



NORTHSIDE CHURCH
A UNITED METHODIST CONGREGATION

*Christmas Parables:
The Pearl of Great Price*

November 30, 2025



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The First Sunday of Advent

There is a place for you at Northside Church to know the love of God,
to grow as a disciple of Jesus Christ, and to go into the world to serve others.

† Please rise in body or spirit when you see this symbol,
and join in singing or reading aloud text in **bold**.

THE CHIMING OF THE HOUR

THE PRELUDE | Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus | *arr. James Pethel*

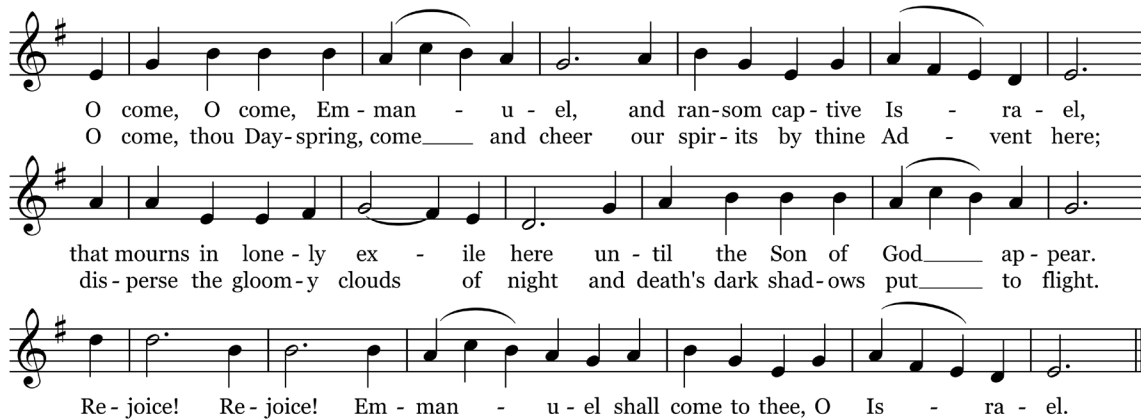
Joshua McClure

THE ADVENT GREETING

Nathan Schreer

THE HYMN OF ADVENT | Hymn 211: stanzas 1 & 6 | O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Chancel Choir



O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran-som cap - tive Is - ra - el,
O come, thou Day-spring, come and cheer our spir - its by thine Ad - vent here;
that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of night and death's dark shad - ows put to flight.
Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

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THE WELCOME

8:30AM | Dr. James Johnson
11:15AM | Rev. Catherine Boothe Olson

† THE CALL TO WORSHIP

8:30AM | Dr. Johnson
11:15AM | Rev. Boothe Olson

Leader: "Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel."
We come this Advent to worship, Emmanuel – our hope and our light, who dwells among us.
People: **We gather in this season of waiting and watching for the coming of our Lord.**
Leader: We come to lift our voices, to open our hearts, to prepare the way of Christ among us.
People: **We proclaim, "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."
Praise be to God. Amen.**

† THE HYMN OF ADORATION | Hymn 196: all stanzas | Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

† THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | Apostles' Creed

Nathan Schreer

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;
and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand
of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

† THE GLORIA PATRI | Hymn 70

THE ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

8:30AM | The Tharp and Moody Family
11:15AM | The Stearns Family

Leader: In the days of Caesar, a decree went out—
People: **And hope stirred in the hearts of the weary.**
Leader: In a humble stable, the Christ child was born—
People: **A light for those who walk in darkness.**
Leader: We come seeking the hope that does not disappoint. We light the Candle of Hope.
People: **Come, Lord Jesus, come.**

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM | 8:30AM

Dr. Bill Burch

Phoebe Spain

THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE | 8:30AM

Dr. Johnson

**With God's help we will so order our lives after the example of Christ,
that [name], surrounded by steadfast love, may be established in the faith,
and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.**

THE BAPTISM RESPONSE | Hymn 611: stanza 1 | Child of Blessing, Child of Promise | 8:30AM

