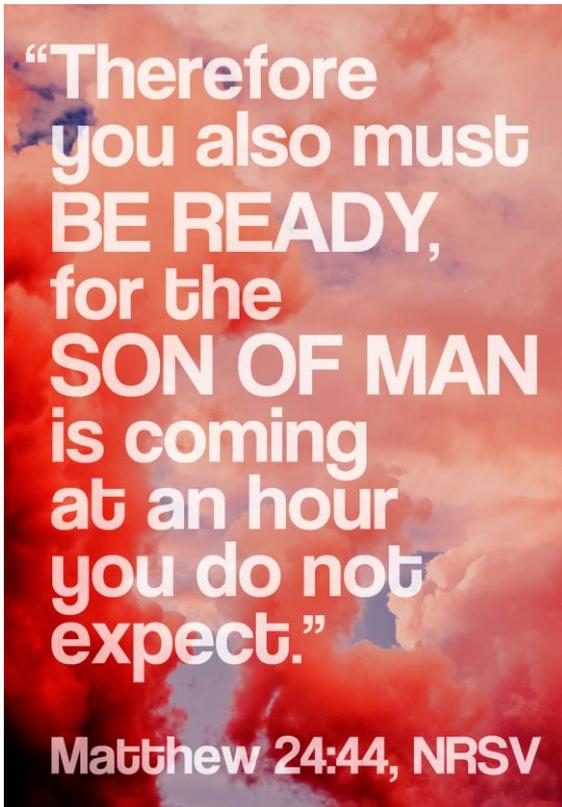


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Mission Statement:

Emanuel: God with Us ~ Loving Christ, Loving Others

Our Ministers This Morning Include:

Rev. Michael L. Poole Jr.

Director of Music - Organist: Paul Burnside

2022 – Who is God calling us to be?

“See, I am making all things new” Revelation 21:5a

Prelude *“Now Thank We All Our God”* Bell Choir
(10:30)

Welcome

*Please stand in body or spirit.

Lighting of the First Advent Candle

P: One of the best known customs for the Advent Season is the use of an Advent Wreath. The wreath and winter candle-lighting in the midst of growing darkness strengthen some of the Advent images found in the Bible. The unbroken circle of greens is clearly an image of everlasting life, a victory wreath, the crown of Christ, or the wheel of time itself. Christians use the wreath as a sign that Christ reaches into our time to lead us to the light of everlasting light. The use of the four candles – three blue and one rose – mark the progress of the four weeks of Advent and growth of light. The rose candle of the third week is a sign of joy and rejoicing during this period of waiting. The candles represent part of the story: prophecy, Bethlehem, shepherds, and angels. The white candle in the center symbolizes what we are waiting for – the Christ – to enter our world. When lit on Christmas Eve – the Light of the World will *wear the Advent Crown of victory for us.*

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

P: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the Universe. You call all nations to walk in your light and to seek your ways of justice and peace, for the night is past, and the dawn of your coming is near. Bless us as we light the first candle of this wreath. Rouse us from sleep, that we may be ready to greet our Lord when he comes and welcome him into our hearts and homes, for he is our light and our salvation.

C: **Blessed be God forever! Amen!**

(First candle is lit)

“He Came Down” #253 vs. 1

He came down that we may have love; he came down that we may have love; he came down that we may have love; hallelujah forevermore.

P: Isaiah 9:2 says, “The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lives in a land of deep darkness – on them light has shown.

C: **With this Prophecy candle, a glimmer of light, shining through untold ages, illuminates our path toward Bethlehem. Trembling as it flickers, it is the light of hope – sparked by the words of the prophets, tended and fanned into flame by all of God’s faithful. We dare to hope and follow its light!**

Hymn *“Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn”* #242

Greeting

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

Kyrie *“Lord Have Mercy”* Page 98

Canticle of Praise *“Glory to God”* Page 99

Prayer of The Day

L: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

L: Let us pray. Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come.

C: **By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*Please be seated.

Anthem

“An Advent Song”

Emanuel Choir

(10:30)

First Lesson

Isaiah 2:1-5

Pew Bible pg. 484

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Responsive Reading

Psalm 122

L: I was glad when they said to me, “Let us go to the house of the LORD.”

C: **Now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.**

L: Jerusalem is built as a city that is at unity with itself;

C: **to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, the assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the LORD.**

L: For there are the thrones of judgment, the thrones of the house of David.

C: **Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: “May they prosper who love you.**

L: Peace be within your walls and quietness within your towers.

C: **For the sake of my kindred and companions, I pray for your prosperity.**

L: Because of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek to do you good.”

Second Lesson Romans 13:11-14 Pew Bible pg. 804

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Sermon (10:30)

*Please stand in body or spirit.

The Holy Gospel Matthew 24:36-44 Pew Bible pg. 701

Gospel Acclamation "Alleluia" Page 102

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. *Repeat alleluia*
Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 24th chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

L: The gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.

Sermon

"No One Knows?"
Matthew 24:36-44

Pastor Mike

*Please stand in body or spirit.

Hymn of the Day "My Lord, What a Morning" #438

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

L: God, in your mercy,
C: **hear our prayer.**

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 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 and ever. Amen.

Peace

L: The peace of Christ be with you always.
C: **And also with you.**

*Please be seated.

Offering

Offertory

“Advent Promise”

Bell Choir

(10:30)

*Please stand in body or spirit.

Offertory Response “*Create in Me a New Heart*” #186

♪ **Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.**

Offering Prayer

P: Savior of the nations, come. Make your home here in us. Feed us with your love, that our faith shine ever new and our lives reveal your light.

C: **Amen.**

Blessing

P: May Christ, the Sun of righteousness, shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path. Almighty God, Father, (+) Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Sending “*Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending*” #265

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude