

*Benediction

*Closing Song: "Alleluia, He Is Coming"

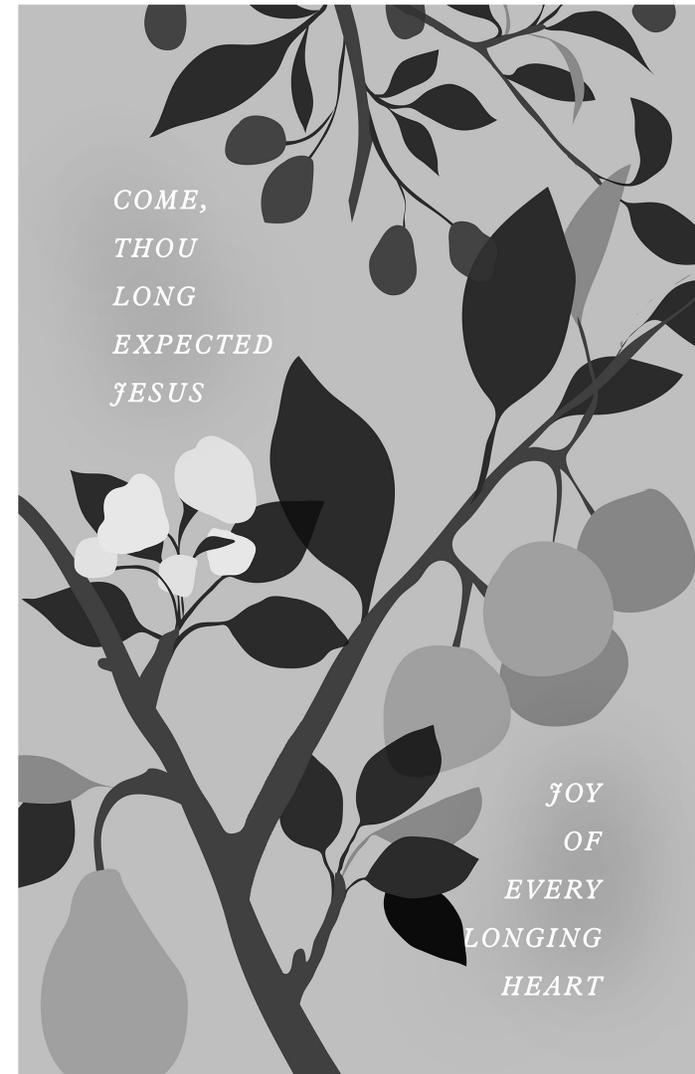
**1. I looked up and I saw my Lord a-coming.
I looked up and I saw my Lord a-coming down the road.**

**Chorus: Alleluia, He is coming. Alleluia, He is here.
Alleluia, He is coming. Alleluia, He is here.**

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Advent

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Worship Participants

Pastor: Pastor Joel Kok ♦ Piano: Ryan Smit ♦ Guitar: Jaren Brue
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The season of Advent, a season of waiting, is designed to cultivate our awareness of God's actions—past, present, and future. In Advent we hear the prophecies of the Messiah's coming as addressed to us—people who wait for the second coming.

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Preparation and Praise

Welcome

*Call to Worship

The Lord whom you seek shall suddenly come to his temple;
the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight.

Behold, he is coming. Rejoice greatly! Shout in triumph!

**Our king is coming; the righteous Savior,
who shall speak peace to the nations.**

*Songs: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"
"Sing to the King"

LUYH 61:1,2,4
LUYH 474

*Prayer of Invocation

*God Greets Us, We Greet One Another

*Song: "All Earth Is Waiting"

LUYH 57:1-3

Renewal

Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16 (NRSV) p.1232

"The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'"

Reflection

How then do we live as those who believe that the promises of God will be fulfilled?

... as those who lift up their souls to God?

... as those who walk a path of love and faithfulness?

... as those who work for justice and righteousness?

... as those who live in the light of hope?

Moment of Silent Prayer and Meditation

Song: "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

LUYH 56:1

The Candle Lighting

The days are surely coming, says the Lord,
when I will fulfill the promises I have made.

To you, O Lord, we lift up our souls: in you, O God, we trust.

The one who is coming will show us the path of steadfast love and faithfulness.

Teach us your ways, O God of our salvation.

We light this candle in the sure hope that God's promises endure.

We will live in the light of hope as we await the coming of the Lord.

The Word

Children's Blessing: "My Soul in Stillness Waits" (*chorus only*) LUYH 63

Children ages 3 years old through Kindergarten are invited to come to the front of the sanctuary to receive a prayer of blessing before going downstairs to the Multi-Purpose Room for a time of worship designed especially for young children. Our young guests are welcome to participate in this service.

Scripture: Luke 21:21-38

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Sermon: "The Fig Tree and All the Trees"

Pastor Joel Kok

Response

*Song of Response: "Imagine"

LUYH 72

Offertory Prayer and Offering of our Gifts

Each week at Covenant we receive a monetary offering to support the mission and ministry of the church. This morning's offering will support the General Fund, which helps keep our church operating and pays for a wide range of denominational ministries, and the Building Fund, which is used to cover major project expenses for the church.

We Share Our Joys and Concerns and Pray for Each Other

Sending

*Song: "In the Day of the Lord"

LUYH 485:1,4,6