

Welcome to worship at
New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church

First Sunday of Advent

December 3, 2023



Stir up your power, and come! The psalmist's plea in Psalm 80:2 has become familiar to us in the Advent prayers. Isaiah wants God to rip the heavens open. Both cry out for an apparently distant, angry God to show up, to save, to restore. When we hear Jesus describing the coming of the Son of Man with stars falling from heaven, it can sound dire and horrible, not like anything we would ever hope for. But when we really look at the suffering of people God loves, we can share the hope that God would tear open the heavens and come.

The Rev. Wayne Moritz, pastor
Patricia Nyce, director of music ministry
Lindsey Waltermeyer, Grace band leader

We love our neighbors with healing and feeding them!

All worship can be viewed online at
newhanoverlutheran.org
[facebook.com/NewHanoverLutheranChurch](https://www.facebook.com/NewHanoverLutheranChurch)
and on YouTube.

May your worship experience strengthen you
with God's love and grace.

Welcome

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Kevin, Tara, Julia and Johnathan Hauck

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

ELW #257

vs. 1

Please rise as you are able.

Gathering Hymn *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

1. Come, thou long - ex - spect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy
2. Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and
peo - ple free; from our fears and sins re - lease us,
yet a King, born to reign in us for - ev - er,

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus". It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal lines. The first system contains the first two lines of the hymn, and the second system contains the next two lines.

let us find our rest in thee. Is-rael's strength and con - so -
now thy gra-cious king - dom bring. By thine own e - ter - nal
la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art; dear de - sire of
spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone; by thine all suf -
ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
fi - cient mer - it, raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" Words: Charles Wesley, 1744. Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1830; harm. from The English Hymnal, 1906. Words and music are in public domain.

Call to Worship

In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Prayer of the Day

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection awaken us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and keep us blameless until the coming of your new day, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated.

Children's Message

Ariel Hansley

First Reading

Isaiah 64:1-9

Stacey Rothermel

A reading from the book of Isaiah

- ¹O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence—
²as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil—
to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!
³When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
⁴From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.
⁵You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.
But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.
⁶We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
⁷There is no one who calls on your name,
or attempts to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.
⁸Yet, O LORD, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
⁹Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD,
and do not remember iniquity forever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

Here ends the reading.

Please rise as you are able.

Gospel Acclamation

Lee Wesner, cantor

Congregation

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Cantor

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Repeat alleluia

Gospel Mark 13:24-37

The holy gospel according to Mark

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ²⁴“In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, ²⁵and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. ²⁶Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. ²⁷Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. ²⁸“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. ²⁹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁰Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. ³¹Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. ³²“But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the

watch. ³⁵Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, ³⁶or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. ³⁷And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Message

Pastor Wayne Moritz

Please rise as you are able.

Song of the Day

Forever Reign

Grace Band

You are good, You are good
When there's nothing good in me
You are love, You are love
On display for all to see
You are light, You are light
When the darkness closes in
You are hope, You are hope
You have covered all my sin

You are peace, You are peace
When my fear is crippling
You are true, You are true
Even in my wandering
You are joy, You are joy
You're the reason that I sing
You are life, You are life
In You death has lost its sting

Chorus:

(Oh) I'm running to Your arms
I'm running to Your arms
The riches of Your love will always be enough
Nothing compares to Your embrace
Light of the world forever reign

You are more, You are more
Than my words will ever say

You are Lord, You are Lord
All creation will proclaim
You are here, You are here
In Your presence I'm made whole
You are God, You are God
Of all else I'm letting go

Chorus 2x

Bridge (sing 3x):
My heart will sing
No other Name
Jesus, Jesus

Chorus 2x

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Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Most merciful God, we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Prayers of Intercession
Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Thanksgiving at the Table

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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 trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

Please be seated.

