

HOPE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH

November 29, 2020

First Sunday of Advent

The Church at Worship

Prelude

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

HYFRYDOL

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.

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.

Instrumental Introit

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

VENI EMMANUEL

Brenda Doyle, Recorder

O Come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear.
Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!
O come, Desire of nations, bind all peoples in one hear and mind; bid envy,
strife, and quarrels cease; fill all the world with heaven's peace. Refrain.

Welcome

Chiming of the Trinity

Moment of Silence and Invocation

Lighting the Candle of HOPE

Come, Lord Jesus!

Today we begin the journey of Advent. Let us pray that we may be ready and able to welcome the Christ Child into our lives again.

May this Advent season inspire our hearts and lives.

Come, Lord Jesus!

May this Advent wreath remind us to prepare for Christ's coming.

Come, Lord Jesus!

The first candle is the candle of HOPE. It was hope that gave people the courage to go on, and it was hope that directed their prayers toward the Messiah.

Because of our trust in what God has already done for us, we are bold to hope for what He will yet do with us.

(Light the candle of hope)

"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light."

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world." May our lights so shine before others that they will give glory to our Father in heaven and discover the hope brought by the Christ Child! Amen.

Response to Lighting the Candle of HOPE

Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love
Mike Dossett

BAUGH

Hope, peace, joy, and love! These are gifts You bring from above.
Jesus, Emmanuel, come to be light of Your hope, reflected in me.

Children's Message

Pastoral Prayer and 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 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.

Carol

The First Nowell
Brenda Doyle and Mike Dossett

THE FIRST NOWELL

The first Nowell the angel did say, was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep, on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Refrain: Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel.

For all to see there was a star shining in the east, beyond them far, and to the earth it
gave great light, and so it continued both day and night. Refrain.

Then let us all with one accord sing praises to our heavenly Lord who hath made heaven
and earth of naught, and with His blood humankind hath bought. Refrain.

Gospel Reading

Mark 13:24-37

Message

The Coming

Dr. Lydia Hoyle

Benediction

Postlude

What Child Is This

GREENSLEEVES

What Child is this, who laid to rest on Mary's lap is sleeping? Whom angels greet with anthems
sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping? This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds
guard and angels sing: haste, haste to bring Him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary!
So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh, come peasant, king, to own Him; the King of kings
salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone Him. Raise, raise the song on high, the virgin
sings her lullaby. Joy, joy for Christ is born, the Babe, the Son of Mary!

