



10:30 am Worship Service
1st Sunday of Advent
December 1, 2024



+ stand, as able
UMH = red United Methodist Hymnal. TFWS = black The Faith We Sing hymnal supplement

GATHERING

Prelude: Savior of the nations, come, BWV 660 – Johann Sebastian Bach

Welcome & Announcements

+Call to Worship

We gather to prepare for the Lord's Anointed, great David's greater Son!
We prepare by building the kin-dom of God and living the Christian life
So let us quit any bickering, finger pointing, and slandering of others.
**Our work is the courageous work to repair that which is broken
in our own lives, in the lives around us, and in creation.**
Our work is to repair harm, to break oppression and set the captive free.
We are called to be repairers of the breach,
Restorers of paths to dwell in (Isaiah 58:12)

+Entrance Hymn: Hail to the Lord's Anointed (UMH 203)

+Opening Prayer

Advent Wreath Candle of Hope

Witness: Repair the Harm with HOPE

Litany**

Today we light the candle of Hope and say with the psalmist.

"O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me."

Hope is intimately linked to healing.

When we are healed we are able to move to new possibilities.

In Jurgen Moltmann's words, "Creative action springing from faith is impossible without new thinking and planning that springs from hope."

"O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me."

For a wound to be healed, it must be first repaired. Wound care involves the courage to look at the wound, cleaning the wound of its infection and providing an environment conducive to healing. In the same way, the 'wound care of relationships' involves the courage to listen, grace, repentance and forgiveness.

"O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me."

Jesus came to help humanity repair its broken relationship with God as well as one another and creation. This healing is done through the power of grace through our faith in God.

Come let us repair the harm with the light of the light of Hope.

Response: He came down (TFWS 2085 singing "hope")
Children leave for Pageant rehearsal in Glenna Hall

WORD

Scripture: Jeremiah 33: 14-16

The word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

+Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia



Words: Philipp Nicolai, 1599, trans. William Mercer.
Music: *Wie schön leuchtet*, Philipp Nicolai.

+Gospel Reading: Luke 21:25-36

Hear what the Spirit says to the church. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

+Gospel Acclamation

Sermon

RESPONSE

Hymn: Wounded world that cries for healing (TFWS 2177)

Prayer of Confession, Pardon and Assurance (UMH 893)

+The Peace

*Offertory Anthem: Thou shalt know Him when he comes – Mark Sirett

Thou shalt know Him when he comes, not by any din of drums,
nor his manners nor his airs, nor by anything he wears.
Thou shalt know him when he comes, not by his crown or by his gown,
But his coming known shall be, by the holy harmony which his coming makes in thee.
Thou shalt know him when he comes. Amen. (Anonymous)

+Presentation Hymn: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow (UMH 95)

+The Great Thanksgiving

Communion Responses: Setting C (UMH pp. 20-22)

The Lord's Prayer (UMH 895)

During Communion: Rorate Caeli (Drop down, ye heavens), Op. 8, No. 1 – Jeanne Demessieux

+Post-Communion Prayer

SENDING

+Sending Hymn: Come, thou long-expected Jesus (UMH 196)

+Benediction

+Benediction Response: Amen

A - men! A - men! Come, Lord Je - sus! Crown of glad - ness,
we are yearn - ing for the day of your re - turn - ing.

Words: Philipp Nicolai, 1599, trans. William Mercer.
Music: *Wie schön leuchtet*, Philipp Nicolai.

Postlude: Toccata on *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* – Austin Lovelace

The postlude is the final musical offering of our worship service. All are invited to remain in the Sanctuary for a time of prayer. After worship, all are invited to a time of fellowship in the Great Hall.

Worship Leadership

Preacher: Rev. Grace Imathiu

Celebrant: Rev. Britt Cox

Liturgist: Colin McDonald

Scripture Reader: Elizabeth Raymond

Advent Wreath: Martha Rudy and Jessica Chadwick

Acolyte: Gemma W.