Communion

Today we celebrate Holy Communion. This is the Lord's Table, open to everyone. The usher will direct you when to come forward. Communion glasses are found on the stand at the front of the line to your right. Take an empty glass if you are choosing to commune with wine or a pre-filled glass (with white grape juice) if you will be communing with grape juice. Receive your bread from the pastor, gluten-free bread from the plate, and the wine, or blessing over the grape juice from the lay assistant. There are two wine stations, so please, choose the open station. Persons not communing may receive a personal blessing (simply keep your hands down at your sides or folded across your heart).

Communion Praise *Emmanuel (Hallowed Manger Ground)*

Grace Band

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The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

God for whom we wait, in this meal you give us a foretaste of that day when the hungry will be fed with good things. Send us forth to make known your deeds and to proclaim the greatness of your name, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Offertory

Choir Anthem

Prepare!

Chancel Choir

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Announcements

Please rise as you are able.

Sending Hymn *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*

1. Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates;
2. Fling wide the por - tals of your heart;
3. Re - deem - er, come, with us a - bide;
4. Thy Ho - ly Spir - it lead us on

be - hold, the King of glo - ry waits;
make it a tem - ple, set a - part
our hearts to thee we o - pen wide;
un - til our glo - rious goal is won;

the King of kings is draw - ing near;
from earth - ly use for heaven's em - ploy,
let us thy in - ner pres - ence feel;
e - ter - nal praise, e - ter - nal fame

the Sav - ior of the world is here!
a - dorned with prayer and love and joy.
thy grace and love in us re - veal.
be of - fered, Sav - ior, to thy name!

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Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Go get'em!!!

Postlude

People Look East

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Announcements

Today

Welcome to Pastor Wayne Moritz, who is leading the worship service this morning.

The bulletin is sponsored to the glory of God and in honor of their granddaughter Maggie Skrzat's fifth birthday today by Bryce and Jane Manthorne.

The flowers are sponsored to the glory of God and in honor of Doris Gross and memory of her loving husband, Jim Gross, Sr. on his birthday by the family.

Communion is sponsored to the glory of God and in remembrance of an ordination.

The Word in Season devotion booklet is sponsored to the glory of God and in honor of Steve's mother's 85th birthday by Steve and Faye Weidner.

Serving Today Head Usher: Barbara Repa; Ushers: Sharon and Bill Tracey; Lector: Stacey Rothermel; Children's Sermon: Ariel Hansley; Acolyte: Norm Hunsberger; Communion Assistants: Carolyn Fleming and Marsha Staub

Serving Next Sunday Head Usher: George Trowbridge; Ushers: Bryce Manthorne and Rick Solazzo; Lector: Nancy White;

Children's Sermon: Lindsey Waltermyer; Acolyte: Bryce Manthorne

Altar Guild Serving this Month Deb Solazzo, Barb Eisenhart and Marsha Staub

Angel Tree gifts may be dropped off by the Angel Tree in the Welcome Center. Thank you for bringing Christmas joy to the youth residing at The Martin Luther School (Gemma Services).

The Nursery room is now open. It is located between the Welcome Center and the Fellowship Hall. Parents are welcome to use the room during worship services as needed. The room provides for a comfortable play area in a joyful environment, toys and books included. The room has changing room access and a private nursing room next door. Plans are in the works to install a video monitor to broadcast worship services. See an usher if you need directions.

Today is the deadline to sign up for the Advent Social on Sunday, December 10th, 2:00 – 4:00 PM The Advent Social is for all ages. Activities include making crafts, playing games and decorating cookies, bags and cards for NHELIC homebound members. Snacks will be served.

Bring a donation of personal care items such as tissues, toothpaste, toothbrushes, Chapstick, lotion, individually wrapped snacks, etc. for the homebound members' bags. To sign up, go to (<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4EAFAC2CAAF4C16-45586827-advent>) or mark your name on the signup on the desk in the welcome center. The cookies, bags and cards will be given to homebound members by the carolers on December 17th. If you have any questions about the Advent social, contact Jean Moser at (610) 367-0342.

