

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
Andrea Steinkamp
Pastors

First Sunday of Advent

December 3, 2023
at 11 am



Erna gets to work on a puzzle at Homework Help

Sunday, December 3, 2023 ♦ First Sunday of Advent

♦ *Please rise in body or spirit*

Prelude

Frank Glass

'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime

French Canadian Carol, arr. Frank Glass (2020)

Introit

O Come, O Come, Emanuel (pg. 4, v. 1-2)

Call To Worship ♦

*Adapted from
enfleshed*

Aurora Celestin

One: Something stirs deep within us—a longing, a hope,

Many: A thirst for joy, a hunger for peace, a yearning for blessing.

One: We know deep within that our hopes and fears

Many: Will be met by angel songs and a baby's cry.

One: It is Advent--

Many: Season of waiting, hoping, yearning.

One: Let us prepare, for God is drawing close.

Many: The light of the world will dwell among us.

One: Let our hearts not be weighed down.

Many: Even in the hardest hours, in the midst of uncertainty,

One: when nations rage against nation,

Many: and all of heaven and earth trembles,

One: let us raise our heads and proclaim,

Many: the Kin-dom of God is near!

Opening Hymn ♦

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You (pg. 5)

Opening Prayer

Aurora Celestin

Prayer Song

Wait For the Lord (pg. 4)

The Lighting of the Advent Candle (pg. 4)

The Rae Family

Youth & kids are invited up front to the chancel for the candle lighting, and then are invited to Pageant rehearsal in the Chapel.

Hymn

While We Are Waiting, Come (pg. 5, v. 1)

Scripture Reading

Sandy Owen

Isaiah 64: 1-9 (pg. 6)

Scripture Song

While We Are Waiting, Come (pg. 5, v. 2)

Scripture Reading

Alicia Miller Pitterson

Genesis 32: 22-31 (pg. 6)

Scripture Song	While We Are Waiting, Come (pg. 5, v. 3)
Homily	“Turning Space Into Place” Lea Matthews
Response	Wait For the Lord (pg. 4)
Welcome & Love in Action	Ekama Eni
Offering Offertory	<i>Of tithes, gifts, pledges*, and prayers</i> (pg. 3, 9) Chancel Choir Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming Michael Praetorius (1609), arr. Frank Glass (2017)
Great Thanksgiving	K Karpen, Andrea Steinkamp (pg. 8,9)
Sharing of the Bread & Cup	The Congregation
Prayer After Receiving	Andrea Steinkamp
Sending Hymn ♦	Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus (pg. 7, v. 1-2)
Benediction ♦	Lea Matthews
Postlude	Frank Glass The Three Sages Frank Glass (2013)
Passing of the Peace ♦	<i>Please greet those right around you with ‘Peace be with you’.</i>
Livestream Audio Greeters Counters Childcare	Brent Ness (director), Red Gate Sound (cameras) Hector Pagan Carla Mikell Gina Leonetti, Cheryl Melchiorre Al-Naima Finch <i>Childcare (ages 1-3) is available in the Chapel.</i>

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O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

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 ways to go. Re -
joyce! Re - joyce! Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.
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9th-Century Latin
Translations from *The Hymnal*, 1940
Verse 2 by Henry Sloane Coffin. 1916

15th-Century French Melody
Harmonized by Thomas Helmore, 1854

Wait for the Lord

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.
Repeat
Wait for the Lord. Be strong, take heart.

Words: Taizé Community, 1984
Music: Jacques Berthier, 1984

Liturgy for Lighting of the Advent Candle

Leader: As we enter this season of waiting, may the places we call home provide fertile ground for the seeds of our dreams.

All: May the people we call home hold our hope safely in their hands, like a candle protected from the winds that seek to blow it out. Amen.

