



ADVENT LESSONS & CAROLS

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

NOVEMBER 27, 2022 + 5:30 P.M.



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In the name of Jesus Christ, welcome! Whether you are our guest or a long-time member, we are so glad to have you with us at St. Luke's. We invite you to fully join in this liturgy through song, prayer, and physical action. Copies of The Book of Common Prayer (BCP) and the Hymnal 1982 are found in the pew racks. Along with this bulletin, these resources will guide you through this evening's liturgy.

About this liturgy:

Throughout history, the Church kept Advent as a season of great solemnity - a time in which to meditate upon the ultimate issues of death, judgement, hell and heaven. Advent, though, was also a time of great rejoicing, for Christ would come, not only as Judge, but also as Savior, and would usher in the Kingdom of God. Advent, therefore, provided a vivid preparation for Christmas. Processions from west to east, and the use of lights, spoke of the Church's hope in the coming of Christ - the Light of the world - to banish sin and darkness. Antiphons were sung, calling upon God to deliver his people, and readings from the Old Testament were seen as pointing to the fulfillment of God's purposes in Jesus.

This liturgy has been developed and used at the great English Cathedral at Salisbury and at St. James Cathedral in Chicago, and aims to recapture that Advent longing and hope. It begins in darkness with the Advent Responsory, in which Christ's coming is announced. The Blessing of Light follows, and, as the Service unfolds, the cathedral is transformed from darkness to light.

The service is structured around the *Great "O" Antiphons of Advent*, sung by the choir and congregation. (*O Come, O Come Emmanuel.*) These were sung originally as Antiphons to the Magnificat at the Evening Office from 17th to 23rd December, and have provided a rich source of devotional imagery in Advent. The readings and music serve to complement the Antiphons, and help us reflect on the theme of the Christ who comes to judge and save his people. The Service ends in confident hope in the One who is to come. Even so come, Lord Jesus.

The scripture readings come in pairs. An Old Testament reading speaks of God's promise. A New Testament reading proclaims how the promise is being fulfilled in Christ. And each pair is accented by a musical response that heightens our expectation and invites our trust in the coming of Christ as Judge and Redeemer.

The liturgy begins in subdued light.

VOLUNTARY Melodie

Christoph Gluck (1714-1787)

Joshua Jeans, violin

MATIN RESPONSORY

I look from afar (from *Magnificat*)

Giovanni da Palestrina (c. 1525-1594)

HYMN AT THE PROCESSION *Please stand. Sung by all where indicated.*

Come, thou Redeemer of the earth

Puer nobis, arr. Stuart Foster

Verse 1: Soprano solo

Come, thou Redeemer of the earth,
and manifest thy virgin-birth:
let ev'ry age adoring fall;
such birth befits the God of all.

Verse 2: Choir alone

Begotten of no human will,
but of the Spirit, thou art still
the Word of God in flesh arrayed,
the promised fruit to man displayed.

3. *All sing* The vir - gin womb that bur - den gained with vir - gin
4. *All sing* Forth from his cham - ber go - eth he, that roy - al
5. *Men only* From God the Fa - ther he pro - ceeds, to God the
6. *Women only* O e - qual to the Fa - ther, thou! Gird on thy
7. *All sing* Thy cra - dle here shall glit - ter bright, and dark - ness
8. *Unison* All laud, e - ter - nal Son, to thee whose ad - vent

hon - or all un - stained; the ban - ners there of vir - tue
home of pu - ri - ty, a giant in two - fold sub - stance
Fa - ther back he speeds; his course he runs to death and
flesh - ly man - tle now; the weak - ness of our mor - tal
breathe a new - er light, where end - less faith shall shine se -
sets thy peo - ple free, whom with the Fa - ther we a -

glow; God in his tem - ple dwells be - low.
 one, re - joic - ing now his course to run.
 hell, re - turn - ing on God's throne to dwell.
 state with death - less might in - vi - go - rate.
 rene, and twi - light nev - er in - ter - vene.
 dore, and Ho - ly Ghost for ev - er - more. A - men.

THE BLESSING OF THE LIGHT

The Rev. Dr. Robert Black

Minister: The Lord is my light and my salvation:

People: **To you, O God, the night is as bright as the day.**

Minister: Blessed are you, Lord God, creator of day and night: to you be praise and glory for ever. As darkness falls you renew your promise to reveal among us the light of your presence. By the light of Christ, your living Word, brighten the shadows of life that we may walk as children of light and sing your praise throughout the world. Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

People: **Blessed be God for ever. Amen.**

The Advent wreath is lighted.