Calendar

Worship Service – Today, 9:00 AM, sanctuary and online

Food Drop Off – Today, 9:00 – 10:00 AM, kitchen

Food Delivery Pickup – Today, 10:00 AM, portico

JAM – Today, 10:15 AM, room 21

Praise Band Rehearsal – Today, 11:15 AM, sanctuary

Kids' Choir Rehearsal – Today, 11:20 – 11:50 AM, room 15

Prayer Ministry – Monday, 1:15 PM, sanctuary

Cub Scouts – Monday, 6:30 – 8:00 PM, rooms 1, 14, 21-23, 27, 31, 33

Boy Scouts – Tuesday, 6:30 PM, room 1

NHELC Book Club – Tuesday, 6:30 PM, Plaza Azteca

Food Drop Off – Wednesday, 1:00 – 2:00 PM, kitchen

Food Delivery Pickup – Wednesday, 1:30 PM, portico

Addiction 12 Step – Wednesday, 6:00 – 7:00 PM, room 32

Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Wednesday, 6:30 – 7:45 PM, room 15

Property – Wednesday, 7:00 PM, room 30

Troop 367 Committee – Wednesday, 7:00 – 9:00 PM, room 33

Bell Choir Rehearsal – Thursday, 5:30 – 8:00 PM, sanctuary

God on Tap – Thursday, 6:00 PM, Main Street in Bally

District Scout Committee – Thursday, 7:00 – 8:30 PM, room 30

Men's Breakfast – Saturday, 8:00 AM, Brookside Family Restaurant

Scout Hoagie Fundraiser – Saturday, 9:00 AM - noon, room 1

Worship Service – Next Sunday, 9:00 AM sanctuary and online

Food Drop Off – Next Sunday, 9:00 – 10:00 AM, kitchen

Food Delivery Pickup – Next Sunday, 10:00 AM, portico

Special Congregational Meeting – Next Sunday, 10:00 AM, sanctuary

Christmas Pageant Rehearsal – Next Sunday, 10:15 AM, room 21

Praise Band Rehearsal – Next Sunday, 11:15 AM, sanctuary

Kids' Choir Rehearsal – Next Sunday, 11:20 – 11:50 AM, room 15

Advent Social Sunday – Next Sunday, 2:00 – 4:00 PM, rooms 1, 11

The NHELC Book Club is reading *The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride. You are invited to join the discussion of this book on Tuesday, December 5th, at 6:30 PM at

the Plaza Azteca in Greshville. If you have any questions, contact Sharon Tracey.

God on Tap Join in the discussion on **Remembering Pearl Harbor** at this month's God on Tap. The dinner and discussion will be held at Main Street in Bally at 6:00 PM on December 7th. This year, December 7th will mark 82 years since the attack. For more information, email Randy Dotterer at RDPTW6489@Gmail.com or call/text him at 610-306-0621.

The Men's Breakfast is this Saturday at 8:00 AM at Brookside Family Restaurant. Come out for good food and friendly conversation. No registration is required. Any questions, contact Ron Fegley at 484-300-3025.

Upcoming Events

Special Congregational Meeting Notice: Sunday, December 10th, 10:00 AM All "Voting Members" are encouraged to attend a special congregational meeting immediately following the worship service. The official agenda is to vote and adopt the following documents: 1.) CONSTITUTION for NEW HANOVER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH 2023 and 2.) 2024 New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church Budget. No other items may be voted upon or brought up for discussion per the current constitution.

Copies of the "CONSTITUTION for NEW HANOVER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH 2023" are available in the Welcome Center on the information desk, and in the publication bin located outside under the office entrance portico. The church budget forums & location of the budget document will be announced later.

Christmas Gathering Social, Thursday, December 14th, noon – 3:00 PM All are invited for a Christmas Gathering social at NHELK in the Fellowship Hall. Enjoy a delicious luncheon and friendly fellowship followed by a Christmas hymn sing. In keeping with the holiday gift-giving spirit, participants are invited to prepare Care Packages for the homeless. A sign-up sheet is available on the desk in the welcome center to help with planning

this event. Sign-ups due by or on December 10th. Bring Christmas cookies to share. For information on the event or to help organize, contact Pastor Scott at psstaub@gmail.com.

