

# ST. PAUL & ST. ANDREW

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Join us as we build a community of radical welcome that follows Jesus into the streets of the city to increase the amount of love and justice in the world.

K Karpen &  
Lea Matthews  
Pastors

**First Sunday  
in Advent**

November 29, 2020

Online Worship



Transporting 10,000 cookies to Goddard Riverside  
Community Center for Thanksgiving



# Sunday, November 29, 2020 ♦ Advent I

<b>Prelude</b>	<b>Frank Glass</b> <b>Sweet Was the Song</b>
<b>Welcome</b>	<b>Tim Bosco</b>
<b>Call to Worship</b>	<b>Jessie Floyd, Harry Karpen</b> Leader: O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, <b>People: So that the mountains would quake at your presence,</b> Leader: As when fire kindles brushwood, and the fire causes water to boil, <b>People: To make your healing power known among the nations of the earth.</b> Leader: Do not hide your face from us, O Lord. <b>People: For you are our God, the repairer of our lives.</b> Leader: We are the clay and you are the potter. We are heralds of your way of love and justice <b>People: O that you would tear open the heavens and come down!</b>
<b>Hymn</b>	<b>O Come, O Come, Emmanuel</b> (page 5, v. 1-2)
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	<b>Carter Snyder-Samuelson</b>
<b>Prayer Song</b>	<b>O Come, O Come, Emmanuel</b> (page 5, v. 3)
<b>Lighting of the Advent Candle</b>	<b>Lea Matthews</b>
<b>Hymn</b>	<b>O Come, O Come, Emmanuel</b> (page 5, v. 4)
<b>Scripture Reading</b>	<b>Leah De Leon</b> <b>Isaiah 40: 1-11</b> (page 4)
<b>Song</b>	<b>Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming</b> (page 6, v. 1-2)
<b>Gospel Reading</b>	<b>Clara &amp; Elise Arndtsen</b> <b>Mark 13: 24-37</b> (page 4)
<b>Hymn</b>	<b>Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming</b> (page 6, v. 3)
<b>Homily</b>	<b>K Karpen</b> <b>"Alert, Awake, Alive"</b>

<b>Sermon Song</b>	<b>I Want To Be Ready</b>
<b>Student Testimonials</b>	<b>Aurora Celestin, Hannah Knox, Clara Monk</b>
<b>Morning Prayer The Lord's Prayer</b>	<b>Lea Matthews</b> Our God, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kin-dom 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 kin-dom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.
<b>Prayer Song</b>	<b>I Want To Walk As a Child of the Light</b> (page 6)
<b>Every Member Commitment 2021</b>	<b>Shirley Bananas</b>
<b>Offering</b>	Of tithes, gifts, and prayers
<b>Offertory</b>	<b>Austin Celestin</b> <b>Impromptu, Op. 90, No. 3</b>
<b>Benediction</b>	<b>K Karpen</b>
<b>Response</b>	<b>Robin Bahr, K Karpen, Brent Ness, Jane Williams</b> <b>Freedom Is Coming/Jesus Is Coming</b>
<b>Postlude</b>	<b>Frank Glass</b> <b>Comfort, Comfort Now My People</b>
<b>Hymn Leaders</b>	<b>Robin Bahr, Frank Glass, K Karpen, Brent Ness, Jane Williams</b>
<b>Audio</b>	<b>David Richards</b>
<b>Video</b>	<b>K Karpen</b>
<b>Editing</b>	<b>Harry Karpen</b>

## Supporting Our Ministries

We hope that you enjoyed today's service. Please help us continue to create meaningful virtual worship and support essential services by donating at [stpaulandstandrew.org/give](http://stpaulandstandrew.org/give) or emailing [donate@stpaulandstandrew.org](mailto:donate@stpaulandstandrew.org) to make a gift by electronic check.

## Reading from Isaiah 40: 1-11

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. <sup>2</sup>Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to them that they have served their term, that the penalty is paid, that they have received from the Lord's hand double for all their shortcomings.

<sup>3</sup>A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. <sup>4</sup>Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. <sup>5</sup>Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

<sup>6</sup>A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. <sup>7</sup>The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass. <sup>8</sup>The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever.

<sup>9</sup>Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" <sup>10</sup>See, the Lord GOD comes with might, and God's arm rules. <sup>11</sup>God will feed this flock like a shepherd; and will gather the lambs together, and carry them in God's bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

## Reading from Mark 13: 24-37

"But in those days, after that suffering, there will be signs: the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see 'the Human One coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then Christ will send out the angels, and gather the elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that Christ is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Christ, but only God. Beware, be alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a person going on a journey, leaving home and putting the servants in charge, each with their work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, stay awake—for you do not know when the owner of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else you may be found asleep at a sudden return. And what I say to you I say to everyone: Stay awake!"

