

This is Our God

Chris Tomlin

A refuge for the poor, a shelter from the storm: this is our God.
He will wipe away your tears and return your wasted years.
This is our God.

So call upon His name. He is mighty, say, "This is our God."

A Father to the orphan, a Healer to the broken: this is our God.
He brings peace to our madness and comfort in our sadness.
This is our God.

So call upon His name. He is mighty, say, "This is our God."

Refrain: This is the One we have waited for.
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Oh, Jesus, Lord and Savior: this is our God.

Here I Am to Worship

Tim Hughes

Light of the world, You stepped down into darkness,
opened my eyes, let me see
beauty that made this heart adore You, hope of a life spent with You.

Refrain: So here I am to worship, here I am to bow down,
here I am to say that You're my God.
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy,
altogether wonderful to me.

King of all days, oh so highly exalted, glorious in heaven above.
Humbly You came to the earth You created.

All for love's sake became poor. *(Refrain)*

Bridge: And I'll never know how much it cost
to see my sin upon that cross. *(Repeat)(Refrain)*

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free.
From our fears and sins, release us; let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth Thou art.
Dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King,
born to reign in us forever, now Thy gracious Kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal Spirit, rule in all our hearts alone.
By Thine all sufficient merit, raise us to Thy glorious throne.

HANGING OF THE GREENS

Mack Browder, Reader

The Greenery and Poinsettias

Isaiah 61: 1-3

The Advent Wreath

Sally McLain & Stephanie Adams

Isaiah 9: 2, 6-7

The Creche

Jason & Sally Gillum, Audry, Blair, and Carrie

Jeremiah 23:5-6

The Chrismon Tree

Eryn, Elise & Ella Beaver

John 14: 1-7

The Light

Todd Wilson

Zechariah 9: 9-10

Carolyn Browder & Martha Ann Corlew

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERING

Song of Hope

**Johnson/Owens/Jenkins
Tjornhom/Hamilton**

All things bright and beautiful You are,
all things wise and wonderful You are.
In my darkest night, You brighten up the skies. A song will rise.

Refrain: Sing a song of hope, sing along; God of heaven,
come down, heaven come down.
Just to know that You are near is enough;
God of heaven, come down, heaven come down.

All things new, I can start again; Creator, God, calling me Your friend.
Sing praise, my soul, to the Maker of the skies. A song will rise. *(Refrain)*

Bridge: Hallelujah! Sing! *(Repeat)(Refrain)*

***GOSPEL LESSON**

Luke 3:1-6

SERMON

Christmas Presence: "The Prophet"

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OUR 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. Amen.

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

Music During Communion

Hope Come Down

Sara Taylor

Come, Lord Jesus, come to us, to our broken lives.
Hope born in the midst of us, miracle of life.

Refrain: We need Your new life, Jesus; hope come down to us.
Life made right forever, return O Lord.
Hope came down and peace broke through,
our King was born so lowly.
Creation's crying out to You, Lord, come again.

Come, Lord Jesus, come to us, to our broken world.
Peace that triumphs over us, miracle of grace. *(Refrain)*

***INVITATION SONG Even So Come Tomlin/Ingram/Cates**

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 of Your fame.
Jesus is coming soon.

Refrain: 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. *(Refrain)*

Bridge: God, we wait, we wait for You. God, we wait.
You're coming soon. *(Repeat)(Refrain)*

BENEDICTION AND CLOSING CHORUS

Leading in Worship

Rev. Tim Carpenter, Senior Pastor • **Preaching**
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Rev. Dr. Brad Gabriel, Executive Minister • **Liturgist**
Natalie Duncan, Associate Director of Music • **Praise Band Leader**
Ed Roberson • **Lay Reader**
Natalie Duncan and Ben Tempel • **Praise Band**

CHRISTMAS PRESENCE

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERIES FOR
ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

**1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 2, 2018**

GermanTown
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Welcome

Welcome to Germantown United Methodist Church!

If you are visiting with us today, we hope you find a meaningful time of worship and a welcoming community of faith. If you are looking for a church home and would like to know more about membership, we would be happy to talk with you. For more information about our membership classes, contact Mary Groh at 754-7216 or mgroh@germantownumc.org

Sanctuary Flowers. Flowers for the sanctuary are a treasured way to enhance worship while honoring or remembering loved ones or commemorating a special occasion. Please email Leanne Bailey at lbailey@germantownumc.org or call 754-7216 for more information or to reserve a date.