Christmas Pageant Sunday, December 17th, 10:15 AM The 2023 Christmas Pageant requires just one rehearsal, which will be held during JAM on Sunday, December 10th, 10:15-11:15. Contact Nikki Young if your child would like to participate. Older kids and youth are needed to read and we have plenty of parts for the younger ones. This year's pageant is a *Stellar Christmas* and will include some of the music from VBS in addition to some Christmas music. It will be out of this world!

An Old-Fashioned Christmas Caroling Event! Sunday, December 17th, 1 – 3 PM Gather your friends and family members for a fun and uplifting time, singing favorite and beloved Christmas carols to our NHELCC homebound members. Carolers will gather in the Fellowship Hall at 1:00 PM to plan the routes and pick up the goodie bags prepared at the Advent Social. After caroling, we will return to the church to enjoy some cookies and hot cocoa. Caroling is a wonderful opportunity to spread some Christmas cheer. Contact Director of Music Ministry Patricia Nyce or Jean Moser (610-367-0342) with any questions about the caroling.

Longest Night NHELCC is working with St. James Pottstown to host a Longest Night Labyrinth and Prayer Walk on **Thursday, December 21st**. The event will be held at St. James Lutheran Church at 1101 E. Hight St. in Pottstown. The labyrinth will be available from 5 – 9 PM. This is open house style. Come when you can and leave at your will. This is for all ages. A labyrinth is a path of prayer. Unlike a maze, a labyrinth has no dead ends and there are no choices to make. There is one path to the center. Walking the labyrinth is a prayer one does with the whole body. It provides a three-fold process of experiencing God. More instruction will be provided at the Labyrinth Walk. Other options will be available for those who have difficulty walking the labyrinth.

Ample parking is available at the rear of the church. An elevator and stairs are available for entering the building. Nikki Young will be present during the event. Contact Nikki with any questions.

Live nativity brings the Christmas story to life! You can be a part of the live nativity during the 9:00 AM worship service on Christmas Eve day. Sign up today and witness the Christmas story through the eyes of one of those from biblical past who observed the birth of our Savior. A sign-up sheet is available on the desk in the welcome center. Hurry. There's a limited number of open cast positions.

Glick's Greenhouse Poinsettia Show is this Monday – Wednesday, from noon – 8:00 PM. Admission is free. Stop by for a spectacular display and enjoy musical performances by the following: Monday, 2:00 – 3:00 Exeter School, 5:45 – 7:45 Jingle Jam Jazz Band, Tuesday, 12:15 – 1:15 Cello duet James and Joshua, 5:00 – 6:00 Teach Choir and Wednesday, 1:00 – 2:00 Select Choir and Orchestra, 4:30 – 5:30 Dwight and Hannah Stone and 6:00 – 7:45 Alliance.

Help Resources

Mental Health and Wellness Millions of people across the nation are affected by mental health conditions. Check out the websites below and the resources they have to offer. NAMI has local centers in both Reading and Lansdale. They offer in-person and online support groups.

Contact Information

NAMI Help Line 1-800-950-6242 and is available Monday - Friday 10:00 AM to 10:00 PM ET.

Text "Helpline" to 62640 or if in crisis call or text 988.

PA Addiction Helpline 1-800-662-HELP (4357).

Online live chat offered at 1-717-216-0905 or text

Website References

www.NAMI.org National Alliance on Mental Illness

www.ddap.pa.gov Department Drug and Alcohol Prevention

www.nimh.nih.org National Institute of Mental Health

Grieving/Wellness Online Support

<https://grateful.org/welcome/>

You Can Help

Readers are needed for the Lessons and Carols service on Sunday, December 31st. A sign-up sheet is available on the desk in the Welcome Center for those who would like to read for the Lessons and Carols service.

Thrivent members get free money they can use to help NHELCC programs.

