



Third Sunday of Advent
December 14, 2025
Anno Mundi 5955

**ALL
SAINTS**
C H U R C H

CALL TO WORSHIP & PROCESSIONAL

†The congregation standing

Advent Candle Liturgy - The Candle of Joy

Noah + Mallory Northup

Prelude - *Psalm 80:14-19*

Adult + Junior Choirs

*Restore us, God of hosts;
restore us, God of hosts
Let your face shine, that we may be saved!
Turn again, O God of hosts!
Look down from heaven, and see; have
regard for this vine, the stock that your
right hand planted, and for the son whom
you made strong for yourself.*

*They have burned it with fire; they have
cut it down; may they perish at the rebuke
of your face!
But let your hand be on the man of your
right hand, the son of man whom you
have made strong for yourself!*

*Then we shall not turn back from you;
give us life,
and we will call up on your name!
Restore us, God of hosts;
restore us, God of hosts.
Let your face shine, that we may be saved!*

Procession + Psalm of the Day, back cover

Call to Worship

Minister: Arise now and ascend to the heavenly city in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit!

Congregation: Amen!

†Processional Hymn - *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*, next page

Minister: The grace and peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you!

Congregation: And also with you!

Minister: A voice cries in the wilderness, prepare the way of the Lord! Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain shall be made low!

Congregation: Then the glory of the LORD will be revealed, and all flesh will see it together. Amen.

CONFESSION: SIN OFFERING + ABSOLUTION

The congregation is invited to kneel.

Unison: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen. *Silent confession.*

Minister: The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world and to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God. Therefore, as a minister of the Gospel, I declare that your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Congregation: Thanks be to God. Our sins are forgiven in Jesus' name. Amen

Minister: Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

Congregation: For behold, darkness will cover the earth, and deep darkness the peoples; but the LORD will rise upon you.

†Ascension Hymn - *Savior of the Nations, Come*, turn page

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

1. Come, Thou long - ex - spect - ed Je - sus, Born to set Thy peo - ple free;
2. Born Thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, Born a child and yet a King,

From our fears and sins re - lease us; Let us find our rest in Thee.
Born to reign in us for - ev - er, Now Thy gra - cious king - dom bring.

Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, Hope of all the earth Thou art,
By Thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it Rule in all our hearts a - lone;

Dear De - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion, Joy of ev - 'ry long-ing heart.
By Thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it, Raise us to Thy glo - rious throne.

Music: Rowland Hugh Prichard, 1855
Text: Charles Wesley, 1744

HYFRYDOL
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Savior of the Nations, Come

1. Sav - ior of the na - tions, come; Vir - gin's Son, make here Thy home.
 2. Not by hu - man flesh and blood, By the Spir - it of our God
 3. Won - drous birth! O won - drous Child Of the vir - gin un - de - filed!
 4. From the Fa - ther's throne He came And re - turn - eth to the same,
 5. Thou, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son, Hast o'er sin the vic - t'ry won.
 6. Praise to God the Fa - ther sing, Praise to God the Son, our King,

Mar - vel now, O heav'n and earth, That the Lord chose such a birth.
 Was the Word of God made flesh— Wo - man's off-spring, pure and fresh.
 Though by all the world dis - owned, Still to be in Heav'n en - throned!
 Cap - tive lead - ing death and Hell— High the song of tri - umph swell!
 Bound - less shall Thy king - dom be; When shall we its glo - ries see?
 Praise to God the Spir - it be Ev - er and e - ter - nal - ly.

Music: Johann Walter's *Geistliches Gesangbüchlein*, 1524

NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND

Text: Ambrose of Milan, 397; German tr. Martin Luther, 1524; tr. William M. Reynolds, 1860; alt.

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† Collect for the Third Sunday of Advent

Unison: Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

CONSECRATION: SCRIPTURE & TEACHING

The Lesson - Isaiah 35:1-10

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

The First Psalm - Luke 1:67-79: *Song of Zechariah*, next page

Congregation: Amen! (*following the Psalm*)

The Epistle - James 5:7-10

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

The Second Psalm - Luke 1:67-79: *Song of Zechariah*, next page

Congregation: Amen! (*following the Psalm*)

The Gospel - Matthew 11:2-11

Reader: The Gospel of Christ!

Congregation: Praise be to You, O Christ!

**Chant Singing
Instructions:**

Each line of the Scripture corresponds to one measure in the music. Sing the words of the Scripture on the first note, changing pitches whenever you see a dot (.) or slash (/).



Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel;
he has come to his people and set them free.
He has raised up for us a mighty savior,
born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old
that he would save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all who hate us.
He promised to show mercy to our fathers
and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham,
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
Free to worship him without fear,
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
To give his people knowledge of salvation
by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
To shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be forever. Amen.

† The Creed (The Nicene Creed)

Unison: We believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who, for us men, and for our salvation, came down from Heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the virgin, Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into Heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end. And we believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, and Giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the Prophets. And we believe one holy catholic and apostolic Church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

† *Gloria Patri* - Sung, lifting holy hands (Psalm 63:4).

