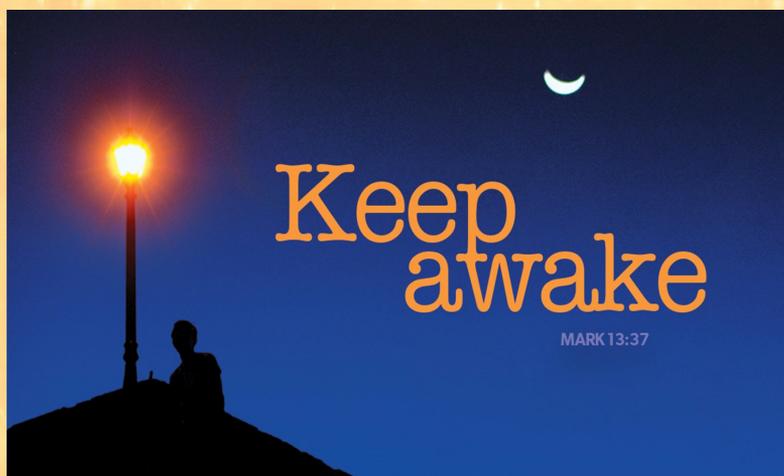


Welcome to Glory Lutheran Church



First Sunday of Advent

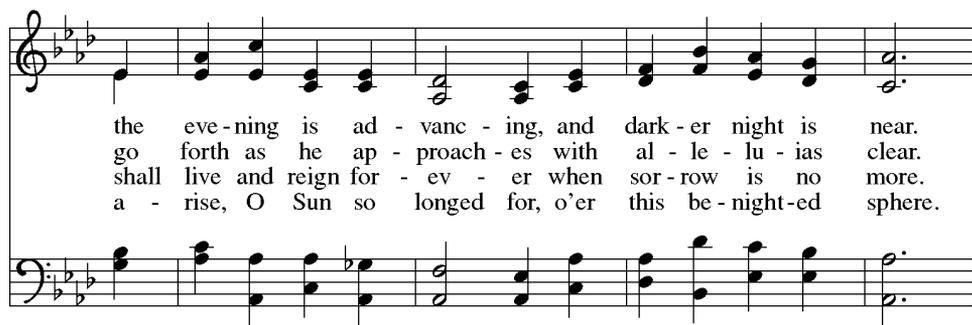
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Reaching Up... Reaching Out... Reaching In...

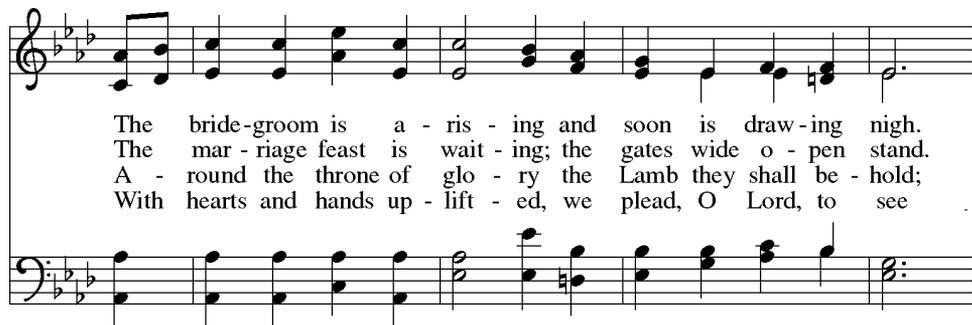
Gathering Song - Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers



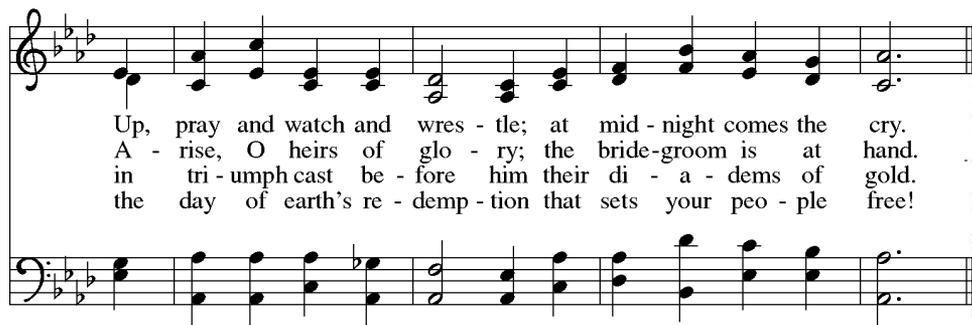
1 Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear;
 2 The watch - ers on the moun - tain pro - claim the bride - groom near;
 3 The saints, who here in pa - tience their cross and suf - f'ring's bore,
 4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



the eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.
 go forth as he ap - proach - es with al - le - lu - ias clear.
 shall live and reign for - ev - er when sor - row is no more.
 a - rise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this be - night - ed sphere.