Thrivent Action Teams

Did you know Thrivent members receive free of charge two (2) \$250.00 gifts a year to help our church? For details and help to do this, contact Pastor Scott at psstaub@gmail.com, or call him at 610-326-1335 ext. 1, or logon if you know how to do it alone at <https://www.thrivent.com/about-us/membership/thrivent-action-teams>.

Thrivent Choice Dollars

You may also be given free Choice Dollars directly to the church! Simply go onto your account and search for choice dollars at <https://www.thrivent.com/about-us/membership/thrivent-choice>. You can make a personal donation to New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church and Thrivent pays the processing fees. It's that simple!

Again, contact Pastor Scott if you have any questions or need help navigating the sign-ups.

If not a Thrivent member, you may still donate directly to these ministries. Go to newhanoverlutheran.org to donate, serve or learn more about these ministries.

Wanted: Assistant Caretaker for Cemetery Duties consist of taking care of cemetery and church grounds, helping with maintaining equipment and assisting with funerals. If interested in this position, contact Norm Hunsberger at 484-431-3622 or nhunsberger29@gmail.com.

Dreaming of being a TV producer/director? Sign up with Amy to learn how you can produce and direct our weekly worship service. The sessions will be scheduled for two hours at a time so you can learn and practice using the equipment. There are two spots or one family spot available per training session. **A sign-up**

Genius is available at www.newhanoverlutheran.org. All Dates are subject to change.

Volunteers are needed to help during the church service: Ushers, Lectors, Children's Sermons, Acolytes and Communion Assistants. Contact Faye Weidner at omiweidner@gmail.com or 484-929-5958 if you can help.

Food Ministry

More than 160,000 meals have been delivered! NHELIC's Loaves & Fishes Food Ministry is changing lives. And, you can be a part of the team. 1) You can donate food. Drop off your donation on Wednesdays between 1 – 2 PM and Sundays between 9 – 10 AM. **Items most needed include: hamburger, chicken (thighs and breast meat), pasta (ziti, elbows, bowties), cheese (mozzarella, cheddar, parmesan), potatoes, fresh fruit (apples, oranges, bananas) and eggs.** 2) Donate money through Thrivent Gift Cards. Place monetary donations in the offering plate or mail to the church. 3) Deliver meals. Sign up at <https://www.newhanoverlutheran.org/loaves-fishes-food-ministry/>.

Prayer Requests

Long-term: Sarah Bowman, Keeley Staples, Logan Conley, Tina Farrell, Carol Buchholtz Yost

Shut-in: Penny Frymoyer

Grieving: the family and friends of Jim Price, Vivian Speca and Beverly Kehs (Donna and Charlie Kehs' sister-in-law/sister)

Military: Shawn Dietz, Michael McHugh, Kevin Dugan, Jason Bernhard, Craig Geiser, Patrick Mathias, Steven Kane, William Zearfoss, Will Wilson V, Milton Jack Repa, Megan Fricker, Kyle Woods

Peace for violence in our area and nationally

Toni Rath	Katy Mahon-Miller	Matt Hall
Luann Hanley	Carol Estes	William Trotter
Kathy Kane	Maxwell Girard	Pat Fryer
Jean Renninger	Pr. Kork Moyer	Betty Lou Shadle
Julia Hauck	Tony Mancini	Raul Castro
Amy LeVan	Jeffrey Kunsch	Wilma Lahr
Melissa	Bernadette Phillips	Mary Lou
Doug Weaver	Joan Wagner	Robert Ganovsky
Dorothy Bingaman	Emily Ocelus	Eric & Wendy Hess
Sue Care	Deb Matthews	Marceline
Anne Eshleman	Daniel Johnson	Chris Fatzinger
Hank Droneberg	Pena family	Kim Frain
Jen Perez	Frank D.	Pam Helfrich
Barb & Tom Faust	Andy Van Dyke	Janet
Pam Abbott	Holli Muffler	Louise Karns
Mary Van Dyke	Pr. Jennifer Phelps	Jessica Trout
Denny Smith	Verdie Smith	Mabel Gaugler
Sandy Wesner	Helen Foulke	Carla Hausmann
Joan Price	Rodney Snell	Ruth Clemmer
Betty Seroski	Ralph Borneman	Lucille Powell
Virginia Specht	Bill Lowry	Tom Fleagle
Mary Alice Mack	Jeffrey Weems	Joan Scheffey
Arnold Amundsen	Steve Weidner	Chuck Beck