Rosebud. If you are a GUMC member and a new parent, we want to celebrate with you! Let us know of your new arrival so we can share in your joy. Please contact the church office at 754-7216 and we will recognize your child with a complimentary rosebud placed by the altar and an announcement in the worship bulletin.

Children are welcome in our worship services. We also offer a nursery and a nursing mother's room across the narthex from the Sanctuary. One of our ushers will be happy to direct you.

Adult Sunday School offers a great opportunity to develop friendships and enjoy Christian community. Our adult program includes a wide variety of classes at 9:40 and 11:00 in a wide range of sizes, formats, and content. Adult Sunday school brochures are available at our kiosks or call Mary Groh for information. Visitors are always welcome!

Large Print Hymnals & Hearing Devices are available from the ushers.

Have You Considered Remembering GUMC in Your Will?

A charitable bequest can mean that you help continue your church's good work long into the future. For more information, talk to one of our pastors or consult with your lawyer or estate planner.

Did you know? Every week, our Worship Bulletin and Ministry Events insert are made available online at germantownumc.org. You can even see an archive of past bulletins. A video of every Sunday's sermon is also available.

December Communion Offering will help support Room in the Inn.

Entrance

PRELUDE *Prelude on "Hyfrydol"* Gilbert Martin

WELCOME AND GREETING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

How shall we prepare this house for the coming of the king?
With branches of cedar to symbolize royalty.
How shall we prepare this house for the coming of the eternal Christ?
With a wreath of candles to remember the light of Christ.
How shall we prepare this house for the coming of the Savior?
With a manger scene and tree,
to await the arrival of the one who brings life.
How shall we prepare our hearts for the coming of the Son of God?
By hearing the words of scripture foretelling the saving work of God.
Surely God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world,
but that the world, through him, might be saved.
Glory to God in the highest!

***HYMN OF PRAISE 196** *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 881** *The Apostles' Creed*

***GLORIA, GLORIA** Community of Taizé



SERVICE OF HANGING OF THE GREENS Mack Browder, Reader

The Greenery and Poinsettias Isaiah 61:1-3
(8:30) Ann & Don Snell
(11:00) Leanne Bailey & Barbara Pendergrast

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(11:00) Dawn Carpenter & Doug Carpenter

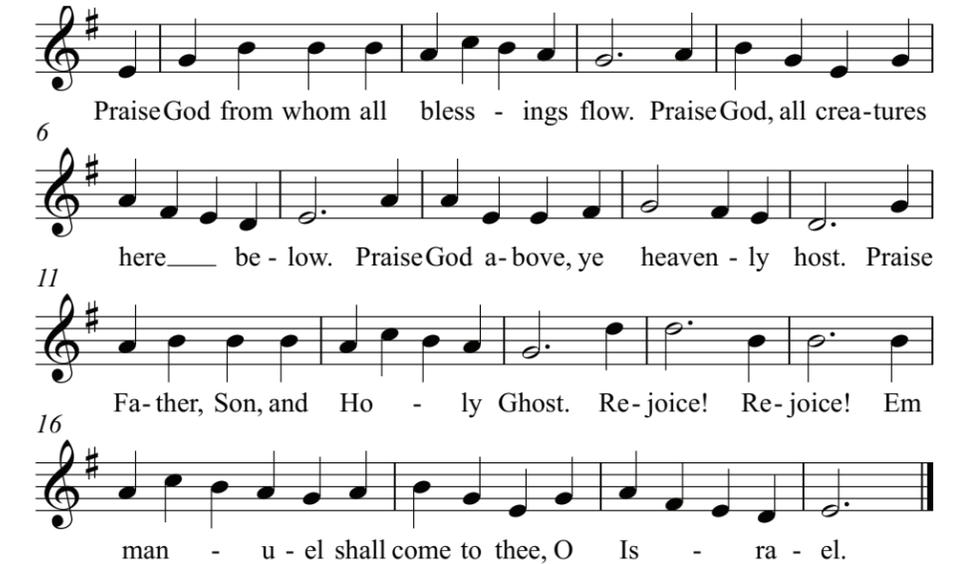
PASTORAL PRAYER

OPPORTUNITIES FOR LEARNING, SERVICE, AND FELLOWSHIP

OFFERTORY *Keep Silence* John Helgen

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION



***GOSPEL LESSON** Luke 3:1-6

SERMON *Christmas Presence: "The Prophet"*

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temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen*

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

Going Forth

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

***HYMN OF DEDICATION 202** *People, Look East*

*BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE *Sevenfold Amen* Peter Lutkin

POSTLUDE *"Divinum mysterium"* Noel Rawsthorne

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