

PROVIDENCE CHURCH



SUNDAY GATHERING
DECEMBER 17, 2023

CALL TO WORSHIP | 3rd Advent Candle Lighting*Isaiah 35:1-2, 10*

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

CONFESSION OF SIN

God of salvation, in Christ you have done great things — our hearts are filled with joy. By your power you lifted us out of the wasteland of sin and brought us with joy and laughter into your kingdom. Salvation is your gift to us. But we confess that often we try to replace your gift with our own efforts. We try to complete what is already perfect; we try to add to what is already full; we try to earn what we already have. Forgive us for our foolishness. Help us to depend on your grace. Help us to live grateful and joyful lives in return. For Jesus' sake alone, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*Isaiah 61:10-11*

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!”

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!”
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SONG | Angles We Have Heard on High


Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o’er the plains
 And the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains

Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
 What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heav’nly song?

Come to Bethlehem and see, him whose birth the angels sing
 Come adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord the newborn King

PROFESSION OF FAITH | Magnificat in Luke 1


We glorify the Lord and our spirits rejoice in God our Savior. He is mindful of the humble and he scatters the proud. The Mighty One has done great things—holy is his name. His mercy extends to those who fear him, from generation to generation. He has performed mighty deeds with his arm; he has brought down rulers from their thrones, but has lifted up the humble. He has filled the hungry with good things, but has sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, remembering to be merciful to Abraham and his descendants forever.

ADVENT TESTIMONY


READING & PREACHING OF THE WORD


Isaiah 50:4-11 (pg. 572 in pew bibles)

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.

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

SONG | Doxology


Praise God from whom all blessings flow
 Praise him all creatures here below
 Praise him above ye heav’nly hosts
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

Praise God, who came as infant low
 To bear our flesh and grace bestow
 Born in a lowly manger stall
 A child who shall redeem us all

To us a child is born today
 Emmanuel in flesh displayed
 To once for all his people save
 Rejoice, give thanks and praise his name

From all that dwell beneath the skies
 Let the Creator’s praise arise
 Let our Redeemer’s name be sung
 Through ev’ry land, by ev’ry tongue

Amen

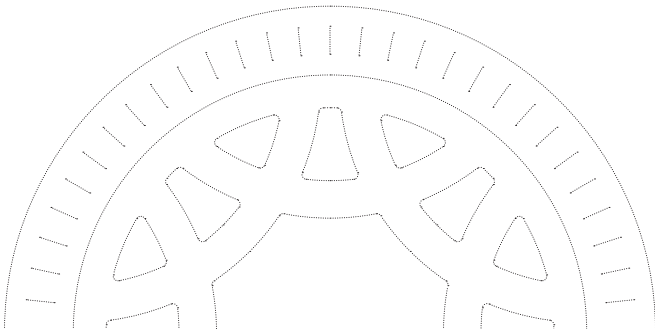
SONG | Christ Is Coming ◀

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

BENEDICTION ◻

GOSPEL COMMUNITIES

Church is a family. A Gospel Community (GC) is a place where you can experience that reality. Groups meet throughout the week and across the city. You can message leaders directly or email gc@providenceaustin.com for help figuring out which GC would be a good fit for you.

CENTRAL

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CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE | DEC 24 • 5PM

We will only have one service this Christmas Eve, at 5pm. We will not meet in the morning at our normal time of 10:30am. It will be a slightly shorter service than our normal Sunday gathering, and childcare will not be provided. Please bring your kids with you to the service and invite your extended family and friends to join us! Parking will be the same, please leave the surface lot at Colorado and MLK for visitors. providenceaustin.com/calendar

GOSPEL COMMUNITY BREAK | UNTIL JAN 15

We are thankful for the pattern of gathering weekly in our GCs, but we also know there is a time to rest, take a break, and recharge. Our GCs will be “on break” over the holidays and will pick back up in mid-January. For more information on GCs, visit providenceaustin.com/gospel-communities.

GIVING

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 for more info on giving online.
- 3 You can donate stock: Email donations@providenceaustin.com.

