

# “Where Have All The Christmas Carols Gone?”



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**First Sunday in Advent**  
**November 28, 2021**  
**10:00 a.m.**

**SERVICE OF WORSHIP  
FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

WELCOME Pastor Mary

PRELUDE Katie Maurer

RINGING OF THE BELLS

\*OPENING HYMN # 72 (vs 1,3,4,7)  
"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Pastor Mary

Leader: There will be signs in the heavens and distress among the nations.

**People: When Christ returns in power and glory people will faint with fear.**

Leader: But when you see these things, lift up your heads:

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

Leader: Heaven and earth may pass away,

**People: but the Word of God will stand unshaken.**

\*INVOCATION (in unison)

**Holy One, you have promised us that the day of our salvation is near. Keep us faithful in love and watchful in prayer, so that we may stand with confidence and joy at the coming of Christ, our redeemer and Lord. Amen.**

\*RESPONSE– Gloria Patri # 614

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

MORNING PRAYER Pastor Mary

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

\*THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

CONTEMPORARY SONG

"Emmanuel (Hallowed Manger Ground)"

SCRIPTURE Jeremiah 33: 14-16 Pastor Mary  
Luke 21: 25-36 (NRSV)

SERMON Pastor Mary  
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INVITATION TO THE OFFERING Pastor Mary  
Trusting in the sure promises of Christ, and grateful for the Spirit's sustaining power, let us bring our tithes and offerings to God.

OFFERTORY "Come Now Our King" Katie Maurer

\*RESPONSE "Doxology" # 621

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (in unison)

**God of righteousness, you have saved us from the worst the world can do and have promised to redeem the whole creation when Christ comes again. In faith and hope we offer our gifts of money and self, that we may be part of what you are doing in the world even now, as we watch for Christ's coming in glory. Amen.**

\*CLOSING HYMN # 74  
"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE