

First Sunday of Advent
Sunday, November 29, 2020



Faith Presbyterian Church
Order of Worship

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Cat Dodson Goodrich

Joys and Concerns

Prelude *Wachet auf! BWV 645*
(Sleepers Awake!)

Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685-1750)

Call to Worship

Chandra Jackson

One: We are an anxious people, longing to encounter God.

All: How long must we suffer, how long must we wait?

One: Tear open the heavens and come down to us, O God!

All: Surprise us with deeds of great power and might.

One: Make the mountains quake with your voice.

All: Remake our world, until all creation sings with the glory of God.

Hymn 82 *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Promised One, you call all who dwell on earth to prepare for your coming, but we are too distracted to keep watch. We have allowed your song to be silenced within us, settling instead for discord and strife. Resigned to the world as it is, we have not sought the harmony of your peace. Advent God, forgive us! Kindle hope in our hearts; ready us to receive you again. We open ourselves to you in silent prayer...

Kyrie 103 *Come Now, O Prince of Peace*

O-SO-SO

verses 1-2

1 Come now, O Prince of Peace; make us one bod - y.
2 Come now, O God of love; make us one bod - y.
3 Come now and set us free, O God, our Sav - ior.
4 Come, hope of u - ni - ty; make us one bod - y.

Come, O Lord Je - sus; rec-on-cile all peo - ple.

Assurance of Grace

Gloria 583 *Glory to God*

GLORY

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!
Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

A Moment with Faith Kids

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter Reading Psalm 80: 1-7, 17-19

To the leader: on Lilies, a Covenant. Of Asaph. A Psalm.
Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,
you who lead Joseph like a flock!
You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth
before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh.
Stir up your might,
and come to save us!

Restore us, O God;
let your face shine, that we may be saved.

O Lord God of hosts,
how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?
You have fed them with the bread of tears,
and given them tears to drink in full measure.
You make us the scorn of our neighbors;
our enemies laugh among themselves.

Restore us, O God of hosts;
let your face shine, that we may be saved.

But let your hand be upon the one at your right hand,
the one whom you made strong for yourself.
Then we will never turn back from you;
give us life, and we will call on your name.

Restore us, O Lord God of hosts;
let your face shine, that we may be saved.

Music *Prepare the way*

arr. Ben Logan

Gospel Reading Mark 13: 24-37

'But in those days, after that suffering,
the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light,
and the stars will be falling from heaven,
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in clouds" with great power and glory. Then 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.

'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. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

'But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It 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. Therefore, 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, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.'

This is the word of God, for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

The End of the World as We Know It

Rev. Goodrich

Hymn 90 *Wait for the Lord*

sung 4 times, page

WAIT FOR THE LORD

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever.

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory *Lo, How a Rose*

David Paxton

Dedication of Self and Substance

Hymn 357 *The Days Are Surely Coming*

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Charge & Benediction

Postlude *Toccata on Veni Emmanuel*

Andrew Carter
(b. 1939)

Passing of the Peace

Leading Worship Today

Rev. Cat Goodrich, *Pastor*

Dr. Samuel Springer, *Minister of Music and Organist*

Chandra Jackson, *Liturgist*

Ayanna Freelon, *Soloist*

Leanora Eubanks, *Zoom Moderators*

Dawn Shirey, *PowerPoint*

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus 82

1 Come, thou long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;
2 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and yet a king,

from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.
born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.

Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art;
By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone;

dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

With its opening "Come," this hymn sounds the note of entreaty and invitation that characterizes the Advent season (from the Latin *adventus* = "coming"). Its blending of memory and hope helps us to give voice to our present faith as we stand between the past and the future.

TEXT: Charles Wesley, 1744
MUSIC: Rowland Hugh Prichard, 1830; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

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(alternate tune: STUTT GART, 83)

The Days Are Surely Coming 357

1 The days are sure - ly com - ing, says God to all the earth,
 2 The days are sure - ly com - ing, says Christ, the prom - ised one,
 3 The days are sure - ly com - ing when we will know at last

when you will see my prom - ise: sal - va - tion come to birth.
 when you will read my warn - ing in moon and stars and sun.
 the full - ness of God's pres - ence, God's prom - ise, come to pass.

My righ - teous - ness and jus - tice will spread through - out the land
 Though earth and heav - en trem - ble, stand up and do not fear,
 Then righ - teous - ness and jus - tice will spread through - out the land

and you will be de - liv - ered by my al - might - y hand.
 for I am your re - deem - er, and I am draw - ing near.
 and we will be de - liv - ered by God's al - might - y hand.

This text uses imagery from Jeremiah 33:14–16 and Matthew 24:29–36/Mark 13:24–32/Luke 21:25–36. These passages are especially associated with the beginning of Advent, a season that looks forward to Christ's second coming while also preparing us to remember his first coming.

TEXT: David Gambrell, 2009
 MUSIC: Welsh folk melody; *Lwybrau Moliant*, 1872; harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906
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