

St John UMC Augusta
November 28, 2021
The First Sunday of Advent
Reverend Matthew Nelson
Lead Minister

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

ENTRANCE

GATHERING AND WELCOME

*Welcome to St. John. **Hearing assistance aids are available.** Ushers are available to assist you and direct you to restrooms. A bell will ring to prepare for worship.*

**All who are able, standing*

PRELUDE

Beni, Emmanuel

Marilyn Biery

* GREETING

How shall we prepare this house for the coming of the King?

With branches of cedar, the tree of royalty.

How shall we prepare this house for the coming of the eternal Christ?

With garlands of pine and fir, whose leaves are ever living, ever green.

How shall we prepare this house for the coming of our Savior?

With wreaths of holly and ivy,

telling of his passion, death, and resurrection.

How shall we prepare our hearts for the coming of the Son of God?

By hearing again the words of the prophets,

who foretold the saving work of God.

* HYMN OF PRAISE

211 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Veni Emmanuel

Refrain: **Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel**

shall come to thee, O Israel.

1. **O come, O come, Emmanuel,**
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear. *Refrain*
2. **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. *Refrain*
3. **O come, O come, great Lord of might,**
who to thy tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times once gave the law
in cloud and majesty and awe. *Refrain*

4. **O come, thou Root of Jesse's tree,
an ensign of thy people be;
before thee rulers silent fall;
all peoples on thy mercy call.** *Refrain*
5. **O come, thou Key of David, come,
and open wide our heavenly home.
The captives from their prison free,
and conquer death's deep misery.** *Refrain*
6. **O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer
our spirits by thy justice here;
disperse the gloomy clouds
of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight.** *Refrain*
7. **O come, Desire of nations bind
all peoples in one heart and mind.
From dust thou brought us forth to life;
deliver us from earthly strife.** *Refrain*

* OPENING PRAYER

O God of all the prophets
you herald the coming of the Son of Man
by wonderous signs in the heavens and on earth.
Guard our hearts from despair so that we,
in the company of the faithful
and by the power of your Holy Spirit,
may be found ready to raise our heads
at the coming near of our redemption,
the day of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

* ACT OF PRAISE

70 Glory Be to the Father
**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.**

Meineke

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

We light the candle of hope to give us strength for the journey.
Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
that God may teach us the way of hope.
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Lord, open our hearts and minds
by the power of your Holy Spirit,
that, as the Scriptures are read
and your Word proclaimed,
we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Old Testament p. 903

PSALM

response 1

UMH p. 756

Psalms 25:1-10

Response: Lord, make me know your ways.

Lead me in your truth, and teach me

(1) To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

(2) **O my God, in you I trust,
let me not be put to shame;
let not my enemies exult over me.**

(3) Let none that wait for you be put to shame;
let them be ashamed who are clothed with treachery.

(4) Make me know your ways, O Lord;
teach me your paths.

(5) Lead me in your truth, and teach me,
**for you are the God of my salvation;
for you I wait all the day long.**

Response: Lord, make me know your ways.

Lead me in your truth, and teach me

(6) Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.

(7) **Remember not the sins of my youth, or my transgressions;
according to your steadfast love remember me,
for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.**

(8) Good and upright is the Lord;
therefore the Lord instructs sinners in the way,

(9) and leads the humble in what is right,
and teaches them their way.

(10) **All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness,
for those who keep the Lord's covenant and
testimonies.**

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SECOND LESSON

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

New Testament p. 249

* HYMN

203 Hail to the Lord's Anointed

Ellacombe

1. **Hail to the Lord's Anointed, great David's greater Son!
Hail in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free;
to take away transgression, and rule in equity.**
2. **He comes with succor speedy to those who suffer wrong;
to help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong;
to give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light,
whose souls, condemned and dying, are precious in his sight.**
3. **He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth;
love, joy, and hope, like flowers, spring in his path to birth.
Before him, on the mountains, shall peace, the herald, go,
and righteousness, in fountains, from hill to valley flow.**
4. **To him shall prayer unceasing and daily vows ascend;
his kingdom still increasing, a kingdom without end.
The tide of time shall never his covenant remove;
his name shall stand forever; that name to us is love.**

* GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 21:25-36

New Testament p. 104

SERMON

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

UMH p. 881

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and [buried]dccciv*;
the third day he arose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy [catholic]dcccv* church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

* THE PEACE

OFFERING

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERING

People, Look East

Malcom Archer

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.**

SENDING FORTH

* HYMN

719 My Lord, What a Morning

Burleigh

Refrain: **My Lord, what a morning; my Lord, what a morning;
oh, my Lord, what a morning, when the stars begin to fall.**

- 1. You'll hear the trumpet sound, to wake the nations underground,
looking to my God's right hand, when the stars begin to fall. *Refrain***
- 2. You'll hear the sinner moan, to wake the nations underground,
looking to my God's right hand, when the stars begin to fall. *Refrain***
- 3. You'll hear the Christian shout, to wake the nations underground,
looking to my God's right hand, when the stars begin to fall. *Refrain***

* INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

* DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

* POSTLUDE

Chorale Prelude on Wachtet auf

J.S. Bach

Announcements



Weekly Stewardship	
Giving this week	\$2,765.00
CWC: Boys with a Future	\$2,975.00
YTD Budget	\$528,758.12
YTD Expenses	\$430,549.90
YTD Giving	\$397,863.25
Attendance 11/21/21	Sanctuary: 95 Online: 60

Ministry of Worship	
Lead Minister	The Rev. Matt Nelson
Liturgist and Lay Reader	Stephanie Quattlebaum
Organist and Dir. of Music	Jamie Council Garvey
Choir	St. John Choir
Greeters	Joan Piercy, Becky Rogers Gerry Aldridge
Sound Technician	Michael Young
Worship Technician	Austin Jackson
Offering Counter	Rich Bias

The Advent Garland is given by the Dixon Family in memory of Charles's mother Mary Louise and uncle Robert Dixon