

PROVIDENCE



**SUNDAY GATHERING**

*December 18, 2022*

## GATHERED WORSHIP

### CALL TO WORSHIP

*4th Advent Candle Lighting - Zechariah 9:9-12*

#### **SONG** O COME, O COME EMMANUEL

O Come, O Come Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel  
That mourns in lowly exile here, until the Son of God appear  
Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel

O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer, our spirits by Thine advent here  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night and death's dark shadows put to flight  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel

O Come, Thou King of nations bring an end to all our suffering  
Bid every pain and sorrow cease, and reign now as our Prince of Peace  
Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel  
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### CONFESSION OF SIN

O promised Christ: We are a world at war. Our peace depends on your coming. We are a sinful people. Our pardon depends on your coming. We are full of good intentions but weak at keeping promises; our only hope of doing God's will is that you should come and help us do it. Lord Christ, Word made flesh, our world waits for your peace, for your pardon, and for your grace. Even so: come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*Colossians 1:11-13*

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### SONG CHRIST IS COMING

Christ is coming! Let creation from her groans and travail cease  
Let the glorious proclamation hope restore and faith increase  
Christ is coming! Christ is coming! Come, thou blessed Prince of Peace

Earth can now but tell the story, of thy bitter cross and pain  
She shall yet behold the glory, When thou comest back to reign  
Christ is coming! Christ is coming! Let each heart repeat the strain

Long thine exiles have been pining, far from rest, and home, and thee  
But, in heav'nly vestures shining, they their loving Lord shall see  
Christ is coming! Christ is coming! Haste the joyous jubilee

With the blessed hope before us, let no harp remain unstrung  
Let the mighty advent chorus, Onward roll from tongue to tongue  
Christ is coming! Christ is coming! Come, Lord Jesus, quickly come  
Christ is coming! Christ is coming! Come, Lord Jesus, quickly come

### SONG HARK THE HERALD ANGELS SING

Hark the herald angels sing, "glory to the newborn King!  
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled"  
Joyful, all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies  
With the angelic host proclaim: "Christ is born in Bethlehem"  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

*Glory to the newborn King!*

Christ by highest heav'n adored, Christ the everlasting Lord!  
Late in time behold Him come, offspring of a Virgin's womb  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see, hail the incarnate Deity  
Pleased as man with man to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace, hail the Son of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all He brings, ris'n with healing in His wings  
Mild He lays His glory by, born that man no more may die  
Born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

## GATHERED WORSHIP

### **PROFESSION OF FAITH** OUR WORLD BELONGS TO GOD

As followers of Jesus Christ, we declare with joy and trust: Our world belongs to God! Our world has fallen into sin; but rebellion and sin can never dethrone God. He promised a Savior; now the whole creation groans in the birth pangs of a new creation. God remembered his promise to reconcile the world to himself; he has come among us in Jesus Christ, the eternal Word made flesh. He is the long-awaited Savior, fully human and fully divine, conceived by the Spirit of God and born of the virgin Mary. Being both God and man, Jesus is the only mediator between God and his people. He alone paid the debt of our sin; there is no other Savior! The rule of Jesus Christ covers the whole world. To follow this Lord is to serve him everywhere, as light in the darkness, as salt in a spoiling world.

### **ADVENT TESTIMONY**

*(Torch & Middle School Sunday)*

### **SCRIPTURE READING**

*John 1:1-18*

### **PREACHING OF THE WORD**

## GATHERED WORSHIP

### COMMUNION

*The communion meal is a sign and seal of a believer's union with Christ. We invite all who have trusted in Christ and been baptized to partake in this meal. If you are still investigating Christianity or not sure what you believe, we invite you to observe during this time and further consider what these things mean.*

### GIVING

*We desire that generous giving would be both an act of worship and display of the grace we receive through Christ. You can place your offerings in one of the two boxes located up front, or there are alternate ways of giving listed on pg 8.*

### SONG SILENT NIGHT

Silent night, holy night; all is calm, all is bright  
Round yon virgin, mother and child; holy Infant so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night; shepherds quake at the sight,  
Glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing, "Alleluia"  
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.

Silent night, holy night; Son of God, love's pure light  
Radiant beams from Thy holy face; with the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus Lord at thy birth, Jesus Lord at thy birth, Jesus Lord at thy birth.

### SONG O COME, LET US ADORE HIM

O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him  
O come let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord

We'll give him all the glory, we'll give him all the glory  
We'll give him all the glory, Christ, the Lord

For He alone is worthy, for he alone is worthy  
For He alone is worthy, Christ, the Lord

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### SONG JOY TO THE WORLD

Joy to the world, the Lord is come, let earth receive her King  
Let every heart prepare Him room and heav'n and nature sing  
And heaven and nature sing, and heav'n, and heav'n, and nature sing

Joy to the world, the Savior reigns! Let men their songs employ  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains repeat the sounding joy  
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat, the sounding joy

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground  
He comes to make His blessings flow far as the curse is found  
Far as the curse is found, far as, far as, the curse is found

He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness  
And wonders of His love, and wonders of His love  
And wonders of His love, and wonders of His love  
And wonders, wonders of His love

### BENEDICTION

## GOSPEL COMMUNITIES

Church is a family. A Gospel Community (GC) is a place where you can experience that reality. We extend grace, speak truth, deal with conflict, meet needs, and invite others in. Groups meet throughout the week and across the city. You can message leaders directly or email [gc@providenceaustin.com](mailto:gc@providenceaustin.com) for help figuring out which GC would be a good fit for you.

### CENTRAL

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## EVENTS & HAPPENINGS

### END OF YEAR GIVING

Make sure to get your year-end financial gifts postmarked by December 31st to be considered a 2022 contribution. See details below for ways to give.

### CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE | Saturday, December 24th @ 5:00pm

Our Christmas Eve candlelight service will be at 5:00pm in the sanctuary. As usual, it will be a slightly shorter service than our normal Sunday gathering, and we will NOT be providing childcare. Please bring your kids with you to the service and invite your extended family and friends to join us.

### NO CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE

With Christmas Day being on Sunday this year, we are gathering for worship on Saturday evening (Christmas Eve) instead. Please join us for that service—details above.

## WAYS TO GIVE

We desire that generous giving would be both an act of worship and display of the grace we receive through Christ. There are several ways to give financially to the mission of God through Providence Church:

1. You can place your cash and/or check donations in one of the two offering boxes located at the front of the sanctuary.
2. You can setup automatic withdraw from your bank account. Go to [www.providenceaustin.com/give](http://www.providenceaustin.com/give) for more info on giving online.
3. You can donate stock: Email [donations@providenceaustin.com](mailto:donations@providenceaustin.com).

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