



**PRELUDE**

Meditation on "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

P. Fey

**GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY**

**ADVENT INTROIT**

O Come, Emmanuel

P.P. Olejar

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**\*PROCESSIONAL CAROL**

#161 People Look East

BESANÇON

**\*INVOCATION AND 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Church of Scotland)

God of promises,  
when we get tired of waiting,  
when we expect the worst in each other,  
when we dim our lights so there's more for us,  
love us back to life.

Shine Your light on our path  
so we can find You and each other.  
Magnify Your vision in our lives.  
Amen.

(Silence for personal confession and reflection)

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

R. Goodson

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now and  
Ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

**ANTHEM**

Advent Proclamation

L. Dengler

**FIRST READING**

Micah 5:2-5 Pages 966, 1st half of the NRSV Bible  
Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

**\*CAROL OF PRAISE**

#165 When God Is a Child

GATES

**ADVENT CANDLE-LIGHTING (The Candle of Love)  
ANTHEM**

Advent's Holy Light (See insert)

J. Raney

**LITANY**

Love creates the bonds that provide us  
with deep meaningful relationships.

**The greatest of all gifts is love.**

Love inspires random acts of kindness and generosity.

**The greatest of all gifts is love.**

Love causes us to only look for the best in others.

**The greatest of all gifts is love.**

Love allows us to be accepted for who we are, flaws and all.

**The greatest of all gifts is love.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**\*CAROL OF MEDITATION**

#173 Magnificat Sing 3x  
(Sing Out, My Soul)

Taizé Community

**SECOND READING**

Luke 1:39-55

Page 58, 2nd half of the NRSV Bible

Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

**SERMON**

Rev. Jeremy Keay

(Silence for personal reflection)

**CELEBRATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**Offertory**

Of the Father's Love Begotten

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

**\*Offertory Response**

So, bring him incense, gold and myrrh,  
come peasant, king, to own him;  
the King of kings salvation brings,  
let loving hearts enthrone him.  
This, this is Christ the King,  
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
haste, haste to bring him laud,  
the babe, the son of Mary!

**\*Prayer of Gratitude**

**\*CAROL FOR THE JOURNEY**

#189 Angels From the Realms of Glory

REGENT SQUARE

**\*THE BLESSING OF THE COMMUNITY**

**Leader:** May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit  
be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

**\*Choral Benediction**

Blessing

S. & L. Dengler

**\*The Sending of the Community**

**\*Congregational Amen**

*The service of the church into the world - - begins again this week*

**POSTLUDE**

Variations and Carillon on "People Look East"

M. Himmelman

**\*Please stand, as you are able**

We are grateful for those who serve with us today:  
Prayers of the People - Becky Bonham;  
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members who have severe scent sensitivities, we ask that people refrain  
from wearing perfumes and colognes on Sunday morning to church.  
Thank you for helping us care for one another.*

— FBC Council