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Advent words

Advent is here. Jesus is coming, and we know that God will always take care of us. Look hard and find the following Advent words and phrases in the puzzle.

WATCH WAIT WONDER ADVENT STAY AWAKE
BE ALERT JESUS IS COMING LIGHT CANDLES

J	K	A	T	O	P	L	B	M	A	R	C	J
N	E	S	I	Z	J	W	Q	U	F	X	M	B
O	V	S	T	A	Y	A	W	A	K	E	L	F
R	Y	W	U	B	Q	Z	A	H	R	U	C	I
E	N	Z	A	S	L	W	I	P	K	E	M	D
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God, sometimes it's really hard to watch and wait. Be with us in these Advent days. Amen

This week

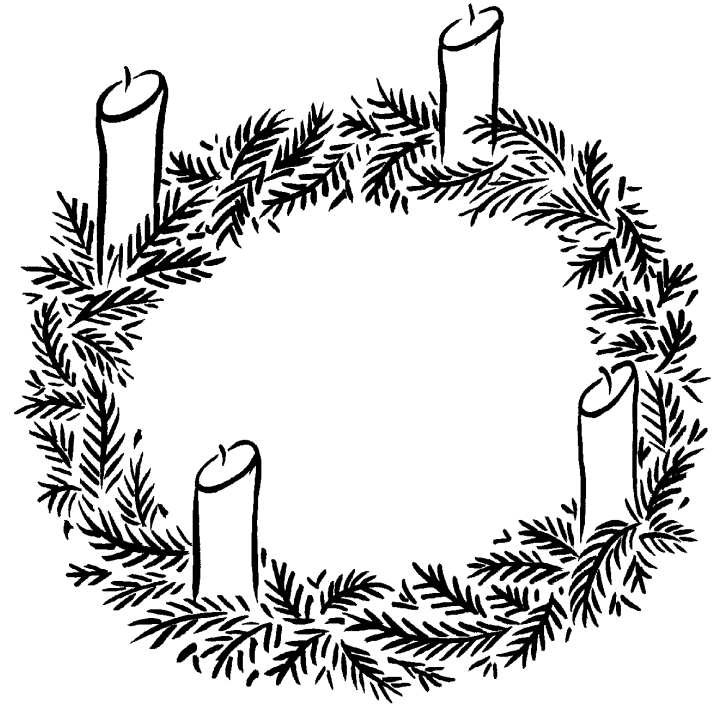
Practice watching and waiting at home. Plant an amaryllis bulb and watch the new growth appear during the days of Advent.



gather

Welcome to worship. Today is the first day of Advent, the time when we watch and wait for baby Jesus to come.

In the advent wreath shown below, color one of the candles, draw any new decorations you see in your worship space, and finally, draw a picture of you waiting for something really exciting to happen.



At home, light one candle to celebrate the first week of Advent.

Keep awake! Jesus is coming soon!

Mark 13:24-37

Sometimes it is very hard to wait, and it is especially hard to wait for Jesus to come. It seems to take such a long time! Jesus reminds us that God is with us in all of our waiting. Thanks be to God for that!

Look at this picture, find the hidden symbols and discover new ways to wait for baby Jesus.

I see a crown made of candles, an advent wreath, an angel, a tree with a gift underneath.



I see straw in a manger, a shoe filled with treats, and two people walking with sandals on their feet.



St. Nicholas Day, December 6:
Surprise a neighbor and leave a bag of sweet treats outside their front door.



