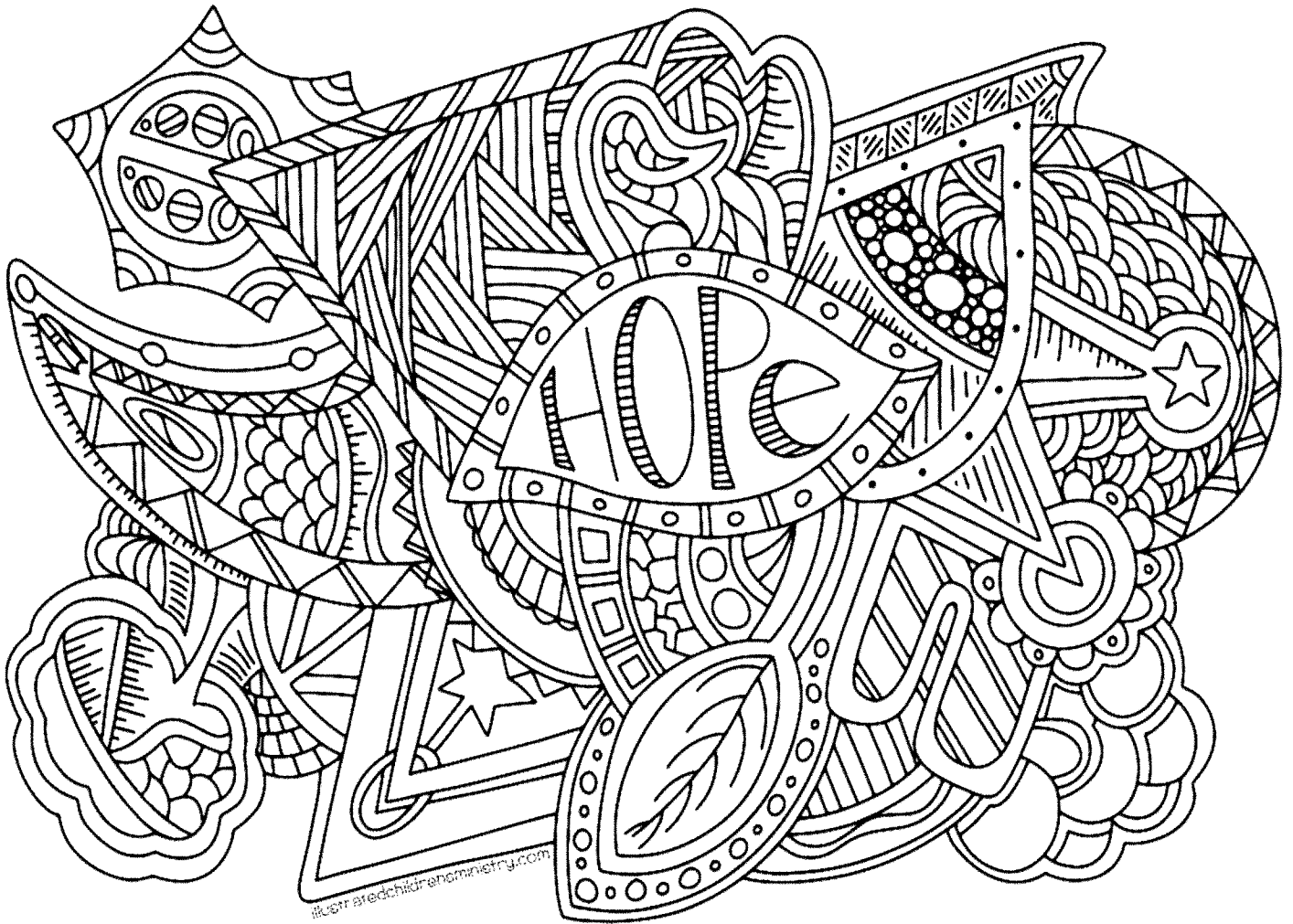


NORTHBROOK UMC

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December 1, 2024

1st Sunday of Advent

Hope

11:00 a.m.

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December 1, 2024
Order of Worship | 11:00 AM

Welcome and Announcements

Dr. Chad Hunt

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude

Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming
Pam Feltenberger & Margareta Wesolowska

arr. Victor Labenske

*Call to Worship

Kamisha Washington

Leader: Come to worship, all who seek and search for truth and justice.

All: The light will guide your way to wisdom.

Leader: Come to worship, all who wonder, wander, and wait for Jesus.

All: The light will show you the way.

Leader: Come to worship, to find comfort, rest, and peace.

All: God is in the shadows, find peace under God's wings.

Leader: Come to worship, all who seek safety from scary things.

All: God is in the hiding places, and the darkness is safe.

Leader: We gather to worship in light and in darkness.

God is here among us. Let us worship!

*Opening Prayer

Kamisha Washington

Light of the World and Shadow of Safety,
you created light and darkness for our good.

As we enter this season of Advent, waiting in the darkness
for the light of the world, we find you all around us.

We join together to praise you today, to hear from your Spirit,
and to meet with the living Word, Christ Jesus,
who was with God in the beginning.