Cross Bearer: Matt Rader

Minister of Music & Organist: Dr. Brian Schoettler

Music Assistant: Cody Michael Bradley

Chancel Choir

** words from a reflection by Jim Hagedorn

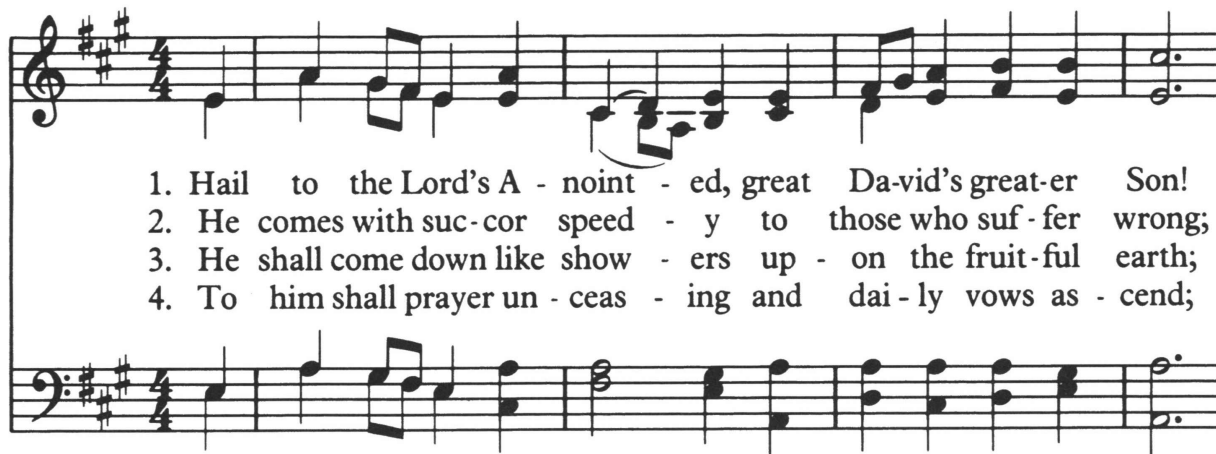
AV: Sam Stanes (Intern), Tom Scott and volunteers

Usher Captains: Ed Webler (December); Carol Barnett (January)

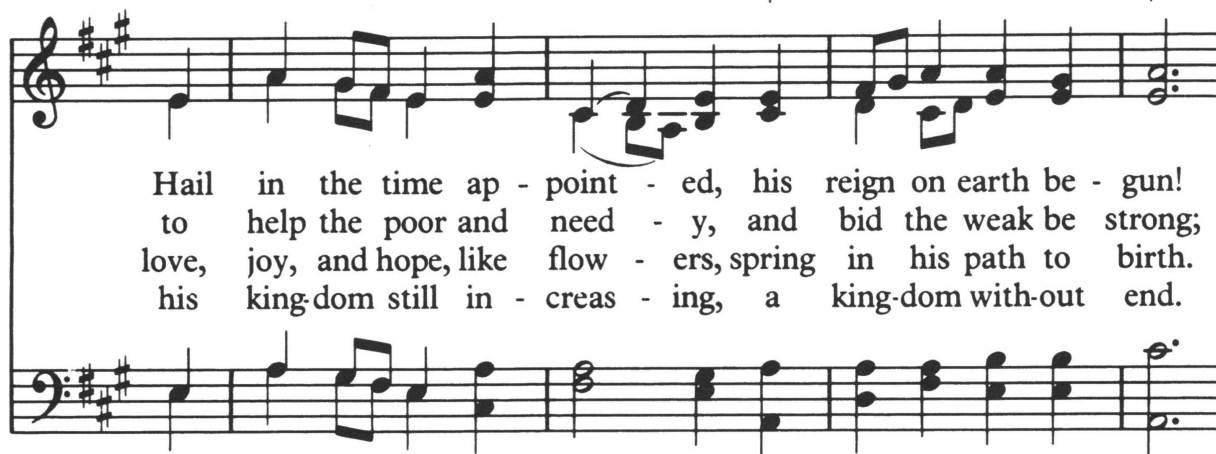
First Church celebrates Communion (Eucharist) every Sunday: in the Sanctuary at the 10:30am service on the first Sunday of the month and in Tittle Chapel at 11:45 am on all the other Sundays.

Advent Devotions on Hope: Grace Imathiu (Sunday), Virginia Lee (Monday), B.J Birkhan-Rommelfanger (Tuesday), Joe Womack (Wednesday), Joe Agne (Thursday), Dan Owens (Friday), Dennis Barbour (Saturday)

