

## *First Sunday of Advent*

### *Worship Service*

Westgate Drive-in Worship Service at the pavilion

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#### *Welcome & Prelude*

Weeks before Christmas many Christians around the world celebrate a season of preparation called “Advent.” The word “Advent” stems from the Latin word *adventus*, which literally means “**coming**” or “**arrival**.” We celebrate the arrival of Jesus with reverent reflection and joyous anticipation.

Mark 1:1-5

#### *Call to Worship*

One: In the lonely places, the wilderness where we stand forlorn, windswept and alone, your voice calls out:

**All: Prepare a way for the Lord.**

One: In the dark places, the shadows where we clutch our fears, embrace our tears, your voice calls out:

**All: Prepare a way for the Lord.**

One: In the desert places, the dry spaces where our souls gasp and our buckets are empty, your voice calls out:

**All: Prepare a way for the Lord.**

One: It is Advent, O Lord, Our Lord, you are coming to make all things new. We hear the voice of your herald echoing through the wild. Our hearts jump. It is time...

**All: Prepare a way for the Lord!**

Hymn            **“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”**            (insert)

#### *Invocational Prayer*

O God as we begin our Advent journey, may we hear the voice of Christ, forerunner, today. Might we humble our hearts, repent of our selfishness, and turn to Jesus Christ the Savior, the Redeemer,

our Light and Hope. You’ve made promises You alone can keep; You give peace that can be found nowhere else; You’ve pledged a hope You alone can fulfill. We praise You; we bless You; we worship You. As Advent progresses, fill us to overflowing with gratitude, humility and joy. Amen

Moment of Silence

#### *Prayer Response*

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.

Light of the First Advent Candle

The Candle of Hope

Hymn            **“My Hope Is in the Lord”**            (insert)

Scripture Lesson

Sermon            “”

Hymn            **“Shine, Jesus, Shine”**            (insert)

*Benediction*            (in unison)

Amen.

Postlude

## Westgate Women

ABW will meet on Thursday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1:00 in the Fellowship Hall. No ABW meeting for the month of January.

## Samaritan's Purse Christmas Shoeboxes

Today is the last day we will collect the gift shoeboxes. Please turn in your shoebox to Cora Stump. Thanks for your great support!

**World Mission Offering** will be accepted through November; **RMMO** offerings December 6-20<sup>th</sup>.



Practice Responsible Social Distancing for the Protection  
of Self and Others.

**Westgate Worship Leadership:**  
Rev. Robert Zimmerman, Pastor  
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## *Hymns*

### **O Come, O Come, Emmanuel**

O come, O come, Emmanuel and ransom captive Israel, that  
mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear. \*

O come, Thou dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by Thine  
advent here; disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's  
dark shadows put to flight. \*

O come, Thou Wisdom from on high and order all things, far and  
nigh; to us the path of knowledge show and cause us in her  
ways to go. \*

O come, Desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and  
mind. Bid envy, strife, and quarrels cease; fill the whole world  
with heaven's peace. \*

\*refrain

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

### **My Hope Is in the Lord**

My hope is in the Lord who gave himself for me and paid the  
price of all my sin at Calvary. \*

No merit of my own His anger to suppress; my only hope is  
found in Jesus' righteousness. \*

And now for me He stands before the Father's throne' He shows  
His wounded hands and names me as His own. \*

His grace has planned it all, 'tis min but to believe and recognize  
His work of love and Christ receive. \*

\* refrain

For me He died, for me He lives, and everlasting life and light He  
freely gives. And everlasting life and light He freely gives.

### **Shine, Jesus, Shine**

Lord, the light of Your love is shining, in the midst of the  
darkness shinning, Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us, set us  
free by the truth You now bring us; shine on me, shine on me. \*

Lord, I come to Your awesome presence, from the shadows into  
Your radiance; by the blood I may enter Your brightness; Search  
me , try me, consume all my darkness, shine on me,  
shine on me. \*

As we gaze upon Your kingly brightness so our faces display your  
likeness, ever changing from glory to glory; mirrored here, may  
our lives tell Your story; shine on me, shine on me. \*

\*refrain

Shine, Jesus shine, fill this land with the Father's glory.  
Blaze, Spirit blaze, set our hearts on fire.

Flow river flow. Flood the nations with grace. Send forth Your  
word, Lord, and let there be light.

# ANGEL TREE - 2020

This will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> year that Westgate's American Baptist Women will be supporting Water Street Rescue Mission during its holiday food drive.

For the previous two years, the congregation has contributed, yearly, more than 100 large cans of vegetables and fruits.

The food helps the homeless shelter serve 400 meals/day as well as provide groceries to thousands of households each month.

The drive is even more important this year to help families who lost income because of Covid - 19's impact on the economy.

During the Thanksgiving and Christmas Season, Water Street will need 120,000 lbs. of food!

Due to Covid-19, we are asking for **monetary contributions** only.

These funds will go to the Rescue Mission and the Mission will purchase bulk orders of can goods. The funds you donate will help feed the homeless and families in our community struggling to make ends meet.

Please have your contributions in by Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>; you can donate cash or by check. Use the envelope provided in the bulletin. If giving a check, please make it out to Westgate and in the lower left corner designate WSRM.

Thanks so much for your yearly support of the Angel Tree Project.

