



Peaceable Kingdom
John August Swanson

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

OPENING VOLUNTARY *LO, HOW A ROSE E'ER BLOOMING*

LESLIE BOYETTE, INTERIM ORGANIST

JOHANNES BRAHMS

(As the opening voluntary begins, please use the time to center yourself for worship.)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

RINGING OF THE BELL

✦ OPENING SENTENCES

In the season of Advent,

We watch, we wait, and we remind each other to keep awake:

Awake to the vision,

Where there is no need for weapons, and the table is big enough for all.

Awake to the Spirit,

For God is on the move, and Christ is coming again.

Christ has come, and Christ is coming.

Alleluia! Amen.

DAVID COZAD

✦ HYMN NO. 107

AWAKE! AWAKE, AND GREET THE NEW MORN

REJOICE, REJOICE

Please join in reading or singing those parts of the service printed in **bold**.

✦ When this symbol precedes an element of the service, please rise in body or spirit.

Many hands helped create the Advent liturgical art in the sanctuary and elsewhere in the church building:

We thank Berta Irwin who created the Advent banners which are hanging in the vestibule across from the Washington Street doors.

The paper lace banners for each Sunday of Advent, representing the traditional themes of Peace, Hope, Joy, and Love, were designed by liturgical artist Ellen Phillips, and cut by members of the Music and Liturgical Arts Committee and the congregation.

We thank the congregation members who brought Nativity sets from all over the world. The diversity of style and materials is truly wonderful.

For the younger ones among us:

Today is the first Sunday of Advent: the season leading up to Christmas. During Advent, we remember that God is working in the world around us, just as God was working in the world on the first Christmas day! During Advent, we use the color blue. What blue things do you see in the sanctuary today?

In Advent we expectantly wait for the One who has already come. We anticipate the promised justice of God's new world, yet we praise God who raised the "righteous branch" to rule with justice and righteousness. We hope for the restoration of the afflicted, the tormented, and the grieving, yet we delight that healing has come in Christ. We long for the beating of swords into plowshares, yet we rejoice that the Prince of Peace has appeared. We yearn for the barren deserts of our inner cities to flourish, yet we laud the desert Rose that has bloomed. We dream of the land where lions and lambs live in harmony, yet we acclaim the child born to lead us into the promised land.

Companion to the Book of Common Worship, PC(USA)

✦CALL TO CONFESSION

MOLLY MCGINNIS

✦PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Advent God, come among us.
Awaken us to your justice, and fill us with your peace.
Forgive us when our hunger for justice gives way to our hunger for power.
Forgive us when our hope for peace is swallowed by our fear of failure.
Forgive us when our songs of faith are drowned out by the shouts of the world.
Advent God, come among us, and make all things new.

(Silence for personal prayer and reflection.)

✦ASSURANCE OF PARDON

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

PICARDY



As we light our first Advent candle,
We awaken our spirits to the peace of God.
May the peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

✦PASSING THE PEACE

RESPONSE

O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL

VENI EMMANUEL

CHORAL ENSEMBLE

O come, O come Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

MATTHEW 24:36-44

PAGE 26, NT, PEW BIBLE

SECOND READING

ISAIAH 2:1-5

PAGE 644, OT, PEW BIBLE

SERMON

ANNA GEORGE TRAYNHAM

RESPONDING TO AND SEALING THE WORD

✦HYMN NO. 378

WE WAIT THE PEACEFUL KINGDOM

MERLE'S TUNE

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

(Please sign the Friendship Pad found at one end of your pew, and pass it along.)

MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY O COME, EMMANUEL ARR. ALICE PARKER

CHANCEL CHOIR

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, thou dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight. (*Refrain*)

O come, thou Key of David, come and open wide our heavenly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery. (*Refrain*)

✦ AT THE PRESENTATION ADVENT DOXOLOGY OLD HUNDREDTH

All praise, eternal Christ, to thee,
whose advent sets thy people free;
once more upon thy people shine,
and fill the world with love divine. A-men.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 God thanks and praise . . .

