

+ BENEDICTION

+ CHORAL BENEDICTION

*He Came Down*

John Bell

POSTLUDE

*Toccata on "Picardy"*

Gordon Young



The Deacon of the Day, Al Adickes, can be found at the Welcome Table after service.

If you desire prayer, prayer ministers are available after worship. Please inquire at the Welcome Table.

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**First Sunday of Advent**

**December 1, 2024**

**10:30 AM**



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THE VILLAGE COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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## Approaching God in Praise and Prayer

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+All who are able may stand

*As you enter this holy space and sacred time, please quiet your mind, meditate on the Scriptures, and pray for the Holy Spirit to prepare you to worship the Living God.*

### PRELUDE

*Of the Father's Love Begotten*

Wilbur Held  
Suzanne Shick, organ

### WELCOME

The Rev. Dr. Jack W. Baca

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Adapted from Luke 1

Leader: Our souls magnify the Lord and our spirits rejoice in God our Savior.

**People: For he who is mighty has done great things for us, and holy is his name.**

Leader: His mercy is on those who fear him from generation to generation.

**People: He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy.**

Leader: Let us worship God.

### + HYMN 88

**O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (vv. 1-4)**

VENI EMMANUEL

### + PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Rev. Janice Y. Cook

Holy God, in this holiday season we feel the creeping hustle and bustle that pushes you to the side. We feel the burden of lists and obligations that drain our joy and dull our spirit. We see the flurry of holiday bargains that know not of the holy day that is to come. So we pray: Come, Lord Jesus, come. Come and make your presence known and felt. Come and open our hearts to the unexpected moments of joy. Come and bring your peace into our troubled world, and your love into our lives, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

### + MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION

### + ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

### + RESPONSE: HYMN 88

**O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (vv. 4-5)**

VENI EMMANUEL

O come, thou Key of David, come, and open wide our heavenly home;

Make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery.

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.

### + PASSING THE PEACE

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

### ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

The Hunten Family

*At this time, children 5th grade and younger may meet their Sunday School leaders at the back of the Sanctuary.*

*Youth 6th grade and older are gathered in the Youth Room.*

## VILLAGE LIFE

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### Offering Ourselves to God

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### OFFERTORY

*Chorale Prelude on "Lo, How a Rose"*

Johannes Brahms

### + RESPONSE: HYMN 88

**O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (verse 6)**

VENI EMMANUEL

O Come, Desire of Nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind;

Bid envy, strife, and discord cease; fill the whole world with heaven's peace.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

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### Receiving God's Word

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### ANTHEM

*Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

Gustav Holst  
Calieanne Grossheim, soprano  
Malachi Marshall, baritone  
Chancel Choir  
Juan Carlos Acosta, director

### THE WORD READ

Luke 1:5-15 (NT pg. 75)

Paul Zellerbach, lay reader

Leader: The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### THE WORD PROCLAIMED

“Meeting Jesus for the First Time:  
The Religious Establishment”

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### Responding to God's Word

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### THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*We are the body of Christ and individually members of it.*

*We share one bread and one cup in remembrance of the body and blood of Jesus that was given for us.*

Invitation      Words of Institution      Bread & Cup      Thanksgiving

*Our communion bread is gluten free, and grape juice is in the cup.*

### COMMUNION MUSIC

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*  
*Ave Maria*

Charles Callahan  
Joyce Jones

### + HYMN 104

**O Lord, How Shall I Meet You**

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

*(The choir will sing verse 1; congregation joins for verses 2-3)*



**Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence**

Let all mortal flesh keep silence  
And with fear and trembling stand;  
Ponder nothing earthly-minded,  
For with blessing in his hand  
Christ our Lord to earth descendeth  
Our full homage to demand.

King of Kings, yet born of Mary,  
As of old on earth he stood,  
Lord of Lords, in human vesture,  
In the body and the blood  
He will give to all the faithful  
His own self for heav'nly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven  
Spreads his vanguard on the way,  
As the light of light descendeth  
From the realms of endless day,  
That the pow'rs of hell may vanish  
As the darkness clears away.

At his feet the six wing'd seraph;  
Cherubim with sleepless eye  
Veil their faces to the presence  
As with ceaseless voice they cry,  
Alleluia, alleluia,  
Alleluia, Lord most high.  
Amen.

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