

Service on the Lord's Day
First Sunday in Advent, November 29, 2026

May we have a song in our hearts to welcome Christ.

GATHERING – WE ENTER GOD'S MUSIC

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting Advent Wreath Come to Us, O Christ, With Singing *(verse 1)*
(Choir sings the first time)

Come to us, O Christ with singing,
Christ, our Hope, your dream is strong.
Come to us, Emmanuel!
O Christ, be our song!

Opening Overture

Come to Us, O Christ, With Singing *(verse 1)*
(Congregation and choir sing together)

Lighting the Advent Wreath Meg and Scott Hessen

Leader: Your response to each statement is "We sing for Hope!"
One: Lift your voices in praise to God, the Composer of our lives.
All: We sing for Hope!
One: Blend your tune in harmony with all people.
All: We sing for Hope!
One: Join your note on the music staff of all creation.
All: We sing for Hope! *(Light one purple candle.)*
One: May this light, gift of God, bring hope to those feeling hopeless.
All: We sing for Hope!

Carol Introduction

***Opening Carol #9** O Come, O Come Emmanuel **Please stand in body or spirit*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession *(together in one voice)*

Christ of many names, we come to you today needing the hope you promise.
Come to us, abide with us, and help us to rejoice even in the midst of uncertainty.
We bring all of our misgivings, disappointments, and regrets to you in this silence…

Personal confession, remembering the ways we seek or need to offer God's grace and love…

Assurance

One: God promises to free us from the chains of regret.
Let the music of hope fill and heal our hearts.
Let our rejoicing lead to action on behalf of the hopeless.
All: We pray this in the name of the coming Christ,
who forgives and uplifts us with melodies of grace.

***Congregational Response #2085** He Came Down

He came down that we may have hope; he came down that we may have hope;
He came down that we may have hope, Hallelujah forever more.

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

One: God hears every prayer. God is our hope and our peace, forgiving our sins in Christ. You are invited to share a sign of Christ's peace with one another by turning and greeting each other saying, the Peace of Christ be with you and responding …
All: And, also with you.

WE LISTEN DEEPLY FOR GOD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Isaiah 11:6-9 Old Testament pg. 602

A Carol for Listening We Dream of a Turning LOCH LOMOND
Adam M.L. Rice

From Adam M.L. Rice – the text of this hymn both looks forward to the full restoration of creation and celebrates the ways in which the restoration is underway. Here is a lyrics teaser:

We dream of a turning from ages of wrong, earth to Eden restored, and our pardon …
Where true peace is shining as hate rolls away … bring a hope far beyond all our dreaming.

Scripture Reading Isaiah 11:1-5 Old Testament pg. 602

Sermon Yearning
Rev. Roberta Kearney, Transitional Pastor

WE RESPOND TO THE SOUNDS OF HOPE

***Carol #36** In the Bleak Midwinter

***Affirmation of Faith** based on Psalm 85:9-13

With the writer of the psalm let us affirm,
We believe God's salvation is surely at hand,
so the glory of the Most High may dwell in our land.
We believe steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;
righteousness and peace will kiss each other.
We believe faithfulness will spring up from the ground,
and righteousness look down from the sky.

Sharing Joys and Concerns

***Carol #2** Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

Solo: Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;

All: Born to reign in us forever, Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal Spirit Rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine own sufficient merit, raise us to Thy glorious throne.

Prayers of the People

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.

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

***Congregational Response #63** As with Gladness Men of Old *(verse 3)*

As they offered gifts most rare, at the manger rude and bare;
So may we with holy joy, pure and free from sin's alloy,
All our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to Thee, our heavenly King.

WE TAKE GOD'S MUSIC TO THE WORLD

***Closing Carol #11** O Lord, How Shall I Meet You?

***Benediction**

All: May Christ come to us now and always,
and may we have a song in our hearts to welcome him."

Postlude

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WE'RE SO GLAD YOU CAME TO WORSHIP. WE WANT TO DO ALL WE CAN TO HELP YOU FEEL AT HOME.

- ***Visitors****, in the information brochure please tell us about yourself, and then place it in the offering plate.*
- *Children are welcome in the service!* ***Children's bulletins*** *are available from the ushers.*
- ***Nursery care*** *is also available for children thru age 3. The nursery is located directly under the sanctuary.*
- ***Assistive Listening Devices*** *are also available – please see Tom Trumbetas, head usher.*

Happening this Week

MONDAY

Cub Scout Troop 151 Meeting | *Hall*	7-9 pm

TUESDAY

Thrift Shop	10 am–3 pm
Joys & Concerns Chat | *Zoom*	3-4 pm
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WEDNESDAY

Joys & Concerns Chat | *see Tue Zoom link*	3-4 pm
Boy Scout Troop 151 Meeting | *Hall*	7-9 pm
AA Meeting | *Lower CE Bldg.*	7-8 pm
Deacons meeting | Zoom link is sent	7:30 pm

THURSDAY

Joys & Concerns Chat | *see Tue Zoom link*	3-4 pm
Choir Rehearsal	6:30 pm

SATURDAY

Thrift Shop	10 am–4 pm

SUNDAY

AA Meeting | *Lower CE Bldg.*	8-9 am
Worship	10:30 am

TouchPoint meets today after worship



Youth Group is open to all youth from 6th to 12th grade between October and May. For meeting dates, special events, and retreats, please contact the Youth Group Leaders at youthgroup@marplepres.org.

Angel Tree ornaments are in the Narthex. Please bring gifts unwrapped with name tags to church no later than Sunday, December 20th.

A Feast of Carols Luncheon – Dec 6
Register in the Narthex. We gather after worship.

Tell Us about Your Favorite Christmas Carol
Forms are in the Narthex. Please fill it out and bring it to the luncheon.

Poinsettia Orders – Deadline Dec 13
Order forms are in the Narthex

Longest Night Worship, Dec 21, 7 pm in Chapel