THE 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

(If you require gluten-free elements, please go to the center station to the second set of servers.

If you wish to be served in your pew, indicate your desire to an usher.)

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD
INTO THE WORLD

✦ HYMN No. 350 KEEP YOUR LAMPS TRIMMED AND BURNING KEEP YOUR LAMPS

✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYMN No. 378, STANZA 2 MERLE'S TUNE

Where is the peaceful kingdom? When will this new day start?

We long for peace and comfort to reign within each heart.

Yet not in our lives lonely, nor simply in our home:

We pray that all creation will one day find shalom.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY FROM HEAVEN ABOVE TO EARTH I COME JOHANN PACHELBEL

WORSHIP NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our liturgists today are David Cozad Molly McGinnis.

Our lector today is David Hunter.

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WELCOME VISITORS

Welcome to Central! We are glad you are here! All are invited to worship God in this place. Wherever you are on the journey of faith, may Central be a community in which you can be nurtured and supported along the way and a place where you may serve and be served in the spirit of Christ. Contact David Cozad at dcozad@cpcatlanta.org to learn more about life at Central. We hope to see you again soon!

THOSE SERVING DURING WORSHIP TODAY

Ushers

Jeff Spruell, captain
Mary Sidney Harbert ▪ Sherry Wright
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Em McNair ▪ Wills Moore

Greeters

Isabel Werber ▪ Daphne Evans
Nancy Wilkes ▪ Martha Kimes

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Doris Beachy ▪ Roland Kinser
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Choir Guild

Kathy Kohn



Order Scottish Shortbread Cookies for the holidays after worship in Tull Hall, and support the Chancel Choir's trip to Scotland. Cookies will be baked by choir members on December 10 for pick up on Sunday, December 11 after church. Our trial batch was pronounced absolutely yummy!

THIS WEEK AT CENTRAL

Sunday, November 27

12:15 p.m. Peace Vigil
12:15 p.m. Fellowship Lunch
12:45 p.m. Jerusalem Choir

Monday, November 28

6:00 p.m. Stated Session Meeting

Tuesday, November 29

9:30 a.m. All Staff Meeting
10:30 a.m. Worship Staff

Wednesday, November 30

6:00 p.m. Dress Rehearsal - Amahl

Thursday, December 1

Church Offices Closed

Friday, December 2

7:00 p.m. Full Cast Rehearsal - Amahl

Saturday, December 3

9:30 a.m. Pick-up Christmas Greens
11:00 a.m. Family Mission Opportunity
7:30 p.m. Amahl and the Night Visitors

Sunday, December 4

9:00 a.m. Children's Choirs
9:00 a.m. Youth Handbell Choir
9:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School
9:45 a.m. Kiva
11:00 a.m. Worship for the Lord's Day
Second Sunday of Advent
David Cozad preaching
12:15 p.m. Peace Vigil
12:15 p.m. Fellowship Lunch
12:45 p.m. Jerusalem Choir
12:45 p.m. Pageant Rehearsal
2:00 p.m. Amahl and the Night Visitors



'Tis the Season

Each year, Central offers you the opportunity to remember or honor a loved one during Advent through a gift to the Sanctuary Flower Fund. Your gift will continue to bring joy and beauty by supporting the general flower fund throughout the New Year.

You may complete a form on the CPC website (Go to the home page; follow the link to *Joy of Giving*) or complete the form below and place it in the offering plate or in Sandra McDonald's mail folder in the church office by Wednesday, December 14, along with a check payable to "Central Presbyterian Church" and designated for "Sanctuary Flower Fund." Names of donors and those being remembered or honored will be published in the worship bulletin on December 18.

Central's Sanctuary Flower Fund Donor's name: _____

This Gift is made in honor of: _____

or in memory of: _____

Amount of donation: _____