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You



1. O Lord, how shall I meet you, how wel - come you a - right? Your
 2. Love caused your in - car - na - tion, love brought you down to me. Your
 3. You come, O Lord, in glad - ness, with mer - cy and good - will, to



peo - ple long to greet you, our hope and hearts' de - light. O kin - dle, Lord most
 thirst for my sal - va - tion pro - cured my li - ber - ty. O love be - yond all
 bring an end to sad - ness and bid ours fears be still. In pa - tient ex - pec -



ho - ly, a lamp with - in my breast to do in spi - rit
 tell - ing that led you to em - brace in love, all loves ex -
 ta - tion, we live for that great day when your re - newed cre -



low - ly all that may please you best.
 cel - ling, our lost and fal - len race.
 a - tion your glo - ry shall dis - play.

Words: Paul Gerhardt (1653), translated by Catherine Winkworth (1863), *altered*

Music: Melchior Teschner (1614), harmonized by William Henry Monk (1861)

While We Are Waiting, Come



1. While we are wait - ing, come. _____ While we are wait - ing, come. _____
 2. With peace and glo - ry, come. _____ With peace and glo - ry, come. _____
 3. Come, Sav - ior, quick - ly, come. _____ Come, Sav - ior, quick - ly, come. _____



Je - sus, our Lord, Em - man - u - el, while we are wait - ing, come. _____

Words: Claire Coninger, 1986

Music: Don Cason, 1986

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 64: 1-9

Oh, that you would rend
the heavens and come down,
That the mountains would shake before you!
As fire kindles the brushwood
And the fire makes water boil,
Make your Name known to your adversaries,
And let the nations tremble before you!
When you did awesome things
That we could not have expected,
You came down,
And the mountains quaked in your presence!
From ages past no ear has ever heard,
No eye has ever seen any God but you
Intervening for those who wait for you!
Oh, that you would find us doing right,
That we would be mindful of you in our ways!

You are angry because we are sinful;
We sinned for so long—how can we be saved?
All of us became unclean and soiled,
Even our good deeds are polluted.
We have all withered like leaves,
And our guilt carries us away like the wind.
No one calls upon your Name,
There is none who clings to you,
For you hid your face from us
And delivered us into the hands of our sins.
Yet you are our mother and father, God,
We are the clay and you are the potter,
We are all the work of your hands.

The Word of God for the people of God
Thanks be to God!

Scripture Reading: Genesis 32: 22-31

In the course of the night, Jacob arose, took the entire caravan, and crossed the ford of the Yabbok River. After Jacob had crossed with all his possessions, he returned to the camp, and he was completely alone.

And there, someone wrestled with Jacob until the light of dawn. Seeing that Jacob could not be overpowered, the other struck Jacob at the socket of the hip, and the hip was dislocated as they wrestled.

Then Jacob's contender said, "Let me go, for day is breaking."

Jacob answered, "I will not let you go until you bless me."

"What is your name?" the other asked.

"Jacob," he answered.

The other said, "Your name will no longer be called 'Jacob', but 'Israel' – because you have wrestled with both God and mortals, and you have prevailed."

Then Jacob asked "Now tell me your name, I beg you."

The other said, "Why do you ask my name?" – and blessed Jacob there.

Jacob named the place Peniel – "Face of God" – "because I have seen God face to face, yet my life was spared."

At sunrise, Jacob left Peniel...

This is the Word of God for the people of God
Thanks be to God!

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus



1. Come, thou long - ex - spect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free. From our
2. Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and yet_ a king, born to



fears_ and sins re - lease us, let us find our rest_ in thee. Is - rael's
reign_ in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious kin - dom bring. By thine



strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all_ the world thou art,
own_ e - ter - nal spi - rit, rule in all_ our hearts a - lone.



dear de - sire_ of ev - 'ry na - tion, joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.
By_ thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it, raise us to_ thy glo - rious throne.

Charles Wesley, 1744

Rowland Pritchard, 1830

Harmonized from *The English Hymnal*, 1936

Thank you to those who have pledged for 2024!