Cantus Christi, p. 436

Sermon - Restore Us: O God (Psalm 80)

Reverend Kasey Horvath

Prayers of the People

Leader: Lord in your mercy...

Congregation: Hear our prayers.

†*The Lord's Prayer* - Sung, lifting holy hands (I Tim. 2:8)

Minister: Our father,

Congregation: who art in heaven...

Tribute Offering - *Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the first fruits of all your produce.* Proverbs 3:9

Let All Mortal Men Keep Silence

Adult Choir

Liturgy of St. James, adapted by Gerard Moultrie, 1864, Arr. by Mikaela Bohannon

*Let all mortal flesh keep silence and with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly minded for with blessing in his hand.
Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.*

*King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth he stood.
Lord of lords in human vesture in the body and his blood,
He will give to all the faithful his own self for heav'nly food.*

*Rank on rank the light host of heaven spread its vanguard on the way,
As the Light of light descendeth from the realms of endless day
That the powers of hell may vanish as the darkness clears away.*

*At his feet the six winged seraph cherubim with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to the presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry.
"Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, Lord Most High!"*

COMMUNION: THE PEACE OFFERING & EUCHARIST

The Sursum Corda

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

Congregation: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

Congregation: It is good and right so to do.

Minister: It is truly good, right, and salutary... evermore praising thee, and singing (next page):

The Sign of Peace - *The peace of Christ to you.*

The Bread and the Wine - *All baptized Christians are welcome to the Table. Gluten free bread is available.*

Eucharist Hymns (following pages)

Sanctus

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Ho - ly is the Lord!
 2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Ho - ly is the Lord!

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Wor - shiped and a - dored.
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Wor - shiped and a - dored.

He with - out be - gin - ning, Age - less and the same,
 Lord of hosts, the glo - ry From Thy throne out - poured

Is and ev - er shall be; Glo - ry to His name.
 Fills the earth and heav - ens; Ho - ly is the Lord!

Music: Franz Schubert, *Deutsche Messe*, 1827; adapted Richard Proulx, 1985
 Text: Traditional

He Will Rejoice over You with Singing

Zephaniah 3:17

4-part canon

He will re - joice o-ver you with sing - ing, He will re - joice o-ver you with His song!

The LORD your God is in your midst; The Might - y One will save; He will re -

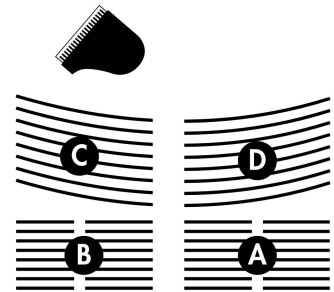
joice o-ver you with glad ness, He will qui-et you with His love,

He will re - joice, He will re - joice, He will re - joice with shouts of joy!

Music: David R. Erb, 2008 ©

Text: Holy Bible, King James Version, 1611; alt.

He Will Rejoice Instructions: First time, all sing unison. Next, we will sing a four part round, divided by section of the church (see diagram below). Section A begins, and then Section B begins when A reaches the star at measure 8 (*). Section C joins in when A reaches measure 17, and B reaches 8, and so on. Sing your part in the round two times, then the last line until all groups are finished.



O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som cap - tive

2. O come, O come, Thou Lord of might, Who to Thy tribes, on

3. O come, Thou Rod of Jes - se, free Thine own from Sa - tan's

4. O come, Thou Day-Spring from on high And cheer us by Thy

5. O come, Thou Key of Dav - id, come, And o - pen wide our

Is - ra - el That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here, Un -

Si - nai's height, In an - cient times didst give the law, In

tyr - an - ny; From depths of hell Thy peo - ple save, And

draw - ing nigh; Dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of night, And

Heav'n - ly home; Make safe the way that leads on high, And

10,4

til the Son of God ap - pear.
 cloud, and ma - jes - ty, and awe.
give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice! Em -
 death's dark shad - ows put to flight.
 close the path to mis - er - y.

15,4

man - u - el Shall come to Thee, O Is - ra - el!

Music: plainchant, c. 1200s; arr. Thomas Helmore, 1856
 Text: Latin antiphon, c. 1100s; tr. John Mason Neale, 1851; alt.

VENI EMMANUEL
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On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

1. On Jor - dan's banks the Bap - tist's cry An - nounc - es that the Lord is nigh;
 2. Then cleansed be ev - 'ry Chris - tian breast And fur - nished for so great a Guest.
 3. *For Thou art our Sal - va - tion, Lord, Our Ref - uge, and our great Re - ward.*
 4. Lay on the sick Thy heal - ing hand And make the fall - en strong to stand;
 5. All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to Thee, Whose ad - vent sets Thy peo - ple free,

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Come, then, and heark - en, for He brings Glad tid - ings from the King of kings.
 Yea, let us each our hearts pre - pare For Christ to come and en - ter there.
With - out Thy grace our souls must fade And with - er like a flow'r de - cayed.
 Show us the glo - ry of Thy face Till beau - ty springs in ev - 'ry place.
 Whom, with the Fa - ther, we a - dore, And Ho - ly Ghost for - ev - er - more.