The bride - groom is a - ris - ing and soon is draw - ing nigh.
 The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; the gates wide o - pen stand.
 A - round the throne of glo - ry the Lamb they shall be - hold;
 With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see



Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; at mid - night comes the cry.
 A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; the bride - groom is at hand.
 in tri - umph cast be - fore him their di - a - dems of gold.
 the day of earth's re - demp - tion that sets your peo - ple free!

Confession & Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the pastor begins.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
who opens the heavens
and draws near to us with salvation.

C: **Amen.**

P: God is patient and merciful,
desiring all to come to repentance.
Trusting this promise of grace, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Everlasting God,

C: **you love justice and you hate wrongdoing.
We confess the fear, greed, and self-centeredness
that make us reluctant to work against oppression.
We are complicit in systems of exploitation.
We choose comfort over courage.
We are careless with creation's bounty.
Look upon us with mercy.
Turn our hearts again to you.
Make us glad to do your will and to walk in your ways
for the sake of our waiting world.
Amen.**

P: Hear these words of assurance:
God clothes you with garments of salvation
and covers you with robes of righteousness.
In the tender compassion of + Jesus Christ,
your sins are forgiven.
God's covenant is eternal,
and God's blessing rests upon us all.

C: **Amen.**

Christ, Be Our Light!

Arranged by Joel Raney

A Candle Lighting Ceremony for Advent

Congregation sings:



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.



Refrain

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



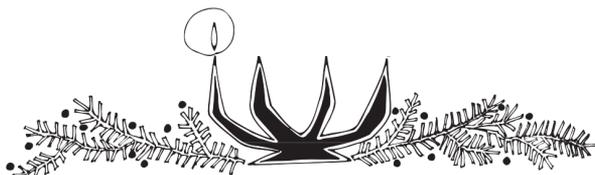
church gath - ered to - day.

Text: Bernadette Farrell, b. 1957

Music: CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT, Bernadette Farrell

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FIRST WEEK IN ADVENT

L: Advent is a time for the human heart to wait while trusting God's eternal time.

C: How long, O Lord, how long?

L: For those waiting for answered prayer:

C: Grant your steadfast patience.

L: For those waiting in the face of uncertainty:

C: Grant unshakable confidence in your sovereign provision.

L: For those waiting for justice and mercy to reign:

C: Grant a glimpse of your glory in our wounded world.

L: For all of us waiting for God's kingdom to come:

C: Grant that we might have the peace of Christ as we wait, the love of Christ as we act, and the grace of Christ as we speak.

Candle Lighting

L: This morning we light the first candle which reminds us that throughout history, God's people have spent time waiting, wandering and wondering about the timing of God's eternal plan. Like the people of old, we long for God's presence to illuminate the areas of life where we are called to wait. This morning we echo the words of the Psalmist, "Wait for the Lord; be strong and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!" (Psalm 27:14)

All repeat: Christ Be Our Light! refrain

Closing Prayer

L: God of all creation, we declare that you are the Eternal One. We confess to you, O Lord, that we easily grow impatient, when your word to us is to wait. Ignite within us a new and everlasting hope. We pray this in the name of Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

Advent texts by Rev. Rich Davis, Senior Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, River Forest, IL

Greeting

Sharing of the Peace

Please take time to say "Peace be with you" as directed.

Ready My Heart

Ready my heart for the birth of Immanuel;
ready my heart for the Prince of Peace.
Heap the straw of my life for His body to lie on;
light the candle of hope, let the Child come in.

Chorus

Alleluia, alleluia.

Alleluia, Christ the Saviour is born.

Mine is the home that is poor and is barren;
mine is the stable of cold and stone.
Break the light to each corner of doubt and of darkness;
now the Word is made flesh for the birth of me.