# O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

9th-Century Latin

Translations from *The Hymnal*, 1940

Verse 2 by Henry Sloane Coffin, 1916

Verse 4ab by Laurence Hull Stookey, 1986

15th-Century French Carol

Harmonized by Thomas Helmore, 1854

1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el that  
2. O come, thou wis - dom from on high and or - der all things far and nigh. To  
mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here, un - til the Child of God ap - pear. Re -  
us the path of know - ledge show and cause us in her way to go. Re -  
joice! Re - rejoice! Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.  
joice! Re - rejoice! Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

3. O come, O come, great Lord of might, who to the tribes on Sinai's height,  
In ancient times, once gave the law, in cloud and majesty, and awe.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

4. O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by thy justice here.  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night and death's thick shadows put to flight.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

## Prayer Requests, Connect & Care Groups

To make a prayer request or join a Connect & Care Group, visit our website, [stpaulandstandrew.org/stay-connected](http://stpaulandstandrew.org/stay-connected)

## Our Mission Statement

We seek to build a community of radical welcome that follows Jesus into the streets of the city to increase the amount of love and justice in the world. *To do this, we will...*

- ◆ Be a catalyst for love-inspired action and social justice.
- ◆ Nurture and inspire Jesus' followers through dynamic worship and relationship-building to transform ourselves and the world.
- ◆ Teach and live progressive Christian values, including racial and gender equality, inter-faith partnership, LGBTQI affirmation, and empowerment of the last, the lost, and the least.
- ◆ Raise up future generations by fostering a congregation of all ages and developing young leaders & communities.

# Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming

15th-Century German

Translated by Theodore Baker, 1894

Verse 3 by K. Karpen, 2020

*Alte Catholische Geistliche Kirchengesäng*, 1599

Harmonized by Michael Praetorius, 1609



1.Lo! how a rose e'er bloom-ing from ten-der stem hath sprung. Of Jes-se's lin-eage  
2.I - sai - ah 'twas fore-told it, the Rose I have in mind. With Mar-y we be-  
3.From fig trees learn this les - son: When they put forth their leaves, 'twill be a true ex-



com - ing, as those of old hath sung. It came, a flow'r-et  
hold it, the Vir - gin Moth - er kind. To show God's love a -  
pres - sion, to those who can per - ceive, that tho' the win-ter's



bright, a - mid the cold of win - ter, when half-spent was the night.  
right, she bore to us a Sav - ior, when half-spent was the night.  
long, there soon will come a sum - mer, when hope a - gain is born.

# I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Kathleen Thomerson, 1966

Kathleen Thomerson, 1966



I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to fol - low Je - sus. God set the



stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus. In him there is no



dim-ness at all. The night and the day\_ are both a - like. The Lamb is the



light of the ci - ty of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

# Joys & Concerns

## Joy & Thanksgiving

Seeing friends from far off places in Sunday service  
Neighborhood people who helped keep the open streets lively  
Ruby, and all other seniors in her residence, tested negative for the virus  
Ways in which SPSA makes us feel seen and affirmed  
Our Connect & Care gatherings  
Watching the 'children' from Sunday School become young adults  
A Thanksgiving full of gratitude  
Recognizing plenty and being grateful in times of turmoil  
For the joyful work of raising/ caring for a puppy  
Gratitude for an interreligious practice  
SPSA love shown in cookies....all 9000+  
Julie Taylor and David Wildman's presentation on farm workers  
Creative and socially distanced Thanksgiving gatherings  
Memories of the gracious hospitality of Uncle Howard and Aunt June  
Jessica's gratitude for helpers and being able to pay it forward  
Jon's composing organization now in Finland and Croatia  
Dorcas' outreach and love for Stephanie  
Christie's significant improvement in health  
Jorge and Roseangela's reunion  
Sunday's Service especially the Rabbis Roly and Felicia; Ari's singing and the message of humility and gratitude  
Janet's gratitude for Amy Jo helping her with her new computer; truly an example of 'connect & care'  
Birth of Peggy's grandniece  
Improvement in Aunt Ruth's health  
Gratitude for mother's acceptance about not gathering for Thanksgiving  
Joy of nieces and nephews  
Grateful voices overheard in the food distribution line  
Joy that Linda's son, Jack, has returned to NYC from Los Angeles.