Dr. Johnson

THE CHILDREN'S MOMENT | 11:15AM

Nancy Jeanne Chadwick

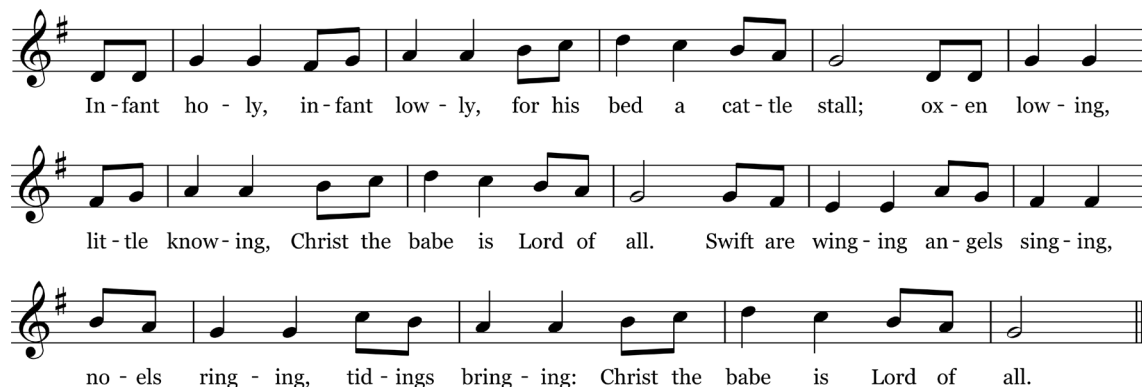
We invite all children to come to the chancel steps for a special message.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

8:30AM | Dr. Johnson
11:15AM | Rev. Boothe Olson

**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. Amen.**

THE HYMN OF PREPARATION | Hymn 229: stanza 1 | Infant Holy, Infant Lowly



† THE SCRIPTURE | Luke 2:1–7 | Pew Bible, pg. 1459

Dr. Burch

Pastor: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE SERMON | “Christmas Parables: The Pearl of Great Price”

Dr. Burch

† THE HYMN OF RESPONSE | Hymn 250: stanzas 1, 2 | Once in Royal David's City

THE GIVING OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

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8:30AM | Dr. Johnson
11:15AM | Rev. Boothe Olson

THE OFFERTORY | Every Valley | *John Ness Beck*

Every valley shall be exalted,
and every mountain made low;
and the crooked made straight,
and the rough places plain.

And the glory of the Lord
shall be revealed,
and all flesh shall see it together;
for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

—Isaiah 40:4-5

Chancel Choir
Alex Thompson, conducting

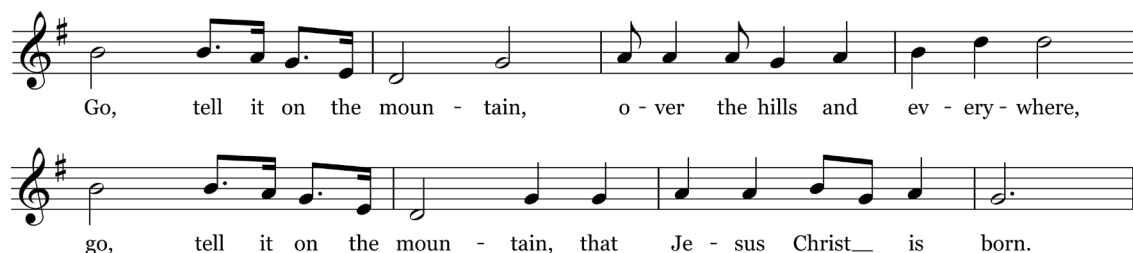
† THE DOXOLOGY | *Tune:* The First Noel

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel born is the King of Israel.**

† THE BENEDICTION

8:30AM | Dr. Johnson
11:15AM | Dr. Burch

† THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE | Hymn 251: Refrain | Go, Tell It on the Mountain



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THE POSTLUDE | Once in Royal David's City | *arr. John Innes*

Joshua McClure

The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God:

In loving memory of Clara Nell Langley Beavers, beloved, Mother, Grandmother, and Great Grandmother, by the family of Gene Brooks.

The flowers on the memorial cross are given to the glory of God:

In loving memory of Betty and John Wallace, given by their children and grandchildren.

CLERGY

Dr. Bill Burch, *Senior Pastor* • Rev. Catherine Boothe Olson, *Associate Pastor* • Rev. Angela House, *Associate Pastor*

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Dr. G. Gil Watson, *Pastor Emeritus* • Dr. Ann Brightwell McCord, *Retired* • Rev. Nancy Yarnell, *Retired* • Rev. Douglas Herlong • Rev. Jennifer Hansen

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Joshua McClure, *Director of Worship & Organist* • Nathan Schreer, *Director of Music*