

December 14, 2022

## Advent Mid - Week



### **GATHERING**

### **WELCOME**

### **OPENING SONG #257** vv 1 & 4 ***O Come, O Come, Emmanuel***

#### Verse 1

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

#### Refrain

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to you, O Israel.

#### Verse 4

O come, O Branch of Jesse, free  
your own from Satan's tyranny;  
from depths of hell your people save,  
and give them vict'ry o'er the grave.

#### Refrain

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to you, O Israel.

### **WELCOMING PRAYER**

### **LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES**

## **CHRISTMAS REFLECTION**

### **THE CHRISTMAS CAROLS**

Story behind the Carols/Writer/Composer

#### ***It Came Upon a Midnight Clear #282***

Lyrics: Edmund Sears Composer: Richard S. Willis

##### Verse 1

It came upon the midnight clear  
That glorious song of old  
From angels bending near the earth  
To touch their harps of gold

Peace on the earth good will to all  
From heaven's all gracious King  
The world in solemn stillness lay  
To hear the angels sing

##### Verse 2

Still thro' the cloven skies they come  
With peaceful wings unfurled  
And still their heavenly music floats  
O'er all the weary world

Above its sad and lowly plains  
They bend on hovering wing  
And ever o'er its Babel sounds  
The blessed angels sing

##### Verse 3

And ye beneath life's crushing load  
Whose forms are bending low  
Who toil along the climbing way  
With painful steps and slow

Look now for glad and golden hours  
Come swiftly on the wing  
O rest beside the weary road  
And hear the angels sing

Verse 4

For lo the days are hastening on  
By prophets seen of old  
When with the ever-circling years  
shall come the time foretold

When peace shall over all the earth  
Its ancient splendors fling  
And the whole world give back the song  
Which now the angels sing

***Go, Tell It On the Mountain #290***

Lyrics: John W. Work, Jr. Music: African-American Spiritual

CHORUS

Go, tell it on the mountain,  
Over the hills and everywhere  
Go, tell it on the mountain,  
That Jesus Christ is born.

VERSE 1

While shepherds kept their watching  
Over silent flocks by night  
Behold throughout the heavens  
There shone a holy light.

VERSE 2

The shepherds feared and trembled  
when, lo, above the earth  
rang out the angel chorus  
that hailed our Savior's birth.

## VERSE 3

Down in a lowly manger  
The humble Christ was born;  
And God sent us salvation  
That blessed Christmas morn.

## **SENDING**

### **ADVENT OFFERING**

The BeReal Ministry and New Life enter will receive our special Advent/Christmas offering. Both ministries support young people as they seek to find their way in adverse circumstances. Your generous gift provides hope and love in the loves of young people!

- To make a gift online, use this link: [shephills.org/give](https://shephills.org/give).
- By mail, send to 3525 Bee Caves Rd, Austin, TX 78746
- Scan the QR Code with your camera phone to give now.
- Drop offering envelope in box located by main door.



### **ADVENT BENEDICTION**

### **CLOSING PRAYER**

### **SENDING SONG #262** 3-5x      ***Wait for the Lord***

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.  
Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

## WORSHIP TEAM

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## ADVENT BLESSINGS!

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### Christmas Eve Worship

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*"God Immanuel in Bethlehem, Austin, Buda, EVERYWHERE!"*  
Saturday, December 24

Courtyard Worship: 4pm + 10pm  
Sanctuary Worship: 6pm + 8pm  
Livestream: 6pm

Details @ [ShepHills.org/Christmas-Worship](http://ShepHills.org/Christmas-Worship)



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### Christmas Day Worship

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*Come As You Are!*  
Sunday, December 25

9:30am Activity Center: Breakfast + Fellowship:  
10:45am Sanctuary: Christmas Worship  
10:45am Online: Rebroadcast of Christmas Eve