

The Angel Gabriel to Mary Came

traditional Basque carol

Welcome and Announcements

Lia Scholl

Hymn of Praise

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

VENI EMMANUEL

***O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here,
until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.***

*That none who cry aloud may cry in vain,
that those who fear may never walk alone,
that those near death may see the light of day,
that those who doubt may find deeper faith.*

***O come, Thou dayspring, come and cheer
our spirits by thine advent here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's deep shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.***

*That broke folk may know they will be made whole,
that guilty folk may find themselves forgiven.
For all of us who watch and wait in the night,
that the light from high will shine on us again.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel*

Godly Play

The Shepherds

Lighting the Advent Candle

The poet, Mary Oliver, wrote:

“If you suddenly and unexpectedly feel joy, don’t hesitate. Give in to it...life has some possibility left...Joy is not made to be a crumb.”

It seemed impossible, but the Israelites returned to their home from exile in Babylon. The prophet Isaiah offered a song of celebration. Come and rejoice! Eat and drink! Get your priorities in order! Can’t you see that God is close by? The people rejoiced, amazed to have a second chance. The end of the story has yet to be written.

When we light the candle of Joy, we celebrate the One who has come, is coming and will come again

Prayers of the People

First Lesson from the Hebrew Bible

Isaiah 9:2-

The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined.
You have multiplied the nation,
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.
For the yoke of their burden,
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.
For all the boots of the tramping warriors
and all the garments rolled in blood
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

Hymn of Offering

For One Great Peace

POXC

1. This thread I weave, this step I dance, this
2. this pot I shape, this fire I light, this
3. this check I write, this march I join, this

stone I carve, this ball I bounce, this nail I drive, this
fence I leap, this bone I knit, this seed I nurse, this
faith I state, this truth I sign, this is small part, in

pearl I string, this flag I wave, this note I sing,
rift I mend, this child I raise, this earth I tend,
one small place, of one heart's beat for one great Peace.

Congregation: Unison
WORDS: Shirley Erena Murray
MUSIC: Jim Strathdee

for justice or of mercy, let us resist and disrupt together.

Because we missed worship last Sunday due to snow, we'll still receive our **Beans! Beans! offering** for the New Communion Mobile Pantry today. These beans go directly to families in need, brought right to their neighborhood, with no forms to fill out, no exclusionary clauses, no IDs necessary.

Thank you for your generous gifts to The Parenting Path (formerly SCAN) family. Christmas elves Sara Sinal and Lydia Cavanaugh delivered gifts your gifts. They received everything on the list and much more!

You should have received an update on your **2018 pledged giving** via email this week. If you did not, please contact Lia, Ross, or Outfitters4 (email to: vfbc@outfitters4.com) so that we can make sure your records are correct. Checks for 2018 will be received through mid-January. Feel free to send your offerings to Wake Forest Baptist Church, P O Box 7326, Winston-Salem, NC 27109.

Music and lyrics are reprinted with permission of OneLicense # A-719218.

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

Sunday, December 16 Third Sunday of Advent

9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Worship, Davis Chapel
12:00 Reception

Sunday, December 23 Third Sunday of Advent

11:00 Worship, Davis Chapel
12:00 Reception

Monday, December 24

5:00 Christmas Eve Worship, Davis Chapel

Supplies needed:

- The printout of the ornament pieces that you will be coloring—we recommend printing them out onto thick card stock paper if you can.
- A pair of scissors
- Tape and a glue stick
- Coloring pencils/crayons/markers
- Baker's twine/string/thread

Steps:

1. We recommend having your child/children color and decorate the ornament pieces first. If you have more than one child, you may want to print out a set for each child to make their own ornament set.
2. Once the ornament pieces have been colored and decorated, cut along the dotted line around each of the ornament pieces.
3. Fold each piece down the middle.
4. Use small rolls of tape or glue to adhere the inside halves of two of the ornament pieces, making sure they match evenly.
5. With the string, create a long loop, then glue or tape the bottom parts of the string into the center of the two pieces. Knot the loop at the top of the ornament.
6. Glue or tape the third ornament piece to the inside of the other blank half.

© 2018 Illustrated Children's Ministry, LLC. All Rights Reserved. May be reproduced for congregational and personal use provided each copy carries this notice. illustratedchildrensministry.com