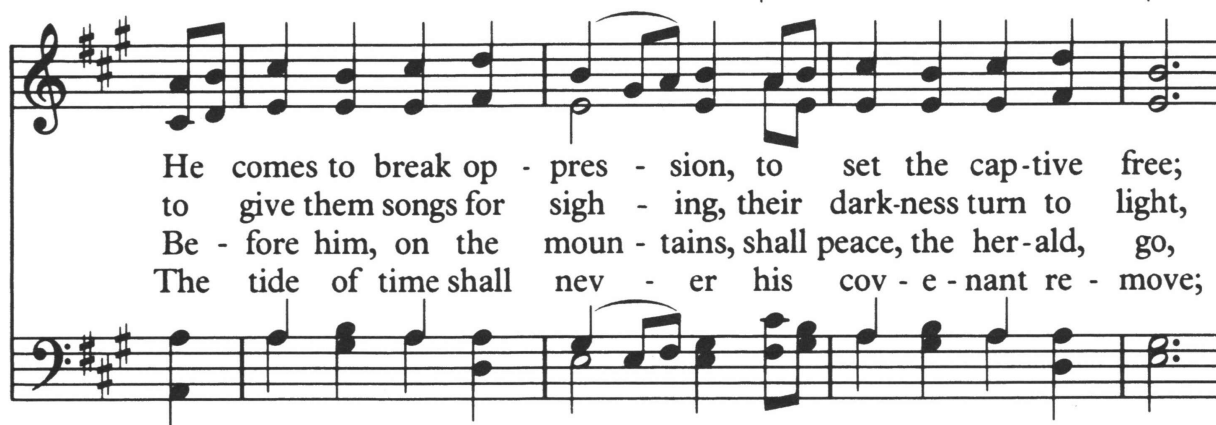
Hail to the Lord's Anointed



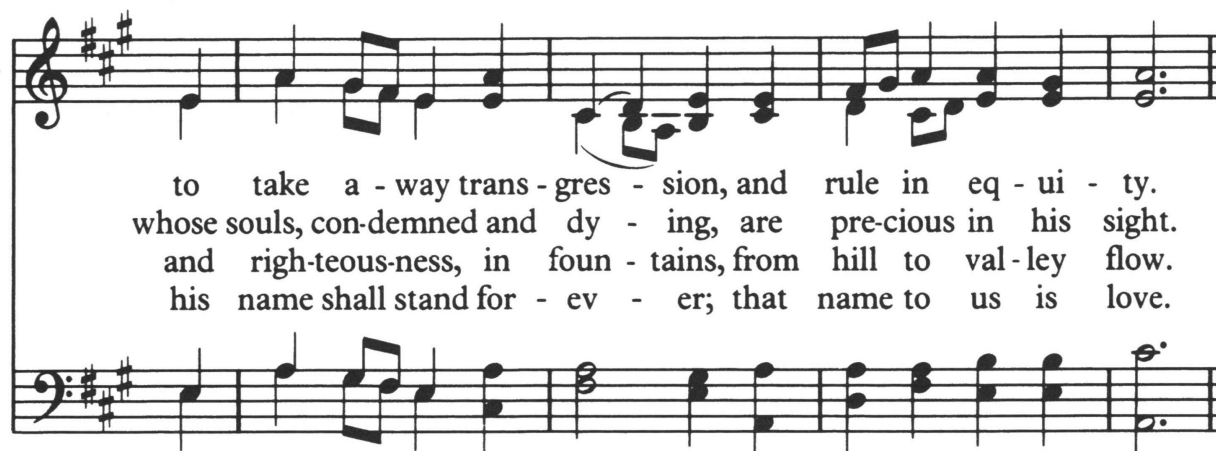
1. Hail to the Lord's A - noint - ed, great Da-vid's great-er Son!
 2. He comes with suc - cor speed - y to those who suf - fer wrong;
 3. He shall come down like show - ers up - on the fruit - ful earth;
 4. To him shall prayer un - ceas - ing and dai - ly vows as - cend;



Hail in the time ap - point - ed, his reign on earth be - gun!
 to help the poor and need - y, and bid the weak be strong;
 love, joy, and hope, like flow - ers, spring in his path to birth.
 his king - dom still in - creas - ing, a king - dom with - out end.



He comes to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive free;
 to give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark - ness turn to light,
 Be - fore him, on the moun - tains, shall peace, the her - ald, go,
 The tide of time shall nev - er his cov - e - nant re - move;



to take a - way trans - gres - sion, and rule in eq - ui - ty.
 whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, are pre - cious in his sight.
 and righ - teous - ness, in foun - tains, from hill to val - ley flow.
 his name shall stand for - ev - er; that name to us is love.

2085

He Came Down

*Advent 1 = hope
2 = peace
3 = joy
4 = love

He came down that we may have *love; He

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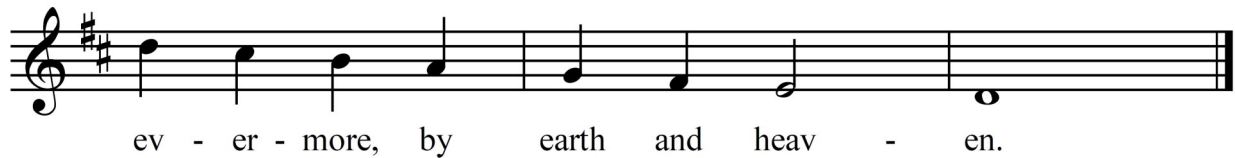
have love, Hal-le - lu - jah for ev - er - more.