Open our hearts and minds to hear what you have to say to us today.

Open our hearts and minds to release our concerns to your loving care.

And open our hearts and minds to meet the needs of our neighbors with
compassion. **Amen.**

*Hymn

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

UMH 211

Invitation, Confession and Pardon

Invitation

Even as we watch and wait for the coming of our True Hope, Christ prepares a table for us. Christ's bread of life and cup of blessing are available to all who desire to be fed by the feast. This fellowship welcomes you to come to the table, no matter where you are on your journey, no matter where you come from, whom you love, your identity, or level of understanding. All willing hearts are welcome. Let us pray together:

Confession and Pardon

Light of the World and Shadow of Safety, we confess once again we are humans, imperfect in our love for one another, and unjust with our power. As we approach the table of your sacrifice, set us right again. Orient us to the love and justice of heaven. Amen.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God is faithful to turn us around and place us on healthy paths when we acknowledge our unloving and unjust selves. Rest in the assurance you are forgiven, loved, and ready to begin again.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

Glory to God. Amen.

*Gloria Patri

UMH 71

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.

Advent Candle Lighting

Hope

The Spits Family

In our most desperate times, by day or by night, the hope of Christ may be found. We watch and we wait to witness the hope of heaven making a place here on earth. Today we light the candle of hope, because hope has come to us.

Light the first candle.

Come, hope of heaven!

We lift up our heads with expectation.

Where will we find you today?

Let us pray together:

**Light of the World and Shadow of Safety,
we find hope in the world you have created for us,
hope in the sunlight that energizes life on our planet,
hope in the moon that directs the tides and brightens the night,
hope in the stars that direct weary travelers,
hope in the night that gives us all rest.
When we begin to feel hopeless and helpless, remind us of the lights
guiding our path and the darkness shielding our sleep.
We choose hope in the name of the One who was and is and is to come.
Amen.**

Musical Response

**O come, O Bright and Morning Star,
and bring us comfort from afar!
Dispel the shadows of the night
and turn our darkness into light.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.**

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Jennifer Andone

**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.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Light of the World and Shadow of Safety, we bring our humble
offerings to you, knowing to you belong the lights sustaining us
and the vastness of the universe surrounding us. Take our
offerings of time and treasure and multiply them among us.
Guide us to use these gifts with wisdom and cleverness to the
glory of your Son, Jesus. Amen.**

Offertory

E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come

Cantores

Paul Manz

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God, all creatures here below,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power up-lifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*Scripture

John 1: 1-5

Sermon

“The Darkness Did Not Overcome”

Rev. Josh McDaniel

Holy Communion

Rev. Jennifer Andone

Light of the World, you are holy.
Shadow of Safety, you are powerful and mighty.
Just as you guided Israel as a pillar of fire at day
and a pillar of cloud at night, you guide us through darkness and light.
And you guided Jesus, from his incarnation in Bethlehem,
through his baptism, temptation, and ministry,
even as he prepared for pain and loss. We remember:

Words of Institution

And so, in remembrance of the Light of the World, Jesus Christ,
we come to the table with hope and expectation,
confident that through the incarnation of Jesus, we are made whole.
Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Let us pray:

God our Loving Parent, meet us here as we share these gifts of bread
and wine.

Make them be for us the life and blessing of Christ,
that we may be lights of love and justice to the world.

Holy Spirit, unite us in Christ's mission.

Help us care for one another and for our community,
until love and justice reign and we feast at his heavenly banquet
together.

To Christ, our friend and brother,
to the Almighty Creator,
to the Holy Spirit, our comforter,
be glory and praise forever and ever.

Amen.

*Hymn

View the Present through the Promise

Bulletin

*Benediction

Rev. Josh McDaniel

Siblings in Christ, do not be afraid of the light or darkness.
Go into the world and bring light to the lost and darkness to the weary.

Receive this blessing:

May you find hope in the sunrise and comfort in the sunset.

May you be beacons of light and shelters of warmth for the travelers surrounding you.

May you remember the hope of Christ lives in you.

Amen.

*Congregational Response

Love Came Down at Christmas

UMH 242

v. 3

**Love shall be our token; love be yours and love be mine;
love to God and all men, love for plea and gift and sign.**

***Standing as able**

Welcome to Northbrook! Please fill out the "Connect Card" and place it in the offering plate later in the service. Thank you for worshiping at Northbrook today! If you have questions or need assistance, please go to the welcome booth at the entrance to the sanctuary.

211 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran-som cap-tive
 2. O come, thou Wis-dom from on high, and or - der all things
 3. O come, O come, great Lord of might, who to thy tribes on
 4. O come, thou Root of Jes - se's tree, an en-sign of thy

Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone-ly ex - ile here
 far and nigh; to us the path of knowl - edge show
 Si - nai's height in an-cient times once gave the law
 peo - ple be; be - fore thee ru - lers si - lent fall;

Refrain

un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 and cause us in her ways to go. Re-joice! Re-joice! Em -
 in cloud and maj-es - ty and awe.
 all peo-ples on thy mer - cy call.

man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

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

Antiphons may be read before and between hymn stanzas.

