



The Inn: Housing the Holy
1st Sunday of Advent
November 28, 2021

NEW COVENANT
 United Methodist Church
 Sunnyvale, Texas

Prelude		Cathy Wheeler
Welcome & Announcements		Rev. Dana Norton
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**Opening Hymn	# 196 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus	
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**Gloria Patri		
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Scriptures	Psalm 25:1-10 **Luke 21:25-36	Jeff Browning
Special Music	“Lo How a Rose E’er Blooming” <i>arr. Jay Rouse</i>	Sarah Reed & Cathy Wheeler
Scripture	Jeremiah 33:14-16	Rev. Norton
Sermon	“Making Room”	Rev. Norton
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**Closing Hymn	#230 O Little Town of Bethlehem (with new verse)	
**Benediction		Rev. Norton
Response	#204 Emmanuel, Emmanuel	
Postlude		Cathy Wheeler

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** Signifies times when we invite you to stand as the Holy Spirit leads you	

Birthdays This Week

Name	Date	Name	Date
Tammy Castillo	November 28	Sharon Smith	November 28
Scotty Joe Chance	November 30	Terry Kay	December 3
Kevin Castillo	December 4		

Call to Worship – Hope Waits For Us At Advent

Hope waits for us at Advent. Hope waits for us to trust.

Hope waits for our commitment to a land that's kind and just.

In this time of preparation for the work of co-creation,

for the birthing of a world that heals the ones in pain.

Hope is born in us again!

Responsive Call

The Hope of Christ be with you!

And also with you!

Invitation to the Holy Spirit:

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;

I can feel his mighty power and his grace.

I can hear the brush of angels' wings, I see glory on each face;

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

#196: Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

1. Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

2. Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King,
born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne.

Prayer of Confession

When Mary and Joseph arrived in Bethlehem they found there was no room.

We confess that in the midst of all our anxieties we have not made room in our hearts for others.

We confess that, paralyzed by fear, prejudice or apathy we have not made room in our homes for the stranger.

We confess that, forgetting the welcome we have been shown, we have not made room in your church for those who are different from us.

We confess that in the busyness of Christmas time we have not made room in our lives for you.

Gracious God, forgive us and renew us.

Use this advent time to break open our hearts, throw open the doors, open our eyes to your presence and open our arms wide to welcome you, as we offer to you in silence the confession we most want to hide.

Silence

#70 Gloria Patri:

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.**

Amen. Amen.

Prayer Song: Make of My Heart a Stable

- 1. Make of my heart a stable, a house for the holy, a warm and sturdy place for [hope] to live and grow.**
- 2. Make of my life a stable, a house for the holy, a warm and sturdy place for [hope] to live and grow.**
- 3. Make of our church a stable, a house for the holy, a warm and sturdy place for [hope] to live and grow.**

Lord's Prayer:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,
kingdom come, will be done, earth as it is in heaven.**

Give us this day our daily bread.

Forgive us our trespasses, we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory.

Amen.

Holy Communion

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise....**

....And so with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

....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.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

....Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.

Amen. Amen. Amen.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

We give you thanks, most gracious God, for allowing us to share in this feast as your family and to be fed with the bread of heaven; give us grace that we all may grow in hope, glorifying you in all things, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#230 O Little Town of Bethlehem (with new verse)

1. O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie;
above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.

Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;
the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

2. For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above,
while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love.

O morning stars together, proclaim the holy birth,
and praises sing to God the King, and peace to all on earth!

3. How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given;
so God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heaven.

No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive him still the dear Christ enters in.

4. O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today.

We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;

O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

Extra Verse: Where children pure and happy pray to the blessed Child,

Where misery cries out to thee, Son of the Mother mild;

Where charity stands watching and faith holds wide the door,

The dark night wakes, the glory breaks, And Christmas comes once more.

#204 Emmanuel, Emmanuel

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel.

God with us, revealed in us, his name is called Emmanuel.

(Sung Twice)