Chorus

Lois Farley Shuford, Arr. Schwartz/Ilichyshyn
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First Lesson: Isaiah 64:1-9

L: Word of God, Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

- L: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,
you who lead Joseph like a flock!
You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth
- C: before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh.
Stir up your might,
and come to save us!**
- L: Restore us, O God;
let your face shine, that we may be saved.
- C: O LORD God of hosts,
how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?**
- L: You have fed them with the bread of tears,
and given them tears to drink in full measure.
- C: You make us the scorn of our neighbors;
our enemies laugh among themselves.**
- L: Restore us, O God of hosts;
let your face shine, that we may be saved.
- C: But let your hand be upon the one at your right hand,
the one whom you made strong for yourself.**

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- L: Then we will never turn back from you;
give us life, and we will call on your name.
- C: **Restore us, O LORD God of hosts;
let your face shine, that we may be saved.**

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

L: Word of God, Word of Life. C: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Music: Fintan O'Carroll and Christopher Walker

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Gospel Lesson: Mark 13:24-37

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

P: The Gospel of the Lord. C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Worship Choir: Wait Now

Ruth Elaine Schram

*Watch now, for you know not when He comes.
Watch now for the gift of God's own Son.
Watch now, for you know not when He comes,
and you do not want to be sleeping.*

*Will he come at midnight, will He come at dawn?
Will He come in daylight while the sun shines on?
Will He come at eventide, when the moon is bright,
or when stars shine at night?*

*The Lord who watches over Israel does not slumber,
neither does He sleep.*

SERMON

Hymn of the Day - Each Winter and the Year Grows Older



1 Each win - ter as the year grows old - er, we each grow old - er,
 2 When race and class cry out for trea - son, when si - rens call for
 3 Yet I be - lieve be - yond be - liev - ing that life can spring from
 4 So e - ven as the sun is turn - ing to jour - ney to the
 5 O Child of ec - sta - sy and sor - rows, O Prince of peace and



too. The chill sets in a lit - tle cold - er; the
 war, they o - ver - shout the voice of rea - son and
 death, that growth can flow - er from our griev - ing, that
 north, the liv - ing flame, in se - cret burn - ing, can
 pain, bright - en to - day's world by to - mor - row's, re -



ver - i - ties we knew seem shak - en and un - true.
 scream till we ig - nore all we held dear be - fore.
 we can catch our breath and turn trans - fixed by faith.
 kin - dle on the earth and bring God's love to birth.
 new our lives a - gain; Lord Je - sus, come and reign!

Text: William Gay, b. 1920, alt.
 Music: CAROL OF HOPE, Annabeth Gay, b. 1925
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Confession of Faith - Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation

**he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven**

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**



Offering

As you leave, you may place your offering onto the plate located at the back of the church or use the online options available on our website.

Offertory Prayer

God our provider, by your merciful hand
abundance springs up from the earth.
Receive and bless these gifts of your own bounty.
Let them be a sign of your steadfast love
and faithfulness for all people,
through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Prayers

Prayer Response:

P: Merciful God, **C:** receive our prayer.

The 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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power and the glory,
forever and ever.
Amen**

BLESSING / Announcements

Assistance requested please:

There is a private event being held in the Narthex on Tuesday.
We are in need of a couple of volunteers to help set up the
Narthex - set-up would be on Sunday at 5:30 p.m. (or later if that
is better) and should only take about 30 minutes.
Please contact Pat - call or text 780 239 5345.

Sending Song - Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn



1 A - wake! A - wake, and greet the new morn, for
 2 To us, to all in sor - row and fear, Em -
 3 In dark - est night his com - ing shall be, when
 4 Re - joice, re - joice, take heart in the night, though



an - gels her - ald its dawn - ing. Sing out your joy, for
 man - u - el comes a - sing - ing, his hum - ble song is
 all the world is de - spair - ing, as morn - ing light so
 dark the win - ter and cheer - less, the ris - ing sun shall



soon he is born, be - hold! the Child of our long - ing.
 qui - et and near, yet fills the earth with its ring - ing;
 qui - et and free, so warm and gen - tle and car - ing.
 crown you with light, be strong and lov - ing and fear - less.