## Health/ Healing

Zareda and Prince, as Zareda is hospitalized  
Ruth, Erna's mother's friend, who was hospitalized on her 95th birthday

Naomi's sister, Ruth, recovering from cancer  
Ava, who has a concussion from a fall; and also has symptoms of what might be Covid-19  
Taylor, MC's great-nephew, in need of a bone marrow transplant  
For health, safety, stamina and mental well being of all health care workers/ first responders  
Patience for Connie's slow but steady healing/strength returning following her back surgery  
Gisela's friend Rita, who has Parkinson's and is recovering from a bad fall  
Continued prayers for Pat with leukemia; now having a brain biopsy  
Continued prayers for Sheila recovering from cancer surgery  
Robin's Uncle Bill, recovering from a fall, and her cousin Kim, providing care  
Aunt Carole & Uncle Lou and their sons Ginny  
Dottie  
Melody  
Cousin, John Bowman  
Tim, Elizabeth, and other students quarantining at home after exposure to the virus  
For Karen's mom after her fall

## Peace & Justice

National unity in the post-election period  
An end to election lawsuits and a transition to the next administration  
Our democracy; may we live up to the ideals we believe this country was founded on  
Remembrance for Dia al Conciencia Negra, Black awareness day in Brazil; a day devoted to the same principles as the Black Lives Movement  
Recalling that Sunday was the anniversary of JFK's assassination we ask for prayers for our country in this transition time

## Covid-19

Karen (Marianne's friend), her husband Richard and her 93 year old mother, June all struggling with Covid  
Continued healing for Joe, Stephanie's dad

Steve's uncle, Greg, in Indiana, hospitalized and battling Covid  
For K's brother, Richard

## Comfort

For Becca and Jase, caregivers for Bereck, who died suddenly from a heart attack  
For those who mourn Jenny, a bicyclist struck and killed  
MC and her entire family mourning the death of her niece, Diana  
For Dorothy and others mourning the death of her friend, Louise  
For all mourning the death of Mary Ellen's nephew, Sean; especially Sandy, Raymond and Erin his mother, brother and sister  
For those who struggle with anxiety and the holiday....a double whammy this year  
Jessie's grandmother, Joy, struggling with isolation and anxiety; and for her family as they figure out how best to care for her  
For the family and friends of Joao Alberto Silveira Freitas, a 40 year old man killed at a supermarket in Brazil in a manner similar to the killing of George Floyd  
For the family and friends of Cadu Barcellos, a black director, stabbed to death in Rio; he leaves behind a wife and child  
For courage for Kate with her mom

## Work and Life

Jessica, coming out as bi  
Food security for all and gratitude for all that SPSA is doing to help  
For the work of young first responders like Jon's son Forest; may our country honor and care for them  
College travelers returning home after the strange and disorienting semester; processing all of it over the long break before the next semester  
Prayers for the planning of General Conference  
Tom, searching for a job  
Prayers for Rebecca  
Prayers for deep tension within families caused by member with political differences

# Who's Who

## Pastors

Rev. Dr. K Karpen  
Rev. Lea Matthews

## Minister of Music

Dr. Frank Glass

## Artists-in-Residence

Jane Williams  
David Richards

## Youth Director

Carter Snyder-Samuelson

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Shakeel Samuel

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## Bookkeeper

Jennifer Serrano

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# Music Notes

## Prelude: Sweet Was the Song

Music: 16th-c. English Carol, arr. Thomas Hamond (d. 1662)  
Music: Public Domain

## O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Words: 9th-c. Latin; trans. sts. 1, 3, 4cd *The Hymnal*, 1940; st. 2, Henry Sloane Coffin, 1916; st. 4ab, Laurence Hull Stookey, 1986  
Music: VENI EMMANUEL 15th-c. French; arr. and harm. by Thomas Helmore, 1854

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## Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

Words: Sts. 1-2, 15th-c. German; trans. by Theodore Baker, 1894;  
st. 3 by K Karpen based on Mark 13  
Music: ES IST EIN ROS *Alte Catholische Geistliche Kirchengesäng*, 1599;  
harm. Michael Praetorius, 1609

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## I Want To Walk as a Child of the Light

Words: Kathleen Thomerson, 1966  
Music: HOUSTON Kathleen Thomerson, 1966  
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## I Want To Be Ready

Words & Music: Trad. Gospel Song, based on an African-American Spiritual  
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## Offering: Impromptu, Op. 90, No. 3 in G-flat Major

Music: Franz Schubert, 1827  
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## Response: Freedom Is Coming/Jesus Is Coming

Words & Music: Trad. South African, ed. Anders Nyberg  
Music: DIX Conrad Kocher, 1838, arr. By W.H. Monk, 1861  
Words & Music: *Freedom is Coming: Songs of Protest and Praise from South Africa*, Glasgow: Wild Goose Publication, 1990

## Postlude: Comfort, Comfort Now My People

Music: French tune, att. to Louis Bourgeois; arr. John Bell (2001)  
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