

Sending

*Song: "The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns" LUYH 476:1-4

*Benediction

*Closing Song: "The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns" LUYH 476:5

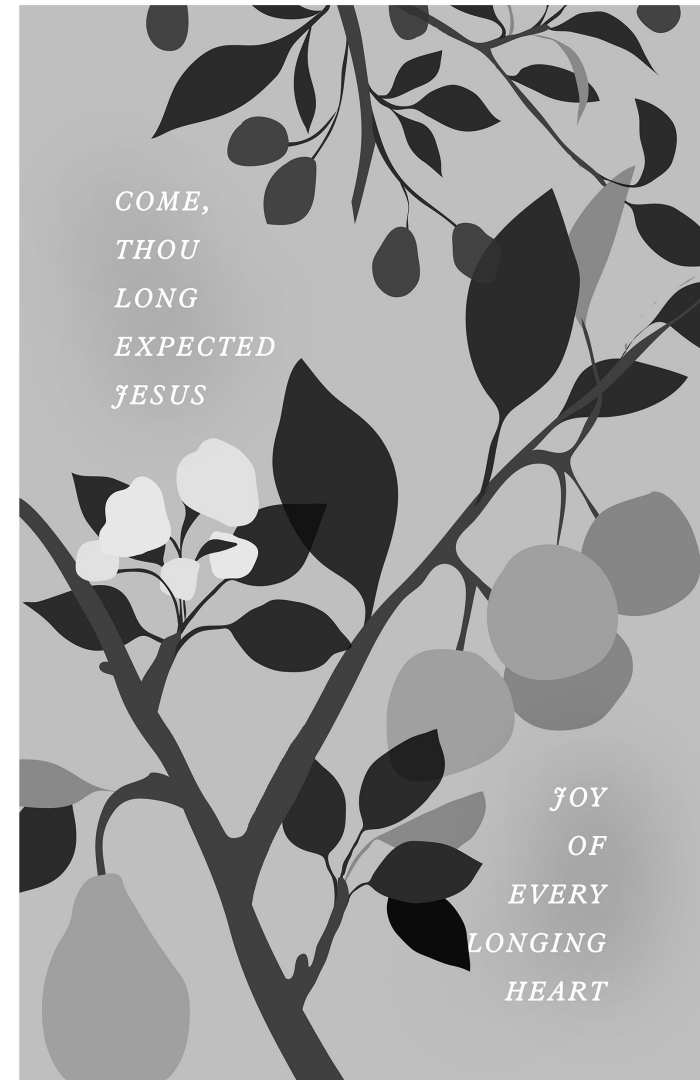
Postlude: "Vieux Noel" Franck/Godding

Worship Participants

Pastor: Pastor Joel Kok ♦ Organ/Piano: Lois Vander Zee ♦ Violin: Amie Smit
 Instrumentalists: Will Breems, Corrie DeVries, Stetsen Fedders, Benjamin Ploegstra, Layne Vos
 Worship Leader: Mark Tazelaar ♦ Readers: Tom & Ruth Clark
 Candlelighters: Everett Fedders, Eli Horstman
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Advent

December 16, 2018



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

Prelude: "The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came" Kevin Sadowski
 "Bring a Torch" ...to the cradle run, Christ is born Denis Bedard

Welcome

*Call to Worship (from Isaiah 12:4-6)

In that day you will say:
 Give praise to the Lord, proclaim that his name is exalted.
 Sing to the Lord, for he has done glorious things;
 let this be known to all the world.

**Shout aloud and sing for joy, people of Zion,
 for great is the Holy One of Israel among you.**

*Song: "With Joy I Heard My Friends Exclaim" LUYH 66:1-3
 "Blessed Be the God of Israel" LUYH 67:1,3

*Prayer of Adoration

*God Greet Us, We Greet One Another

*Song: "Joy to the World" LUYH 92:1,2

Renewal

The Epistle Reading: Philippians 4:4-7 (NRSV) p.1830

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your request be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Reflection

Let us then consider the condition of joy in our lives. . .
 . . . Do worries sometimes seem larger than our confidence that God is near?
 . . . Does the busyness of our lives sometimes interfere in our life of prayer?
 . . . Does anxiety over the big things of the world ruin the little joys of life?

Moment of Silent Prayer and Meditation

Song: "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" LUYH 56:1,3

The Candle Lighting

The Lord your God is in your midst,
 rejoicing over you with gladness, renewing you in love.
 I will bring you home and restore your fortunes, says the Lord.
 In this new light, let us give thanks to the Lord.
 With joy you will draw waters from the wells of salvation.
 May we rejoice in the Lord always.
 We light a third candle to reveal the pathway to faithfulness.
 As a covenant people, let us seek to live in the joy 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 3:1-18 p.1593

Sermon: "What Then Shall We Do?" Pastor Joel Kok

Response

*Song of Response: "On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry" LUYH 70:1-4

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 Missions Fund which enables us to focus on mission efforts both locally and in other countries.

Offertory: "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" Diane Bish

We Share our Joys & Concerns and Pray for Each Other