Music: Christopher Edwin Willing (1830–1904)
 Text: Charles Coffin (1676–1749); tr. John Chandler (1806–1876)

ALSTONE
 8 8. 8 8.

Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

1. Com - fort, com - fort ye my peo - ple, Speak ye peace, thus saith our God;
 2. Yea, her sins our God will par - don, Blot - ting out each dark mis - deed;
 3. For the her - ald's voice is cry - ing In the des - ert far and near,
 4. Make ye straight what long was crook - ed, Make the rough - er plac - es plain.

Com - fort those who sit in dark - ness, Bowed be - neath their sor - row's load.
 All that well de - served His an - ger He no more will see nor heed.
 Bid - ding all men to re - pen - tance Since the king - dom now is here.
 Let your hearts be true and hum - ble, As be - fits His ho - ly reign.

Speak ye to Je - ru - sa - lem Of the peace that waits for them;
 She has suf - fered man - y a day; Now her griefs have passed a - way.
 Oh, that warn - ing cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way!
 For the glo - ry of the Lord Now o'er earth is shed a - broad;

Tell her that her sins I cov - er, And her war - fare now is o - ver.
 God will change her pin - ing sad - ness In - to ev - er - spring - ing glad - ness.
 Let the val - leys rise to meet Him, And the hills bow down to greet Him.
 And all flesh shall see the to - ken That His word is nev - er bro - ken.

Music: *Genevan Psalter*, 1551; harm. Johann Crüger, 1658

Text: Johannes Olearius, 1671; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1863; alt.

AINSI QU'ON OIT LE CERF [GENEVAN 42]

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† COMMISSION & BENEDICTION

Minister: Go in peace to love and serve the risen and reigning Lord Jesus Christ.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

† Hymn - *Lord, Bid Your Servant Go In Peace (Song of Simeon)*

Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace

From Luke 2:29-32

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 6/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of two systems of staves. The first system contains the first two lines of the hymn, and the second system contains the next two lines. The lyrics are printed below the vocal staves, with line numbers 29, 31, 32, and 30 indicating the start of each line of text.

1. ²⁹ Lord, bid Your ser - vant go in peace, Your word is now ful - filled.
2. ³¹ This is the Sav - ior of the world, ³² The Gen - tile's pro - mised light,

³⁰ These eyes have seen sal - va - tion's dawn, This child so long fore - told.
God's glo - ry dwell - ing in our midst, The joy of Is - ra - el.

Music: American traditional melody; arr. Anabel Buchanan, 1938

Text: James J. Quinn, SJ (1919-2010) ©

LAND OF REST (American)

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Events

LESSONS + CAROLS SERVICE

Tonight at 5:00 pm. Reception to follow.

HEADS OF HOUSEHOLDS MEETING

December 21, after church

RED BAG MINISTRY

December 24, 11:30 am. We will pack and distribute bags of joy and personal invitations to Christmas Eve Service around New Holland.

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

December 24, 5:00 pm

TEEN GATHERING

December 27, 6:00 pm - 9:30 pm
at Miller Hall

PAGE + VINE BOOK CLUB

December 29, 6:30 pm

EPIPHANY FEAST

January 6, 6:00 pm

*RSVP and view all events on
the All Saints Church app or online:*

allsaints-church.com/calendar

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Visiting? Welcome! Use this QR code to check in so we can follow up with you.



Children: We firmly believe that children belong in the worship service, as Jesus himself said "to such belong the Kingdom"! While we strive for reverence and order in our worship, we understand that children may occasionally disrupt the service. In such cases, it's important for parents to take appropriate steps to restore order, whether by attending to their child's needs, discreetly stepping out of the sanctuary to discipline, or seeking respite in the nursery. Love your children by bringing them to the Pulpit and Table, and instruct them in the fear of the Lord by teaching them to worship God with reverence and awe. If you are struggling to do this, we encourage you to seek wisdom from your brothers and sisters in Christ. **There is a TV setup in the chapel live-streaming the service for families that may need it: nursing mothers or brief behavioral interruptions.**

Tithe + Offering: Please use the box at the back of the sanctuary for gifts.

Cover Art: *Annunciation*, Henry Ossawa Tanner (1898), based on today's gospel reading.

PSALM OF THE DAY: PSALM 146:4-9

4
When his breath departs, he returns to
the earth;

on that very day his plans perish.

5
Blessed is he whose help is the God of
Jacob,

whose hope is in the Lord his God,

6
who made heaven and earth,
the sea, and all that is in them,
who keeps faith forever;

7
who executes justice for the
oppressed,
who gives food to the hungry.
The Lord sets the prisoners free;

8
the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.
The Lord lifts up those who are bowed
down;

the Lord loves the righteous.

9
The Lord watches over the sojourners;
he upholds the widow and the
fatherless,
but the way of the wicked he brings
to ruin.

All Saints Church is a Reformational and Covenantal Congregation in the Communion of Reformed Evangelical Churches (CREC), founded in 1999. Our vision is to grow in love and to reach out in love because we worship the loving God of the Bible - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We gather to renew our relationship with Him and one another in the Biblical pattern of historic Christian liturgy. In this we affirm God's promises to us and our children and are commissioned to live Christ-centered lives in the world.