ANTHEM *Please be seated.*

Come to Us, Emmanuel

The Children's and Youth Choirs

Carol McClure

BIDDING PRAYER *Please stand.*

Beloved in Christ, in this season of Advent we come to worship the one who is our Judge, our Redeemer, and our Guide. As we await the great festival of Christmas, let us prepare ourselves so that we may be shown its true meaning. Let us hear, in lessons from Holy Scripture, how the prophets of Israel foretold that God would visit and redeem his waiting people. Let us celebrate the promise that our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, will bring all people and all things into the glory of God's eternal kingdom.

First, we pray for those whom the Christ was born: the poor and helpless, the aged and young children; the cold, the hungry, and the homeless; the victims of poverty, injustice, and oppression, the sick and those who mourn, the lonely and the unloved; those in despair or in the shadow of death.

And as we meet to celebrate anew the coming of God's kingdom, we hear revealed the mystery of God's loving purpose for us - how that when we were far off, he met us in his

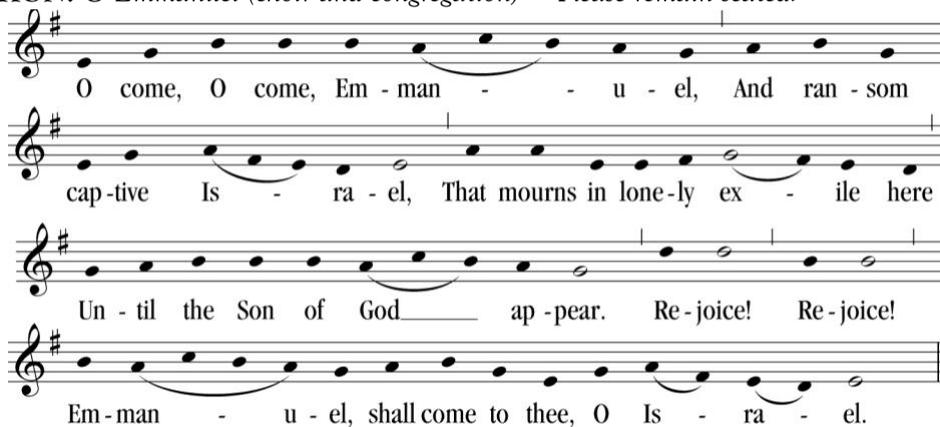
Son and brought us home; how he humbled himself to take our human nature, that we might share his divine glory.

May God, of his grace and mercy, grant to all his people a new trust in his good providence and a new obedience to his sovereign word, for to him is most justly due all glory, honor, worship and praise. And that we might prepare ourselves for his coming, let us turn ourselves to God's goodness and mercy, kneeling and repenting of our sins as we say:

THE CONFESSION *Said by all. Please kneel.* *Book of Common Prayer, 116*
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.

INVITATORY CAROL Teach me, My God and King *Please be seated.* Arlen Clarke

ANTIPHON: O Emmanuel (choir and congregation) *Please remain seated.*



O come, O come, Em - man - - u - el, And ran - som
cap - tive Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
Un - til the Son of God ap - pear. Re - joice! Re - joice!
Em - man - u - el, shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

LESSON I Grace Eppheimer and Nicholas Eppheimer, readers

Genesis 1:1-5

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

John 1:1-5, 14

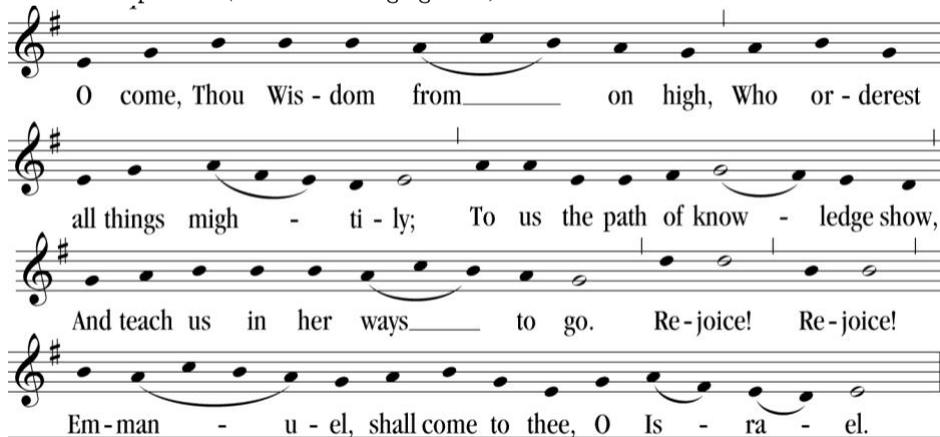
In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

CAROL This is the truth sent from above

James Kirkby

ANTIPHON: *O sapientia (choir and congregation)*



O come, Thou Wis - dom from _____ on high, Who or - derest
all things migh - ti - ly; To us the path of know - ledge show,
And teach us in her ways _____ to go. Re - joice! Re - joice!
Em - man - u - el, shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

LESSON II Dora Mbuwayesango and Reg Boland, readers

Isaiah 61:1-3

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion— to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory.

