St. James Worship Service



First Sunday of Advent

November 29, 2026

Serving Today

Minister	Pastor Don Knowles
Organist/Pianist	Dr. John Hildreth
Worship Assistant	Stacy Miles
Lector	Christian Cottingham
Video	Jerry Johansen

Today's Music

260	***The King Shall Come***
240	***Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah, v1***
242	***Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn***
246	***Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding!***

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The King Shall Come

1. **The King shall come when morning dawns**
   and light triumphant breaks,
   when beauty gilds the eastern hills
   and life to joy awakes.

2. **Not as of old a little child,**
   to bear and fight and die,
   but crowned with glory like the sun
   that lights the morning sky.

3. **Oh, brighter than the rising morn**
when Christ, victorious, rose
and left the lonesome place of death,
despite the rage of foes.

4. Oh, brighter than that glorious morn
shall dawn upon our race
the day when Christ in splendor comes,
and we shall see his face.

5. **The King shall come when morning dawns**
   and light and beauty brings.
   Hail, Christ the Lord! Your people pray:
   come quickly, King of kings.

Text: John Brownlie, 1859-1925

240

Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah

1. **Light one candle to watch for Messiah:**
   let the light banish darkness.
   He shall bring salvation to Israel,
   God fulfills the promise.

Text: Wayne L. Wold, b. 1954

242

Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn

1. **Awake! Awake, and greet the new morn,**
   for angels herald its dawning.
   Sing out your joy, for soon he is born,
   behold! the Child of our longing.

Come as a baby weak and poor,

to bring all hearts together,

he opens wide the heav’nly door

and lives now inside us forever.

2. To us, to all in sorrow and fear,
Emmanuel comes a-singing,
his humble song is quiet and near,
yet fills the earth with its ringing;

music to heal the broken soul

and hymns of lovingkindness,

the thunder of his anthems roll

to shatter all hatred and blindness.

3. **In darkest night his coming shall be,**
   when all the world is despairing,
   as morning light so quiet and free,
   so warm and gentle and caring.

Then shall the mute break forth in song,

the lame shall leap in wonder,

the weak be raised above the strong,

and weapons be broken asunder.

4. **Rejoice, rejoice, take heart in the night,**
   though dark the winter and cheerless,
   the rising sun shall crown you with light,
   be strong and loving and fearless.

Love be our song and love our prayer

and love our endless story;

may God fill ev’ry day we share

and bring us at last into glory.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

246

Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding!

1. **Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding!**
   “Christ is near,” we hear is say.
   “Cast away the works of darkness,
   all you children of the day!”

2. **Wakened by the solemn warning,**
   from earth’s bondage let us rise;
   Christ, our sun, all sloth dispelling,
   shine upon the morning skies.

3. **See the Lamb, so long expected,**
come with pardon down from heav’n.
Let us haste, with tears of sorrow,
one and all, to be forgiv’n;

4. **So, when next he comes in glory**
   and the world is wrapped in fear,
   he will shield us with his mercy
   and with words of love draw near.

5. **Honor, glory, might, and blessing**
   to the Father and the Son
   with the everlasting Spirit
   while unending ages run!

Text: Latin hymn, 1632; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814-1878

Go in peace. Bring good news to the brokenhearted.

Thanks be to God.

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