



James River
Community Church

Corporate Worship Gathering

Sunday December 11, 2022

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

Charles Wesley

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

Joy to those who long to see thee
Dayspring from on high, appear
Come, thou promised Rod of Jesse
For thy birth we long to hear
O'er the hills the angels singing
New glad tidings of a birth
Go to him, your praises bringing
Christ the Lord has come to earth

Come to earth to taste our sadness
He whose glories knew no end
By his life he brings us gladness
Our Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend
Leaving riches without number
Born within a cattle stall
This the everlasting wonder
Christ was born the Lord of all

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

Call to Worship

Adapted from Isaiah 11.

Please participate by reading the underlined portions.

A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse! From his roots will come a branch that will bear fruit.

The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him. The Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of might, the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the Lord.

He will judge the needy with righteousness. He will give decisions for the poor of the earth with justice. He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth. He will slay the wicked with the breath of his lips.

Righteousness will be his belt, and faithfulness will be the sash around his waist.

The wolf will live with the lamb. The leopard will lie down with the goat. The cow will feed with the bear. And a little child will lead them.

The earth will be filled with the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

John M. Neale, Thomas Helmore

O come, O come, Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel*

O come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free
Thine own from Satan's tyranny
From depths of Hell Thy people save
And give them victory o'er the grave

O come, Thou Day-Spring, 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 Key of David, come
And open wide our heavenly home
Make safe the way that leads on high
And close the path to misery

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

Congregational Prayer

Heavenly Father,

As we have entered Advent season, we are reminded of the reason for the incarnation of Christ into the world - to save sinners like us.

Without his sacrificial, substitutionary death on our behalf, we would still be in our sins, and facing an eternity of punishment.

Even still, to our dismay, we find that we keep on sinning against you. We are truly sorry, and we come to you in a spirit of repentance.

Please forgive us. Please save us.

In Jesus's name.

Amen.

Emmanuel

Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash

What hope we hold this starlit night
A King is born in Bethlehem
Our journey long, we seek the light
That leads to the hallowed manger ground

What fear we felt in the silent age
Four hundred years can He be found
But broken by a baby's cry
Rejoice in the hallowed manger ground

*Emmanuel, Emmanuel
God incarnate, here to dwell
Emmanuel, Emmanuel
Praise His name Emmanuel*

The son of God, here born to bleed
A crown of thorns would pierce His brow
And we beheld this offering
Exalted now the King of kings
Praise God for the hallowed manger ground

Statement of Faith

Apostles' Creed

We believe in God the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.

We believe 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 was buried.
The third day he rose from the dead.
He ascended to heaven,
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy universal Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

Amen.

Oh What a Glorious Night

Ben McDonald, Casey Brown, David Frey, Jonathan Smith

The shepherds came to see the baby
Stood by his mother's side
Here laid the Savior inside a manger
Oh what a glorious night

*I hear the angels singing
Hallelujah! Let the earth receive her king
I know that love has come
Sing it out!
Jesus Christ is born*

The shepherds wondered
They couldn't hide it
Told everyone in sight
All were amazed when they heard how
God came down on the glorious night

Glorious
What a glorious night

All is calm now
All is quiet
A star shining in the sky
Below in Bethlehem the King is sleeping
Oh what a glorious night

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

Charles Wesley, George Whitefield, Felix Mendelssohn

Hark! The herald-angels sing
Glory to the newborn king
Peace on earth and mercy mild
God and sinners reconciled
Joyful all ye nations rise
Join the triumph of the skies
With the angelic host proclaim
Christ is born in Bethlehem
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Christ, by highest heaven adored
Christ, the everlasting Lord
Late in time behold Him come
Offspring of a Virgin's womb
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see
Hail the incarnate Deity
Pleased as man with man to dwell
Jesus, our Emmanuel
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Hail the Heaven-born Prince of Peace
Hail the Sun of Righteousness
Light and life to all He brings
Risen with healing in His wings
Mild He lays His glory by
Born that man no more may die
Born to raise the sons of earth
Born to give them second birth
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Glory to the newborn king

Come, Desire of Nations, come
Fix in us thy humble Home
Rise the woman's conquering Seed
Bruise in us the Serpent's Head
Adam's likeness now efface
Stamp thy image in its place
Second Adam from above
Reinstate us in thy love
Hark! The herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn king

** Children (up to 2nd grade) are dismissed to Children's Church.*

Mark 1:9-11

⁹ In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹ And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

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Benediction

After the service, please stay a while and fellowship with us. We are so glad you're here!

Visiting JRCC

We are so glad that you are here! We hope that your visit is encouraging to your soul. Please fill out a Connect Card and drop it in the offering (or online), so that we can get to know you!



Membership at JRCC

You are welcome to visit any time, but the best way to feel at home at JRCC is to become a member. If you are interested in membership, or have questions, please let us know!

Children

- Nursery (infants, up to age 3) is available during the service.
- Children's Church (age 4 to 2nd grade) begins when the sermon begins.



Giving

There are several ways to give to James River Community Church:

- In the offering box in the back of the sanctuary.
- Online or by mail, by visiting www.jrccsuffolk.org/give.

Reflection Questions

Questions to help you reflect on the sermon, or discuss it in community with others.



Contact

If you have any questions, or if there is anything that we can do to serve you, please let us know. We would love to hear from you!

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Announcements

- Member Meeting / Children's Christmas Play
 - Sunday December 11, 6pm
- Christmas
 - No services on December 24
 - Corporate Worship Gathering on December 25 at 11am
- Crisis Pregnancy Center Baby Bottle Fundraiser
 - January 22 - February 24
- CAPS Night Stay
 - January 6-7
 - March 22-29
- Sunday School
 - Break for holidays
 - Next semester begins January 8