Luke 4:16-21

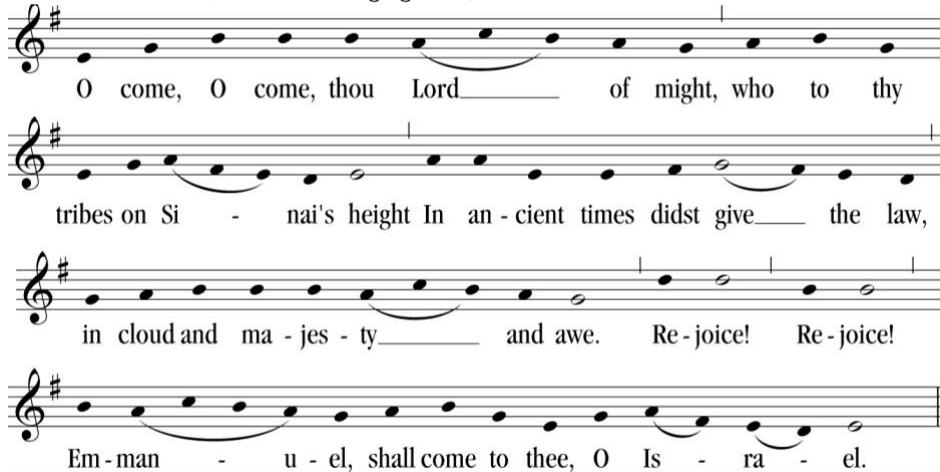
When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let

the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

CAROL O Word, that goest forth on high

Robert Lehman

ANTIPHON: O Adonai (choir and congregation)



O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy
tribes on Si - nai's height In an - cient times didst give the law,
in cloud and ma - jes - ty and awe. Re-joyce! Re-joyce!
Em - man - u - el, shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

LESSON III Davis Cooke and Gary Thornburg, readers

Isaiah 40:1-11

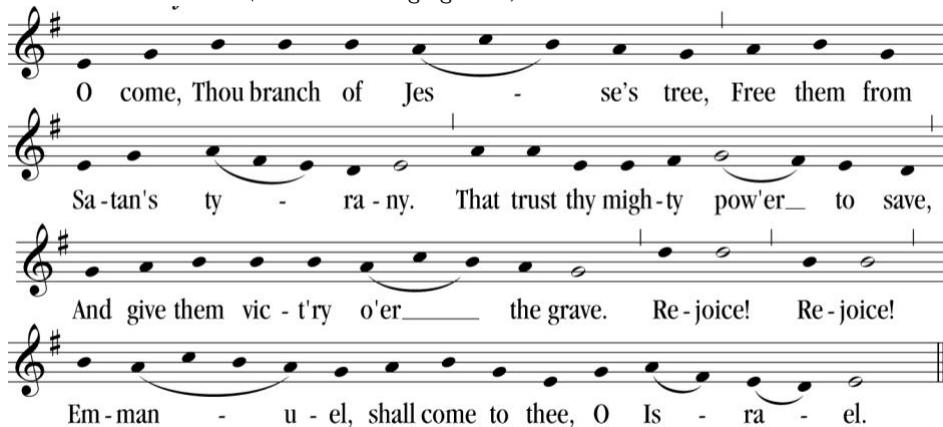
Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God. Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned: for she hath received of the Lord's hand double for all her sins. The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain: And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it. The voice said, Cry. And he said, what shall I cry? All flesh is grass, and all the goodness thereof is as the flower of the field: The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: because the spirit of the Lord bloweth upon it: surely the people is grass. The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever. O Zion, that bringest good tidings, get thee up into the high mountain; O Jerusalem, that bringest good tidings, lift up thy voice with strength; lift it up, be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God! Behold, the Lord God will come with strong hand, and his arm shall rule for him: behold, his reward is with him, and his work before him. He shall feed his flock like a shepherd: he shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry them in his bosom, and shall gently lead those that are with young.