Come as a ba - by weak and poor, to bring all hearts to -
 mu - sic to heal the bro - ken soul and hymns of lov - ing -
 Then shall the mute break forth in song, the lame shall leap in
 Love be our song and love our prayer and love our end - less



geth - er, he o - pens wide the heav'n - ly door and
 kind - ness, the thun - der of his an - thems roll to
 won - der, the weak be raised a - bove the strong, and
 sto - ry; may God fill ev - 'ry day we share and



lives now in - side us for - ev - er.
 shat - ter all ha - tred and blind - ness.
 weap - ons be bro - ken a - sun - der.
 bring us at last in - to glo - ry.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: REJOICE, REJOICE, Marty Haugen

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DISMISSAL

Advent Study Guide 2023 on Bonhoeffer's Book "God is in the Manger" Now Available

God is in the Manger



Reflections at Advent on Bonhoeffer's Meditations

The **Study Guide** on **Dietrich Bonhoeffer's Advent mediations**, "**God is in the Manger**" is now available. These meditations are largely pulled from Bonhoeffer's writings during his two-year imprisonment under the Nazi regime, from 1943 to the end of his life in 1945. The Study Guide which is set up in four chapters, one for each week of Advent to accompany the four sets of weekly readings in ***God is in the Manger***, suggested spiritual practices and discussion questions to encourage you to engage in Bonhoeffer's reflections more deeply. The resource can be done by an individual or by a study group from your congregation or online. The Study Guide can be downloaded now at the link below or can be mailed out to you for free; while the book ***God is in the Manger*** can be purchased to help accompany the Study Guide.

More information can be found here:

<https://presbyterian.ca/canadian-ministries/presbyterians-read/>



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Ride Share

We're looking at possibly setting up another team of volunteers to provide rides to individuals who may have difficulty getting to church. Although our services are live streamed, we're aware that not everyone is connected to the technology required in order to attend worship from home. Even those who are able to do so may want to attend services in person on occasion. If you think you might occasionally be able to provide a lift to and from church for another parishioner, please let us know and provide the name of the area you live in (glory.office@glorylutheran.ca). Similarly, if you think you would make use of such a service, let us know your name and the area you live in. If we have enough volunteers, we may be able to match up drivers and riders.

Pastor's Discretionary Fund (Pastoral Care Fund)



The pastor's discretionary fund is a designated fund made available to the pastor to distribute for emergency financial aid. This fund is especially important considering the events of the past few years and the uncertainty going forward.

Please consider making a special offering designated for the discretionary fund. Every donation will make a positive difference as we take care of our community.

FACILITY BOOKING

Activities at the church are increasing. It is very important to book space for everything (meetings, rehearsals, 50+, youth activities, etc.) so we don't end up with double bookings. This can be done by calling or emailing the office, writing on the wall calendar in the office, or filling out the booking form on the church website on the drop-down menu under the CONTACT US tab.



Thank you to those who have volunteered to be part of the Social Ministry Team (coffee/tea/snacks on Sunday mornings). You are very much appreciated!
Please contact Pat or the church office if you are interested in helping with this ministry. Thank you, as well, to those of you who have been leaving snacks in the Glory kitchen for use on Sunday mornings! This is very thoughtful and helpful.



ADVENT & CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SERVICES

December 3 - December 24 - Advent Services

In-person and online worship continues,
with Advent Candle Lighting - Sundays 10:30 am

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Sunday, December 24, 4:00 pm

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service with Communion

Sunday, December 24, 7:00 pm

December 25 - Christmas Day

Worship with Holy Communion
Monday, December 25, 10:30 am

God's blessings to all this Advent Season!



Thank You

to those who made contributions to this week's bulletin and to members who assisted in today's service.

Worship Planners, Altar Guild, Choir, Musicians, AV Techs,

Greeter:	Glenda Nelson
Ushers:	Donna & Graham Laughton
Acolyte:	Anderson Ronsko
Advent Candle Lighting:	The Mitchell Family
Reader:	Rhonda Berg
Coffee Setup/Cleanup:	Pat Becker
Counters:	Rhonda Berg, Debbie Kehn
Lock-up:	Jenny Takenaka

To volunteer, please sign up [online](#) or on the easel in the Narthex.

Events This Week:

Praise Band - Tuesday 7:00pm
Confirmation - Thursday 6:30pm
Choir - Thursday 7:30pm

Attendance & Offering:

	Online	In-Person	Offering
November 12	33	86	\$4534.00
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Next Sunday's Readings:

Isaiah 40:1-11; Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13; 2 Peter 3:8-15a; Mark 1:1-8

The service this morning will be both recorded and live streamed.

This can be accessed on our website, glorylutheran.ca.

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