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as of December 1: 62 pledges for \$271,364

Great Thanksgiving (from the Iona Community)

One: Eternal God, Maker of the skies above, coming Christ, Lover of the earth and its people, unfettered Spirit, Giver of gracious gifts,

All: you are present among us.

O hidden mystery, sun behind all suns, soul within all souls, in all we touch, in all we meet,

you are present among us.

As bearers of your image, we come to be reshaped; dependent on your mercy,

we ask to be made new

One: For the right roads we avoided travelling, and the kind words we refused to share; for the false gods who received our worship and the true selves we have starved of love. God, by your grace,

All: forgive us.

For the hidden hurts we have held too tightly, and the promises which we never kept; for the careless use of our time and money and the lame excuses we should never have made,

God, by your grace, forgive us.

For all we should be and all we can amend,

God, in your love, renew us.

(Please rise) One: The Lord be with you

All: and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to God our Maker.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

(a prayer follows, leading into)

All: Holy, holy, holy God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

One: Because you, gracious God, have been faithful to us, we will be faithful to Jesus. He promised to be with those who met in his name, in every time and place:

All: this we believe.

He promised to hear the prayers of faithful people:

this we believe.

He said that in the communion of bread and wine he would be present to us as we remember him:

this we celebrate.

So, send now your Spirit among us and upon this bread and wine, that we may taste and see your goodness, be embraced by your love, and be engaged in your service.

Amen.

As Jesus did, so we do. We break this bread. We share this wine. We believe that he who lived, died and rose again for us will meet us here. Come again, gentle Jesus. Graciously nourish us, so that we who try to follow you may receive food for the journey and be bound in solidarity with all who walk in your way, and with your faithful followers in all times and places. Amen.

Now, let us join in this version of our family prayer:

Lord's Prayer (a new translation)
**Our God, maker of the skies above,
Your name is better known as Love.
Bring us your way of caring community
And bless us with a sense of unity.
Give us the food we need to share
Along with a sense of the common welfare
Forgive us our neediness, our greediness, our injustice
As we forgive those who harm and judge us.
Away from temptation's path, please lead us
And from violence and misery, please keep us.
May your kin-dom, your power and your glory
Come, to make us a part of your great story.
Amen.**

This morning, communion will be offered at three stations. We invite you to come forward at the Spirit's urging. If you wish to receive the elements, stand with your palms open in front of you. If you wish to receive a blessing, rather than communion, simply cross your arms across your chest. After receiving communion or a blessing, you are welcome to pray at the altar rail before returning to your seat. If you need or prefer to receive communion where you are seated in a pew, raise a hand to an usher and we will bring the elements to you. In the cup, we offer grape juice, and if you would like gluten-free bread, please ask your communion server.

Prayer After Receiving:

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, **Amen.**

Gifts & Offerings

Your Gifts make church happen! If you would like to make a contribution, visit stpaulandstandrew.org/give, scan the QR code above, or text "Give" to 646-971-9400. Gifts can also be dropped into the donation boxes at the Welcome Tables.

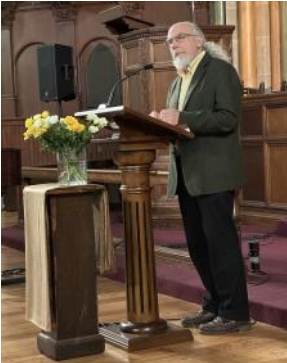


Getting Connected & Share Your Prayers

We are thrilled you are here this morning, and we hope you will like to get connected with our community. To join us in the work of increasing justice and love in the world, use your smartphone's camera to Scan this QR code or pick up a Connection Card available at the Welcome Tables. Our church community also uses this digital or physical card to share joys and concerns. Each week, our staff prays for our community and invites prayers from all. If you do not wish for your prayer to be shared with the church community, please indicate your desire with your prayer.