Text: Cameroon traditional

Tune: Cameroon traditional; transcribed and arr. by John L. Bell, b.1949, © 1990, Iona Community, GIA Publications, Inc., agent

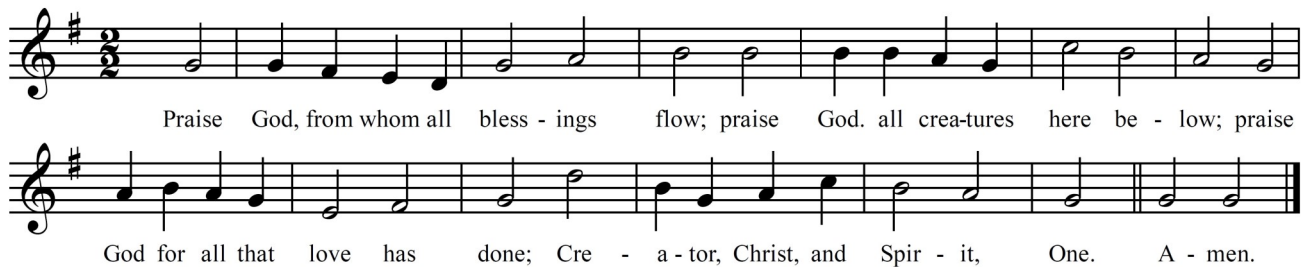
Advent Service Music

Gospel Acclamation



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Music: *Wie schön leuchtet*, Philipp Nicolai.

Presentation Hymn



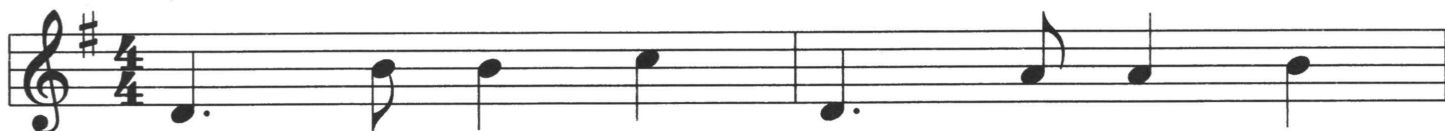
Words: Thomas Ken, 1674; adapt. William B. Abernethy Adapt. © 1995 The Pilgrim Press Old 100th
Music: Attr. to Louis Bourgeois, 1551

Benediction Response



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Music: *Wie schön leuchtet*, Philipp Nicolai.

Wounded World that Cries for Healing 2177



1. Wound - ed world that cries for heal - ing —
2. Through our na - tion's spent frus - tra - tion,
3. Hon - or those whose lov - ing spir - it



here we hold each oth - er's pain, wound - ed sys - tems,
through the cor - ri - dors of stress may there move a
nurs - es hope, re - stores and heals, towel and ba - sin



bruised and bleed - ing bear the load, the scars of strain;
kind - lier wis - dom all may feel, and all may bless;
used in ser - vice like the Christ who comes and kneels;



dol - lars ra - tion out com - pas - sion,
tax and tithe are for a pur - pose
in the tend - ing, in the mend - ing



hard de - ci - sions rule the day, Je - sus of the
shared to shield the poor and weak; past the symp - toms
may we see the right and fair, in our com - mon



heal - ing Spir - it, free us to an - oth - er way!
of our sick - ness let the voice of jus - tice speak.
quest for whole - ness heal each oth - er by our care.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of

power and might. might.

Heav - en and earth are full,
Bless - ed is he who comes

full in the of name of your the glo - ry. Ho -
Lord.

san - na in the high - est, ho -

san - na in the high - est.

The pastor continues the thanksgiving. The institution of the Lord's Supper is recalled. The pastor concludes:

And so,
in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

From *Deutsche Messe* by Franz Schubert; arr. by Charles H. Webb

Christ has died, Christ is risen,
Christ will come a - gain.

The musical score is for a vocal line in G major, 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music. The first system contains the first two phrases: 'Christ has died, Christ is risen,'. The second system contains the third phrase: 'Christ will come a - gain.' The lyrics are written below the treble clef staff, with hyphens under 'ris - en' and 'a - gain' to indicate syllables across notes. The bass clef staff provides a harmonic accompaniment.

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The pastor invokes the present work of the Holy Spirit and then praises the Trinity, concluding:

All honor and glory is yours, almighty Father (God),
now and for ever.

From *Deutsche Messe* by Franz Schubert; arr. by Charles H. Webb

A - men, a - men, a - men, a - men.

The musical score is for a vocal line in G minor, 4/4 time. It consists of a single system of music. The lyrics are written below the treble clef staff, with hyphens under 'a - men' to indicate syllables across notes. The bass clef staff provides a harmonic accompaniment.

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Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus 196

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,

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.