Matthew 3:1-7, 11

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.’ This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, ‘The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: “Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.”’ Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, ‘You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ‘I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

CAROL This is the record of John *Kathy Carter, soloist* Orlando Gibbons

ANTIPHON: *O Radix Jesse (choir and congregation)*



O come, Thou branch of Jesse's tree, Free them from
 Sa-tan's ty - ra - ny. That trust thy might-y pow'er to save,
 And give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave. Re-joyce! Re-joyce!
 Em-man - u - el, shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

LESSON IV Ryan Poag and Penny Roemer, readers

Isaiah 9:1-2, 6

But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into con-tempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. 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. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Matthew 4:12-17

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: “Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles— the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.” From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

CAROL Christ hath a garden

Gerald Near

ANTIPHON: *O Clavis David (choir and congregation)*

O come, Thou Key of Dav - id, come, And o - pen
 wide our heaven - ly home; Make safe the way that leads on high,
 And close the path to mis - e - ry. Re-joyce! Re-joyce!
 Em-man - u - el, shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

LESSON V Rebekah and Jim Kelley, readers

Isaiah 7:10-14

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: ‘Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel.

Matthew 1:20-23

But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, ‘Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.’ All this took place to fulfil what had been Spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

‘Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
 and they shall name him Emmanuel’,
 which means, ‘God is with us.’

ANTIPHON: O Oriens (choir and congregation)

O come, thou Day-spring from _____ on high, and cheer us
by thy draw - ing nigh; Dis-purse the gloom - y clouds_ of night,
And death's dark sha - dow put _____ to flight. Re - joice! Re - joice!
Em - man - u - el, shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

LESSON VI Brian and Michelle Whitson, readers

Isaiah 42:5-9

Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

Luke 2:25-32

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel."

CAROL When to the temple Mary went

Johann Eccard

ANTIPHON: *O Rex gentium (choir and congregation)*



O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind In one the
hearts of all man-kind; Bid Thou our sad di - vi - sions cease,
And be Thy - self our King of Peace. Re - joice! Re - joice!
Em - man - u - el, shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

LESSON VII The Rev. Bonnie Duckworth, reader

Isaiah 35:1-6, 8a, 10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you."

Revelation 22:12, 16-17, 20

"See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." "It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star." The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let everyone who hears say, "Come." And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the wa-ter of life as a gift. The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

CAROL Blow ye the trumpet, blow

Thomas Clark

ANTIPHON: *O Emmanuel (choir and congregation)*

O come, O come, Em-man-u-el, And ran-som
 cap-tive Is-ra-el, That mourns in lone-ly ex-ile here
 Un-til the Son of God ap-pear. Re-joice! Re-joice!
 Em-man-u-el, shall come to thee, O Is-ra-el.

ANTHEM E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come

Paul Manz

SARUM PRAYER

God be in my head

James Stephenson, soloist

Carol McClure

CLOSING PRAYERS & THE LORD'S PRAYER *Please stand. Book of Common Prayer, 121*

ADVENT BLESSING *Please stand.*

The People respond, **Amen** to each petition.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN #57- HYMNAL 1982

Lo! he comes with clouds descending

Helmsley

VOLUNTARY Toccata on *Veni Emmanuel*

Andrew Carter

THE CHANCEL CHOIR

Sarah Hartpence
 Bess Johnson
 Beth Bentley
 Luke Hamaty
 Patricia Hinson
 Churchi Bombo
 Jane Creech
 Kathy Carter
 Daniel Swanson
 Mary Ann McCubbin
 Eric Slipp

Ann Dunn
 Dora Wood
 Dawn Hamaty
 Hunter Safrit
 Nancy Hylick
 Dick Martin
 Alex Dunn
 Penny Roemer
 Chip Carter
 Ann Dandison

THE CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Salem Griffith
 John Graham Corriher

Ava Gill
 Anna Gill
 Emma Stephenson

Vivian Hart
Rowen Black

Clara Tinsley
Emily Courtemanche
Malachi Whitson
Ryleigh Brady
Olivia Bentley
Finley Driggers
Ruby Corriher

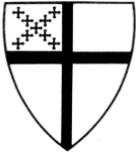
THE YOUTH CHOIR

James Stephenson
Eleanor Black
Rachel Tinsley

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TONIGHT'S SERVERS:

Organist and Director of Music Ministries: Stephen Williams
Acolytes: Davis Cooke, Wyatt Goodnight
Ushers and Greeters: Reg Boland, Gary Thornburg, Ryan Poag



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