- Antiphon 1 O EMMANUEL, our King and Lawgiver, the Expected of the nations and their Savior: **Come and save us, O Lord, our God.**
- Antiphon 2 O WISDOM, who came forth from the mouth of the Most High, reaching from end to end, and ordering all things mightily and sweetly: **Come, and teach us the way of prudence.**
- Antiphon 3 O ADONAI and Leader of the house of Israel, who appeared to Moses in the flames of the bush and gave him the law on Sinai: **Come, and with your outstretched arm redeem us.**
- Antiphon 4 O ROOT OF JESSE, who stands for an ensign of the people, before whom kings shall keep silence and to whom the Gentiles shall make their supplication: **Come, and deliver us and tarry not.**
- Antiphon 5 O KEY OF DAVID and Scepter of the house of Israel, who opens and no one shuts, who shuts and no one opens: **Come, and bring forth from prison the captive who sits in darkness and in the shadow of death.**
- Antiphon 6 O DAYSPRING, Brightness of the light eternal and Sun of justice: **Come, and enlighten those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death.**
- Antiphon 7 O KING OF THE GENTILES and their Desired One, Cornerstone that makes both one: **Come, and deliver us whom you formed out of the dust of the earth.**

WORDS: 9th cent. Latin; trans. st. 1, 3, 5ab, 6cd, 7ab *The Hymnal*. 1940;
st. 2, Henry Sloane Coffin, 1916; st. 4, 5cd, 6ab, 7cd, Laurence Hull
Stookey, 1986

VENI EMMANUEL
LM with Refrain

MUSIC: 15th cent. French; arr. and harm. by Thomas Helmore, 1854

3048 View the Present through the Promise

F B \flat G7 C B \flat C F

1. View the pres-ent through the prom-ise, Christ will come a - gain.
 2. Probe the pres-ent with the prom-ise, Christ will come a - gain.
 3. Match the pres-ent to the prom-ise, Christ will come a - gain.

5 F B \flat G7 C B \flat C7 F

Trust de-spite the deep - ening dark-ness, Christ will come a - gain.
 Let your dai - ly ac - tions wit - ness, Christ will come a - gain.
 Make this hope your guid - ing prem - ise, Christ will come a - gain.

9 B \flat B \flat F C7 B \flat C7

Lift the world a - bove its griev-ing through your watch-ing and be-liev - ing
 Let your lov - ing and your giv - ing and your jus - tice and for-giv - ing
 Pat - tern all your cal - cu - lat - ing and the world you are cre - a - ting

13 F B \flat G7 C B \flat C7 F

in the hope past hope's con-ceiv - ing: Christ will come a - gain.
 be a sign to all the liv - ing: Christ will come a - gain.
 to the ad - vent you are wait - ing: Christ will come a - gain.

WORDS: Thomas H. Troeger

MUSIC: Trad. Welsh melody; harm. by Luther Orlando Emerson

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December's Second Mile Offering is for Northbrook UMC Emergency Assistance Fund.

Upcoming (Please see the **Midweek Update** or our **website** for more detailed information):

- Angel Tree gifts for Wellroot families are due back today.
- Order a poinsettia in honor or memory of a special person. \$20 each. Contact Lesé Cooper.
- Northbrook Christmas trees for sale: November 29 – December 15.
- Hanging of the Greens: December 2 & 3, 10:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- Advent Festival December 4, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Volunteers needed.
- Comfort and Joys, A Musical Celebration, December 15 at 11:00 a.m.
- W.O.N. (Women of Northbrook), Tuesdays 7:00 p.m., Room 233.
- Centering Prayer meets on Mondays at 5:30 p.m. in room 201.
- Northbrook Students (youth group) meets on Sunday evenings, 5:30-7 p.m. in The Summit.
 - *Sunday 12/8, 5:30 p.m. - Trip to Target, shopping for sponsored family
 - *Sunday 12/15, 5:30 p.m. - Christmas Party at the McCrees
 - *Sunday 12/22, 6:00 p.m. – Living Nativity

All announcements can be accessed using QR Codes:

Behold Commitment Card	Midweek Update	Giving
		

The November Prayer focus is for those who are grieving during the holiday season.

Ongoing Prayer Concerns:

Jamie Beliveau, Jan Boyea, and Gwen Lindsey.

Additional Prayer Concerns: Visit www.northbrookumc.com/prayer to share prayer concerns.

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| Sonya Adams | Danny Cornell | Sophie Knapp |
| Shirley Adams' family | Bob Ellis | Rob Meeks Family |
| The Bahl family | Billy Gaultney | Fleurette Pelletier |
| Huss Beutell | Delle Griffin | Tyler Gall |
| Cheryl Beutell | Joel Guinoban | Marie Rawls |
| Janet Beyer | Jim Hanson | Kim Shea |
| George Brown | Sally Hodges | Ryan Thomas' grandpa |
| Wayne Bryan | Betsy Kiriakedes | Nancy Tretinik |
| Alex Bui | | |