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FIRST SUNDAY OF *Advent*

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CARMICHAEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**November 28, 2021**

*Livestream & In-Person*

**10:00 a.m.**

PRELUDE

**“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”**

Peeters

Randy Benfield, organ

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Keith L. DeVries

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MOMENT FOR CPC

Christmas Gift Ministry

Terry Sakuda

CALL TO WORSHIP

Anne Parker

Leader: Stand up and raise your heads!

**People: Our redemption is drawing near!**

Leader: Let us lift our hearts;

**People: We lift them up to the Lord! The days are surely coming when all things shall be made new.**

\* HYMN

**“The Days are Surely Coming”**

No. 357  
*Glory to God*

# The Days Are Surely Coming 357



1 The days are sure - ly com - ing, says God to all the earth,  
2 The days are sure - ly com - ing, says Christ, the prom - ised one,  
3 The days are sure - ly com - ing when we will know at last



when you will see my prom - ise: sal - va - tion come to birth.  
when you will read my warn - ing in moon and stars and sun.  
the full - ness of God's pres - ence, God's prom - ise, come to pass.



My righ - teous - ness and jus - tice will spread through - out the land  
Though earth and heav - en trem - ble, stand up and do not fear,  
Then righ - teous - ness and jus - tice will spread through - out the land



and you will be de - liv - ered by my al - might - y hand.  
for I am your re - deem - er, and I am draw - ing near.  
and we will be de - liv - ered by God's al - might - y hand.



CALL TO CONFESSION (from Psalm 25:6)

Anne Parker

Leader: The psalmist pleads, "Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love." Trusting that the mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting, let us confess the wrong we have done and the good we have left undone.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION (from "The Canticle of the Turning" and 1Thessalonians 3)

**"Wipe away all tears for the dawn draws near, and the world is about to turn."**

**Holy God, could it be true? Are you about to do a new thing to make our hearts sing? Even in a weary world when so many are tired and tired of being tired? Forgive us for singing the same old song of cynicism. Forgive us for keeping quiet instead of speaking truth, for standing back instead of stepping up. Strengthen our hearts in holiness that we would increase and abound in love for one another and all of your creation. In the name of the One who is to come again, we pray, Amen.**

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (from *The Confession of 1967*)

Leader: "All who put their trust in Christ face divine judgment without fear, for the judge is their redeemer." Therefore, be at peace; in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

\* RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

**"Gloria Patri"**

Traditional

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:  
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Julie Ueltzen, Aiden Westbrook,  
& Ryan Ueltzen

UNISON ADVENT PRAYER

**God of Hope, as we wait for you, please send your Spirit to renew our longing for the days when all will be made right in our relationships with you, one another, and your creation. As we wait for those days, give us eyes to see your faithfulness and ears to hear of your goodness so that our hearts may be humbled and filled with hope for Christ's coming kingdom. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.**

TIME FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

SONG

**"Prepare the Way of the Lord"**

Berthier

Prepare the way of the Lord.  
Prepare the way of the Lord,  
And all people shall see the salvation of our God.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 21:25-36

<sup>25</sup> "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. <sup>26</sup> People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>27</sup> Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. <sup>28</sup> Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

<sup>29</sup> Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; <sup>30</sup> as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. <sup>31</sup> So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. <sup>32</sup> Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. <sup>33</sup> Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

<sup>34</sup> "Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, <sup>35</sup> like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. <sup>36</sup> Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

SERMON

***Sticky Notes***

Pastor Keith L. DeVries

SONG

**"Even So, Come"**

Tomlin, Cates, Ingram

All of creation, all of the earth,  
Make straight a highway, a path for the Lord  
Jesus is coming soon

Call back the sinner, wake up the saint  
Let every nation shout out Your praise  
Jesus is coming soon

Like a bride waiting for her groom,  
We'll be a Church ready for You  
Every heart longing for our King, we sing  
Even so come, Lord Jesus, come  
Even so come, Lord Jesus, come

There will be justice, all will be new  
Your name forever, faithful and true  
Jesus is coming soon

So we wait. We wait for You  
God, we wait. You're coming soon.

OFFERING

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: We give thanks and praise to you, Great God, for the wondrous things in the world and in our lives: for the shelter of home and fellowship, for the nourishment of food and faith, for love to share and for being loved.

We thank you for the dawn of a new day and for the soil that holds the old light. We praise you for the night of rest and the darkness that does its work of rejuvenation. We thank you for creation and re-creation, for this life and our hope for life to come. For nothing can separate us from your love.

As we enter the season of Advent, we look to the coming of your beloved Son to make all things right in a world where the “wrong seems oft so strong.” Let the fires of your justice burn. By your Holy Comforter, lead the grieving and heartbroken to the still waters of peace.

Ignite in us a holy desire for compassionate peacemaking. May the world know that there is a grace in us that is not our doing but by the power of the One with resurrection light in his eyes, the same Jesus who taught us to pray:

**Unison: 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.**

#### THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

#### THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

The Lord whom we love, whom we worship and adore,  
We will serve throughout this coming week. He it is who binds us together,  
And He it is who sends us apart, to be God's people, be God's people. Amen.

#### POSTLUDE

#### **“Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying”**

Walther

\*Please stand if you are able.

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#### Contemporary Worship Team:

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Guitar: Paul Zeman

Drums: Will Condrey