Traditional Worship

November 16, 2025 8:45 am



Pentecost



Worship Notes

...making our worship more meaningful & understandable

If you are tuning in to Cherry Creek, welcome and thank you for worshiping with us on this Sunday morning.

Why are we singing an Advent song already? In a culture eager to rush towards Christmas, what does it look like for us to truly prepare for Christ's coming? This year, in anticipation of Christmas, we'll spend a few extra weeks singing Advent songs to "let every heart prepare him room." May it foster a spirit of expectation in our hearts as we look forward to encountering Jesus this season.

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" is one of the most popular songs during Advent. Its timeless text is actually quite old (it is derived from a 12th-century Latin chant), and its melody is of a 15th-century French origin. Perhaps what makes this hymn great is the perfection of the melding of text and music. Its minor key speaks of a dark world in need of Christ. The melody's melismas (moving notes held out on a single syllable) pull out a sense of longing and desperate need. The melody rises to new heights at its climactic chorus, "Rejoice! Rejoice!" No wonder this song has stood the test of time and will continue to do so through the ages.

God Gathers Us

Prelude

Jesus, I Come - arr. Albin Whitworth

Welcome & Call to Worship - from Psalm 49

Invocation

Introit - CCPC Cantus & Choristers Choirs

Dance and Sing for the Lord Will Be With Us - Hopson

Gathering Hymn

#96 O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Thou Who Wast Rich (please see screens)

Gloria Patri no. 733

We Respond to God's Presence

Anthem

Gloria Patri - Saint-Saëns

Worship Through Giving

Prayer of Consecration

Doxology no. 34 - OLD 100TH

Announcements

Greeting

God Reveals His Word to Us

Song of Illumination

O Come, O Come Emmanuel - VENI EMMANUEL

Sermon Rev. Dr. Brad Strait

Scripture: Luke 16:19-31 (page 1041 in pew Bible)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks Be to God!

Series: Windows Into Reality

Message: The Parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus

We Go Forth in Joy

Hymn of Response

#317 Crown Him with Many Crowns

Benediction

As you are able, we invite you to extend your hands out, palms up, in a posture of receiving God's blessing during the benediction.

Postlude

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God - setting, Rick Seaton

Prayer for the Week

Almighty God, your people who have died now live and praise you without ceasing. In you, we join with generations past and those yet unborn. Before you, we are one with those from every nation. Help us enter the joy you prepare for those who love you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (Adapted from a Methodist liturgy)

May We Pray With You? If you would like, please come forward after the service to find a pastor or elder. We'd love to pray for you and/or anoint you with oil (per James 5).

Prayer chain If you would like to be kept up-to-date on prayer needs in our church body, please sign up for the CCPC Prayer chain at cpcprays@cherrycreekpres.org

Assisting in Worship Sanctuary Choir; Cantus & Choristers Choirs, Suzanne Compton, Children & Youth Choirs Coordinator; Lu Downing, accompanist; David Knopp & Tech Team; Usher Team

Giving In response to God's goodness, we are called to offer our whole selves—heart and mind, soul, and strength—in joyful adoration in our daily lives. One way we do that is through giving financially, which you can do in person after the service, by mail or here: https://cherrycreekpres.org/give

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Convergent Worship

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O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing - Roots Worship Collective

Fill This Place - Red Rocks Worship

His Glory and My Good - City Alight

Gloria Patri - Hicks

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Come, Lord Jesus (Even So, Come) - Passion

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