Last Week: Worship & Pageant Rehearsal on Sunday



Migrant Monday Clothing & Coat Distribution



NYDIS Gala on Tuesday



Pastor Ekama and Jim Melchiorre were dressed to the nines on Tuesday as they accepted the 2022-2023 Partnership Award at the New York Disaster Interfaith Services Gala. We were recognized with the Emergency Shelter Network Special Tribute for the variety of ways our community has stepped up to support, resource, and empower newly arriving migrants and asylum seekers.

Homework Help & Conversation Groups on Wednesday



Who's Who

Pastors

Rev. Dr. K Karpen*
Rev. Lea Matthews*
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Brent Ness*

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Danny Aponte*

Minister of Music

Dr. Frank Glass*

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Putting Love in Action

Prepare Room: Advent & Christmas Eve Wednesday, December 6th at 7:15pm

Advent Vespers

Thursday, December 7th at 5pm

Hanging of the Greens

Sunday, December 10th at 11am

Advent II Worship with Christmas Pageant

Wednesday, December 13th at 7:15pm

Advent Vespers

Sunday, December 17th at 11am

Advent III Worship with Lessons & Carols

Sunday, December 17th at noon

Parsonage Coffee Hour

Sunday, December 24th at 11am

Advent IV / Christmas Eve Family Service

Sunday, December 24th at 10:45pm

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Ongoing Programs

Chancel Choir meets each Sunday at 10am. See Frank for details.

Campus Ministry meets each Monday at 7pm at Broadway Presbyterian, 114th. Email Ekama* for additional details.

Pajama Prayers our Tuesday prayer gathering on Zoom at 7:30am. Come as you are with whatever is on your heart. Meeting ID : 831 7700 2923 Phone: 646-931-3860

Pilates with Nancy an hour-long strengthening and stretching class on Zoom, Thursdays at 6pm. Email Brent* for details.

Children meet for Sunday School. For December, Faith & Fun Friday will be this Friday, Dec 1 from 5:30-7:30pm. Email Andrea* for details!

Youth Group Email Ekama* for details on upcoming gatherings.

Young Adults Email Andrea* for details on upcoming gatherings.

Volunteer Opportunities

Midnight Pancakes The end of the semester is approaching and Campus Ministry is looking for volunteers on Dec 11. Contact Ekama* for details.

Cookie Baking Warm up your ovens for another round of cookie baking, this time for Goddard Riverside's Christmas meal. Please make a pledge by December 16th. Cookies can be dropped off on Sun, Dec 17 or Mon, Dec 18 5-7pm. tinyurl.com/mrucj2w5

Assisting Our New Neighbors

Sign up to help with Miracle Monday via Lotsa Helping Hands (tinyurl.com/4et6b662).

Winter Coat Drive Miracle Monday partner & host Venezuelans & Immigrant Aid is collecting winter coats. Their goal is to distribute 1000. Help by bringing new or lightly used winter coats for our clothing store drop-offs: Sun, Dec 3 (1-2p) or Mon, Dec 4 (8-9am)

Homework Help Tutoring Wednesday evenings (6-7pm). We are working with many new arrivals, and we could use your help. Please see Charlene (charlenefloyd@aol.com)

West Side Campaign Against Hunger (WSCAH) needs help and support.

Volunteer through New York Cares or email volunteer@wscah.org. Contributions can be made at www.wscah.org/donate

Other Good Stuff in the Building

Bedlam Theater *Arcadia* by Tom Stoppard, October 17-December 10
Visit wetnyc.org for tickets.

Broadway Inspirational Voices presents *Hope in Harmony*, on Monday, Dec 11 at 7pm. BIV is looking for volunteers...sign up by 11/24 at forms.gle/TYgsBbmfZnd8qBLw8

Bending Toward the Light: A Jazz Nativity returns on Monday, Dec 18 at 8pm, featuring the Kings Chris Brubekc (trombone), Maurice Chestnut (tapper) and Bobby Sanabria (timbales). Tickets available through Eventbrite.