Create *Jesus is Coming!* greetings for friends and relatives.



Add pieces of straw or colorful strips of fabric to an empty manger made of a small cardboard box.



First day of Advent: Find 4 candles to light—one on each of the 4 Sundays of Advent.



Wrap gifts together.



St. Lucia Day, December 13: Eat a candlelight breakfast.

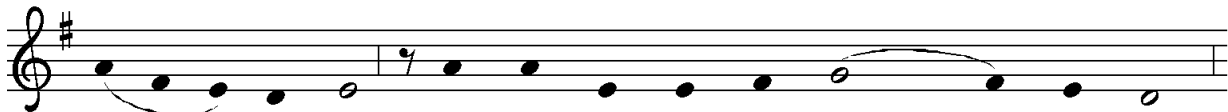


Move these pieces of the nativity closer to the manger as Advent progresses.

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
 2 O come, O Wis - dom from on high, em - brac - ing all things
 3 O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on
 4 O come, O Branch of Jes - se, free your own from Sa - tan's



Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
 far and nigh: in strength and beau - ty come and stay;
 Si - nai's height in an - cient times you gave the law
 tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell your peo - ple save,



un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 teach us your will and guide our way. Re-joice! Re-joice!
 in cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe.
 and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.



Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

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Forever Reign

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INTRO

Musical notation for the Intro, starting with a treble clef, a 4/4 time signature, and a tempo marking of quarter note = 83. The key signature is C major. The melody begins with a C chord and features a repeating eighth-note pattern. The intro concludes with two first endings, labeled '1' and '2', which lead into the first line of the verse.

1. You are

VERSE 1

Musical notation for the first line of Verse 1. The melody is in C major, starting with a C chord and moving to G/B. The lyrics are: "good, You are good, when there's noth - ing good in me. You are love, You are love, on dis -"

Musical notation for the second line of Verse 1. The melody continues in C major. The lyrics are: "play for all to see. You are light, You are light, when the dark - ness clos - es in. You are"

Musical notation for the third line of Verse 1. The melody continues in C major, with a G/B chord at the start. The lyrics are: "hope, You are hope, You have cov - ered all my sin."

2. You are
(3. You are)

VERSE 2 & 3

Musical notation for the first line of Verse 2 & 3. The melody is in C major, starting with a C chord and moving to G/B. The lyrics are: "peace, You are peace, when my fear is crip - pl - ing. You are true, You are true, e - ven more, You are more, than my words will ev - er say. You are Lord, You are Lord, all cre -"

Musical notation for the second line of Verse 2 & 3. The melody continues in C major. The lyrics are: "in my wan - der - ing. You are joy, You are joy, You're the rea - son that I sing. You are a - tion will pro - claim. You are here, You are here, in Your pre - sence I'm made whole. You are"

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22 G/B C

life, You are life, in You death has lost its sting.
 God, You are God; Of all else I'm let - ting go.

CHORUS

C G/C Am

Oh, I'm run - ning to Your arms, I'm run - ning to Your arms. The rich - es of Your

29 G F Am G F

love will al - ways be e - nough. Noth - ing com - pares to Your em - brace. Light of the world,

CHORUS

33 Am G F Am G C

for - ev - er reign. 3. You are for - ev - er reign. I'm run - ning to Your

38 G/C Am G

arms, I'm run - ning to Your arms. The rich - es of Your love will al - ways be e -

41 F Am G F Am G

2nd time to Coda

nough. Noth - ing com - pares to Your em - brace. Light of the world, for - ev - er reign.

BRIDGE

45 F Am F C

My heart will sing, no oth - er Name. Je - sus,

50 1, 2, 3 4

G G F *D.S. al Coda*

Je - sus. Je - sus. Je - sus. Je - sus.

54 Am G C

Coda

for - ev - - er reign.

BRIDGE

56 Am F

My heart will sing, no oth - er Name.

61 1, 2, 3 4

C G G F

Je - sus, Je - sus. Je - sus. Je - sus.