

Welcome and announcements

Introit “Come Thou Redeemer of the Earth”

by M. Pretorius

Call to worship: *That your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that on the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.” (Phil 1; 9-11)*

HYMN: SP 249 (omit v3) O Lord my God

<p>1. O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder Consider all the works thy hand hath made I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder Thy power throughout the universe displayed</p> <p>Chorus <i>Then sings my soul my Saviour God to thee How great thou art! how great thou art The sings my soul my Saviour God to thee Jow great thou art, how great thou art</i></p>	<p>2. When though the woods and forest glades I wander And hear the birds song sweetly in the trees; When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur, And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze</p> <p>4. When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation And take me home - what joy shall fill my heart. Then shall I bow in humble adoration And there proclaim, My God how great thou art</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Stuart Hine Tune: How Great Thou Art</p>
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Prayer: Thanksgiving, Confession. Lord’s Prayer

Lighting of the Advent Candle : David and Janet Leadbeater

<p><u>Chorus</u> Christmas is coming, the church is glad to sing and let the Advent candles brightly burn in a ring</p>	<p>2. The second's for the prophets who said that Christ would come with good news for many and angry words for some....</p> <p><i>chorus</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">John Bell</p>
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Bible Reading: Luke 1; 67-79

ANTHEM – Angelus ad Virginem (Gabriel to Mary came) - traditional English carol

Sermon – Preparing...

Hymn: SP 276 Great is thy faithfulness

<p>1. Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father There is no shadow of turning with thee; Thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not, As thou hast been thou for ever wilt be</p> <p><i>Great is thy faithfulness Great is thy faithfulness Morning by morning new mercies I see All I have needed thy hand hath provided Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me</i></p>	<p>2. Summer and winter, and spring-time and harvest Sun, moon and stars in their courses above Join with all nature in manifold witness To thy great faithfulness, mercy and love</p> <p>3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, Blessings all mine with ten thousand beside.</p> <p>Thomas Chisolm Tune: Faithfulness</p>
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Dedication of the Offering.

Followed by sharing The Grace

Prayer of Intercession

HYMN: SP 13 Longing for light, we wait in darkness

<p>1. Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you. Make us your own, your holy people, Light for the world to see.</p> <p><i>Christ be our Light! Shine in our hearts Shine through the darkness Christ be our Light Shine in your church gathered today.</i></p> <p>2. Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair. Your word alone has power to save us. Make us your living voice.</p>	<p>3. Longing for food, many are hungry. Longing for water, many still thirst. Make us your bread, broken for others, Shared until all are fed.</p> <p>4. Longing for shelter, many are homeless. Longing for warmth, many are cold. Make us your building, sheltering others, Walls made of living stone.</p> <p>5. Many the gifts, many the people, Many the hearts that yearn to belong. Let us be servants to one another, Making your kingdom come.</p> <p>Bernadette Farrell Tune: Christ be our Light</p>
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Blessing

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