

December 10, 2023
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
Isaiah 59:14-21

*(Asterisk) indicates *Please stand as you are able.*

Welcome, Announcements Laretta Gray

Silent Prayer

PRAISE

*Call to Worship Psalm 80:1-7

Pastor Douglas: The Lord is glorious and exalted.

Congregation: Lord, shine in our hearts and lives.

Pastor Douglas: God's people are often in distress and sorrow.

Congregation: Lord, show your might and deliver us from evil.

Pastor Douglas: We sometimes do not feel the Lord's presence.

Congregation: O Lord, let your face again shine on us.

Pastor Douglas: The Lord was shepherd of his people Israel.

Congregation: Lord, lead us in our way and guide us in our walk.

Pastor Douglas: In this Advent season we stand on tiptoe.

Congregation: Immanuel, invade our lives. Amen.

*Song *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

*Advent Reading

Reader 1: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

Reader 2: The Lord is my stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Reader 1: I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

Reader 2: Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage.

Congregation: Wait for the Lord!

Reader 1: We light these candles as a sign of our waiting and hope for the coming of Christ.

*Prayer of Confession

Lord God, our lives are filled with sin. We forget our neighbor's needs and do not love you above all else. We need a Savior. Help us to be ready for Jesus in our hearts. O come, O come, Savior of the World. Amen.

Silent Confession

*Assurance of Pardon

Pastor Douglas: As we hear the ancient prophecies of the coming of the Messiah, we long for the day when death will be swallowed up and every tear will be wiped away. As we wait expectantly for Christ's promised return, we live in the assurance of God's gracious forgiveness.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

RENEWAL

Pastoral Prayer 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 debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

*Offering

Doxology

THE WORD OF GOD

New Testament Reading Matthew 1:18-25

Sermon Text Isaiah 59:14-21

Sermon "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

*Song *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

*Benediction

*Dismissal: Church, where are you going?

We go forth to serve God's world as those who love our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Glory to God!

SERMON NOTES

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"
Isaiah 59:14-21

I) Introduction - Exiled from the Presence of God

II) The Text - Isaiah 59:14-20 and Matthew 1:23

A) Isaiah 59:14-20 - Judgement and Redemption

OT commentator Brevard Childs on Isaiah 59:20, "the covenant does not rest on human wish or need but on divine determination."

B) Matthew 1:23 - What does Matthew mean by Immanuel, God with us?

III) Application - Letting our light shine through the presence of God in Christ.

A) Stanzas 1 and 3 (past) - God promised to end Israel's exile and all of humanities spiritual exile. That promise is fulfilled in Jesus' first Advent!

B) Stanza 4 (present) - Christians still walk in the night that's shrouded in darkness. However, we have the presence of Christ with us!

C) Stanza 5 (future) - God's promise to "open wide our heavenly home" gives us hope as Christians. We look forward to Christ's last Advent!

IV) Closing - While we listen to O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, ask the Lord to give us a spirit that rejoices! In many ways, that is why the hymn repeats those words five times! The Lord will come back to Zion and exile will be done away with forever!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM: *Keeping Watch* (a Christmas story told through the eyes of the shepherds), featuring kids, youth, and the talents of many from our church is **tonight at 5:00 p.m.** at the **Courtyard Marriott**.

Dinner will be included. There is no charge for this event.

MEMORIAL SERVICE: Donabeth Shaffer passed into the presence of the Lord on November 29, 2023. Please keep the family in your thoughts and prayers. The service will be **Saturday, December 16 at 11:00 a.m.** at **Cloverdale Funeral Home** (1200 N. Cloverdale Rd., Boise, ID, 83713).

CPW CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON: Saturday, December 16, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at **Life's Kitchen** (8574 W Fairview Ave, Boise). Sign up now at information table or call and leave a message. *Space is limited; \$16.00 per person, guests welcome. Must prepay by Dec. 10.* Cash or check (payable to Dottie Barrons).

Come join the Women of Christmas Bible Study group and meet the real "Anna", one of the least known women in the Bible. Anna has much to share with each of us as she is introduced in this exclusive up close and personal interview.

Decorate yourself for Christmas and join in the holiday spirit with your Christian sisters as we finish out 2023. Park in the back parking lot. Enter the meeting room through the red door on the NE side of the building. (Life's Kitchen is not open to the public on this day.)

PASSING OF A MEMBER: B.J. Pharris passed away on Thursday, December 7 at age 102. Thank you for your thoughts and prayers for her family at this time. The family does not wish to have a funeral service. If you have any questions, reach out to Pastor Douglas.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Come join the men's Bible study on **Thursday's at 8:00 a.m.** at the **Ministry Center**. Donuts are provided.

WEEKLY PRAYER MEETING: You are invited to join the weekly prayer meeting on **Friday's at Noon** at the **Ministry Center**. Hope to see you there!

LOCATIONS of UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES:

December 17: *Kleiner Center*

*Christmas Eve Service
December 24 @ 5:00 p.m.*

PRAYER REQUESTS

HEALING AND COMFORT:

EPC PRESBYTERY OF THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST: Pray this week for First Presbyterian Church of Fairbanks in Fairbanks, AK and their Pastor Rev. David McConnell-Booher.

MISSIONS: Please pray for the work and mission of Dave and Mint Dawson in Thailand.

If you are visiting with us this week, please feel free to have your children, join our children's program, and visit with Pastor Douglas or email/call the church office if you have any questions.



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...so that Jesus Christ might come to have first place in everything." Colossians 1:18 (b) NRSV

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