



# Eastminster Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day  
December 20, 2020



**ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY**  
Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 20, 2020

10:00 a.m.

**GATHERING**

**Prelude** *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

**Welcome & Announcements**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.  
*And also with you.*

**Threshold Moment & Lighting of Candles**

**Hymn #88** O Come, O Come Emmanuel (vs 1,2,5,6,7)



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som  
2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest  
3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy  
4 O come, thou Root of Jes - se, free thine own from



cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile  
all things might - i - ly: to us the path of knowl - edge  
tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the  
Sa - tan's tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell thy peo - ple



here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
show; and teach us in her ways to go. Re-joyce! Re-joyce!  
law in cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.  
save and give them vic - tory o'er the grave.



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

5 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.

6 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.

7 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.

## **Call to Confession**

### **Prayer of Confession**

*God of light and life,*

*our prayer this week sounds simple, but we know it is not.*

*Grant us hope as we wait.*

*Help us to see the good in one another, to trust in love.*

*Enable us to choose joy even in the dark of night,*

*and to live as if peace is possible.*

*This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, Emmanuel. Amen.*

## **Silent Confession**

## **Declaration of God's Grace**

### **Passing of the Peace**

*Take out your phone and text to a church member, friend or family member - "The Peace of Christ be with you."*

## **PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

### **Children's Message**

**Special Music**      *"This Little Light of Mine"*

### **Prayer for Illumination**

**Scripture Reading**    John 1:1-18

**Sermon**      "Christmas at John's House"

## **RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

### **Litany of Belief**

### **Joys and Concerns of the Congregation/ Pastoral Prayer**

*Comment on Facebook if you have a joy or concern to be shared. You can also email or call the church with prayer concerns. Tomorrow we will send a list of prayer concerns over email to our community.*

### **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.***

**Offering**

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**Hymn #136** *Go Tell It On the Mountain*

JESUS CHRIST: BIRTH

# 136 Go, Tell It on the Mountain

Refrain  $\text{♩} = \text{♩}^3$

Go, tell it on the moun-tain, o-ver the hills and ev - ery - where;

go, tell it on the moun - tain that Je - sus Christ is born!

1 While shep-herds kept their watch-ing o'er si - lent flocks by night,  
2 The shep-herds feared and trem-bled when lo! a - bove the earth  
3 Down in a low - ly man - ger the hum - ble Christ was born,

to Refrain

be - hold, through-out the heav-ens there shone a ho - ly light.  
rang out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sav - ior's birth.  
and God sent us sal - va - tion that bless - ed Christ-mas morn.

**Charge & Benediction**

**Handbell Benediction**

## **Postlude**

### **Participants in today's service:**

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble

Advent Wreath Lighters: The Weeden Family

Special Music: Tamar and Alex Mikeladze

Director of Christian Education: Neil Myer

Pianist: Tamar Mikeladze

Choir Director: Jadrian Tarver

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