaims  
Your Greatness*

**ELW #251**



*My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness, ELW #251, Verse 1*

***My soul proclaims your greatness, Lord;  
I sing my Savior's praise!  
You looked upon my lowliness,  
and I am full of grace.  
Now ev'ry land and ev'ry age  
this blessing shall proclaim—  
great wonders you have done for me,  
and holy is your name.***



*My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness, ELW #251, Verse 2*

***To all who live in holy fear  
your mercy ever flows.***

***With mighty arm you dash the proud,  
their scheming hearts expose.***

***The ruthless you have cast aside,  
the lowly throned instead;  
the hungry filled with all good things,  
the rich sent off unfed.***



*My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness, ELW #251, Verse 3*

***To Israel, your servant blest,  
your help is ever sure;  
the promise to our parents made  
their children will secure.  
Sing glory to the Holy One,  
give honor to the Word,  
and praise the Pow'r of the Most High,  
one God, by all adored.***



# Advent Creed

A: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith using an Advent Creed.

**C: We believe in one God, who is Creator, maker of all we see and all we don't see. Who is Ruler of the universe: Source of all creation!**



**We believe in one God, who is  
Jesus Christ, God from God,  
Light from Light, true God and  
true human. He is one with the  
Creator; the Word made flesh,  
our Messiah: Savior of all  
creation!**

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**We believe in one God, who is  
Holy Spirit, Breath of God  
moving among us; Who is one  
with the Creator; one with the  
Christ; our Comforter and our  
Guide: Mentor of all creation!**

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# Prayers of Intercession

A: As we prepare for Emmanuel, God-with-us, let us pray for all people and places that long for God's presence.

*A brief silence.*

*After each portion of the prayers:*

A: Lord, in your mercy,

**C: receive our prayer.**

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*The prayers conclude:*

**A:** Savior of the nations, come, and receive these prayers and the pleas of our hearts, in the name of Jesus Christ.

**C:** Amen.



# Presentation of Tithes and Gifts

Scan the QR code or go to [stphilip-co.org/giving/](http://stphilip-co.org/giving/) to make a donation today. Children may come forward and place their offering in the basket.



## Anthem

*Breath of Heaven*

*(arr. Lloyd Larson)*

**Sanctuary Choir**



# Offertory

ELW #294, vs. 3

***What can I give him, poor as I am?***

***If I were a shepherd***

***I would bring a lamb;***

***if I were a wise man***

***I would do my part;***

***yet what I can I give him –***

***give my heart.***



# Offering Prayer

**A:** Creator God, you made the whole world, even the farthest stars, and you draw near to feed us. We praise you for these gifts of bread and wine. Strengthen us with this food that we may live in expectation for the advent of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**



# Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**





# Preface



# **Holy, Holy**

ELW p. 144

***Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of pow'r and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

***Hosanna. Hosanna.***

***Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in  
the name of the Lord.***

***Hosanna in the highest.***





**Words of Institution**



# **The Lord's Prayer**

**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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**



# Communion

*You are welcome to move to the aisle as indicated by the ushers. Take an empty cup from the tray or a cup of grape juice.*

*Gluten-free wafers are available.*

*Children who are not receiving communion are encouraged to come forward and receive a blessing.*

**All are welcome,  
for it is the Lord's Table.**





# **Lamb of God**

***Emmanuel, Emmanuel,  
his name is called Emmanuel;  
God with us, revealed in us;  
his name is called Emmanuel.***



# Communion Hymn



*O Come, O Come,  
Emmanuel*  
**ELW #257**



*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, ELW #257, Verse 1*

***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 you, O Israel.***

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*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, ELW #257, Verse 2*

***O come, O Wisdom from on high,  
embracing all things far and nigh:  
in strength and beauty come and stay;  
teach us your will and guide our way.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to you, O Israel.***

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*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, ELW #257, Verse 3*

***O come, O come, O Lord of might,  
as to your tribes on Sinai's height  
in ancient times you gave the law  
in cloud, and majesty, and awe.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to you, O Israel.***

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*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, ELW #257, Verse 4*

***O come, O Branch of Jesse, free  
your own from Satan's tyranny;  
from depths of hell your people save,  
and give them vict'ry o'er the grave.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to you, O Israel.***

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*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, ELW #257, Verse 5*

***O come, O Key of David, come,  
and open wide our heav'nly home;  
make safe the way that leads on high,  
and close the path to misery.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to you, O Israel.***

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*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, ELW #257, Verse 6*

***O come, O Dayspring, come and cheer;  
O Sun of justice, now draw near.  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
and death's dark shadow put to flight.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to you, O Israel.***

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*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, ELW #257, Verse 7*

***O come, O King of nations, come,  
O Cornerstone that binds in one:  
refresh the hearts that long for you;  
restore the broken, make us new.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to you, O Israel.***

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*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, ELW #257, Verse 8*

