

Joint Worship Service

St. James, Calvary and All Saints



First Sunday of Advent

November 30, 2025

Serving Today

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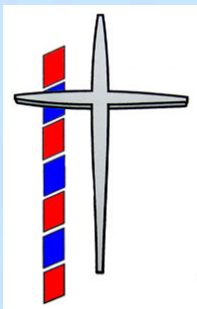
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Today's Music

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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

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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

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Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

**1. Rejoice, rejoice, believers,
and let your lights appear;
the evening is advancing,
and darker night is near.**

**The bridegroom is arising
and soon is drawing nigh.**

**Up, pray and watch and wrestle;
at midnight comes the cry.**

**2. The watcher on the mountain
proclaim the bridegroom near;
go forth as he approaches
with alleluias clear.**

**The marriage feast is waiting;
the gates wide open stand.
Arise, O heirs of glory;
the bridegroom is at hand.**

**3. The saints, who here in patience
their cross and suff'rings bore,
shall live and reign forever
when sorrow is no more.**

**Around the throne of glory
the Lamb they shall behold;
in triumph cast before him
their diadems of gold.**

**4. Our hope and expectation,
O Jesus, now appear;
arise, O Sun so longed for,
o'er this benighted sphere.**

**With hearts and hands uplifted,
we plead, O Lord, to see
the day of earth's redemption
that sets your people free!**

Text: Laurentius Laurenti, 1660-1722;
tr. Sarah B. Findlater, 1823-1907

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He Came Down

**1. He came down that we may have love;
he came down that we may have love;
he came down that we may have love;
hallelujah forevermore.**

**2. He came down that we may have light;
he came down that we may have light;
he came down that we may have light;
hallelujah forevermore.**

**3. He came down that we may have peace;
he came down that we may have peace;
he came down that we may have peace;
hallelujah forevermore.**

**4. He came down that we may have joy;
he came down that we may have joy;
he came down that we may have joy;
hallelujah forevermore.**

Text: Cameroon traditional

Go in peace. Keep awake.
Thanks be to God.

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