***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 you, O Israel.***



# Communion Hymn



*The Angel Gabriel from  
Heaven Came*  
**ELW #265**



*The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came, ELW #265, Verse 1*

***The angel Gabriel from heaven came,  
with wings as drifted snow,  
with eyes as flame:  
“All hail to thee, O lowly maiden Mary,  
most highly favored lady.” Gloria!***



*The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came, ELW #265, Verse 2*

***“For know a blessed mother  
thou shalt be,  
all generations laud and honor thee;  
thy son shall be Emmanuel,  
by seers foretold,  
most highly favored lady.” Gloria!***



*The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came, ELW #265, Verse 3*

***Then gentle Mary meekly  
bowed her head;***

***“To me be as it pleaseth God,” she said.***

***“My soul shall laud and magnify  
God’s holy name.”***

***Most highly favored lady, Gloria!***



*The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came, ELW #265, Verse 4*

***Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ, was born  
in Bethlehem all on a Christmas morn,  
and Christian folk throughout the world  
will ever say:  
“Most highly favored lady.” Gloria!***

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# Communion Hymn



*Savior of the Nations,  
Come*

**ELW #263**



*Savior of the Nations, Come, ELW #263, Verse 1*

***Savior of the nations, come;  
Virgin's son, make here your home.  
Marvel now, O heav'n and earth:  
God has chosen such a birth.***

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*Savior of the Nations, Come, ELW #263, Verse 2*

***Not by human flesh and blood,  
but the mystic Breath of God,  
was the Word of God made flesh,  
fruit of woman, blossom fresh.***

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*Savior of the Nations, Come, ELW #263, Verse 3*

***Wondrous birth—oh, wondrous child—  
from his throne, a virgin mild!  
Very God, and Mary's son,  
eager now his race to run!***



*Savior of the Nations, Come, ELW #263, Verse 4*

***From God's heart the Savior speeds,  
back to God his pathway leads;  
out to vanquish death's command,  
back to reign at God's right hand.***

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*Savior of the Nations, Come, ELW #263, Verse 5*

***Now your manger, shining bright,  
hallows night with newborn light.  
Night cannot this light subdue;  
let our faith shine ever new.***



*Savior of the Nations, Come, ELW #263, Verse 6*

***Praise we sing to Christ the Lord,  
virgin's son, incarnate Word!  
To the holy Trinity  
praise we sing eternally!***

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# Communion Hymn



*We Are Waiting for  
Jesus*



*Verse 1*

***We are waiting for Jesus;  
Jesus brings peace.***

***We are waiting for Jesus;  
Jesus brings peace.***

***Sun of justice, shine upon us;  
we are trusting in your promise.***

***We are waiting for Jesus;  
Jesus brings peace.***



*Verse 2*

***We are waiting for Jesus;  
Jesus brings peace.***

***We are waiting for Jesus;  
Jesus brings peace.***

***Loving Shepherd, walk beside us;  
stir our hearts, and gently guide us.***

***We are waiting for Jesus;  
Jesus brings peace.***



Blessed are  
you among  
women

LUKE 1:42





# **Post-Communion Blessing**

**P:** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C:** **Amen.**



# Post-Communion Prayer

**A:** Generous God, we thank you for the gift of life, for the bread of salvation. We thank you for coming among us, for leading us into peace. We thank you for showering us with mercy, for sending us into the world. Come, Lord Jesus, and go with us as we feed the hungry in your name.

**C: Amen.**



# Blessing

**P:** God of endings and beginnings,  
God in the darkness and the light,  
God, our hope for the journey,  
+ bless and keep you now and forever.

**C: Amen.**



# Sending Hymn



## *Emmanuel*

*(by Keiko Ying)*



*Verse 1*

***Hey-O! Hey-O! Have you heard the news?  
The Savior the Savior is coming just for you!  
Don't know when he'll arrive,  
or what he will look like,  
but he's coming very, very, very soon!  
Emmanuel! Emmanuel!  
He will come in peace to wash us clean -  
I just can't wait to meet Emmanuel!***

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*Verse 2*

***Hey-O! Hey-O! Bet you'll never guess!  
The Savior the Savior will come in  
righteousness!***

***He will take our sin upon himself and then  
he will offer us eternal life with him!  
Emmanuel! Emmanuel!***

***He will come in peace to wash us clean -  
I just can't wait to meet Emmanuel!***



*Bridge*

***The Lord will live among us  
our Shepherd and our King.  
So let's make our hearts ready  
to love and follow him!***



*Chorus*

***Emmanuel! Emmanuel!  
He will come in peace to wash us clean -  
I just can't wait to meet ...***



*End Chorus*

***Emmanuel! Emmanuel!  
He will come in peace  
to wash us clean –  
I just can't wait to meet Emmanuel!***



# Dismissal



**P:** Go in peace.  
Prepare the way for  
Emmanuel.

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**



God Bless

HAVE A GREAT WEEK!



# Postlude – Ben Corwyn



***O Come, All Ye Faithful***  
(arr. Gordon Young)



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