

PSALM 85

TO THE LEADER. OF THE KORAHITES. A PSALM.

LORD, You were favorable to Your land; You restored the fortunes of Jacob. You forgave the iniquity of Your people; You pardoned all their sin. *Selah.* You withdrew all Your wrath; You turned from Your hot anger. Restore us again, O God of our salvation, and put away Your indignation toward us. Will You be angry with us forever? Will You prolong Your anger to all generations? Will You not revive us again, so that Your people may rejoice in You? Show us Your steadfast love, O LORD, and grant us Your salvation. Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for He will speak peace to His people, to His faithful, to those who turn to Him in their hearts. Surely His salvation is at hand for those who fear Him, that His glory may dwell in our land. Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other. Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky. The LORD will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase. Righteousness will go before Him, and will make a path for His steps.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

All programming is virtual unless otherwise indicated

Event Time	Event Name
Sunday, 06 December 2020	
9:30 AM to 10:30 AM	Adult Ed. Lecture Series
9:30 AM to 10:30 AM	Christmas Pageant Rehearsal
11:00 AM to 12:00 PM	Sunday Morning Online Worship
12:15 PM to 1:30 PM	High School Youth Group
1:00 PM to 1:50 PM	Co-Ed Bible Study
6:00 PM to 7:00 PM	Zoom Home Tree Lighting
Monday, 07 December 2020	
8:00 AM to 10:30 AM	Keep Fit 2020-21 - Monday Class
Tuesday, 08 December 2020	
4:30 PM to 5:30 PM	Keep Fit 2020-21 - Tuesday Class
Wednesday, 09 December 2020	
6:00 PM to 6:20 PM	Wednesday Evening Prayer Service
Thursday, 10 December 2020	
7:45 AM to 8:45 AM	Men's Bible Study
9:15 AM to 10:15 AM	Women's Bible Study
10:00 AM to 11:30 AM	Keep Fit 2020-21 - Thursday Class
5:00 PM to 6:00 PM	Stephen Kinzer: Reflections on John Foster Dulles



— THE ORDER OF SERVICE FOR —
Second Sunday in Advent
 — ELEVEN O’CLOCK —

LECTIONARY SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE DAY

Isaiah 40:1-11

Peter 3:8-15a

Psalms 85:1-2, 8-13

Mark 1:1-8

TODAY’S WORSHIP

Today’s choral music is sung by Chancel Choir members, Tonna Miller-Vallés, Elizabeth van Os, and William Ferguson. Our preacher today is the Rev. Dr. Thomas E. Evans.

LIVESTREAM MINISTRY

Services are broadcast, recorded and archived each Sunday via LiveStream and are available on the Brick Church website at <https://www.brickchurch.org/worship/livestream/> For more hymn recording from E. Deane Turner’s “A Legacy of Sacred Songs,” visit our online audio companion to the book at www.brickchurch.org/a-legacy-of-sacred-songs.

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THE FLOWERS in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. Robert I. Dickson, beloved husband, father, and Papa by the Dickson and Thorpe families..



NEXT SUNDAY’S PREACHER will be The Rev. Dr. Thomas E. Evans.

THE GATHERING

PRE-SERVICE ANTHEMS

“Adam Lay Ybounden”

Philip Ledger (1937-2012)

Adam lay ybounden, bounden in a bond: four thousand winter thought he not too long. And all was for an apple, an apple that he took, as clerkes finden written in their book. Ne had the apple taken been, the apple taken been, ne had never our lady a been heavené queen. Blessed be the time that apple taken was; Therefore we moun singen, Deo gracias! — *15th century text*

“Creator of the Stars of Night”

Malcolm Archer (b. 1952)

Creator of the stars of night, thy people’s everlasting light, Jesu, Redeemer, save us all, and hear thy servants when they call. Thou camest, bridegroom of the bride, as drew the world to eveningtide, proceeding from a virgin shrine, the Son of Man, yet all divine. At thy great name, exalted now, all knees must bend, all hearts must bow, and things in heaven and earth shall own that thou art Lord and King alone. To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, Three in One, laud, honour, might, and glory be from age to age eternally. Amen. — *7th century Latin hymn, tr. J. M. Neale, 1852*

PRELUDE

“Oh Come, Emmanuel” (*A Nativity Suite*)
Keith S. Tóth, *organist*

Wilbur Held (1914-2015)

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH & ADVENT PRAYER

Heavenly Father, creator of the world, thank you for the promise of peace. Guide us as we prepare for the coming of Jesus Christ, who brings light to the world. Amen.

Ann M. Darmstaetter

HYMN

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

Veni Emmanuel

(See music at the end of this bulletin or page 13 of E. Deane Turner’s “A Legacy of Sacred Songs”)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, always with us, always coming: We confess that we do not know how to prepare for Your Advent. We have forgotten how to hope in miracles; we have ignored the promise of Your kingdom; we get distracted by all the busyness of this season. Forgive us, God. Grant us the simple wonder of the shepherds, the intelligent courage of the Magi, and the patient faith of Mary and Joseph, that we may journey with them to Bethlehem and find the good news of a child born for us. In the quiet of our hearts we ask You to make us ready for His coming. Amen.

KYRIE

David N. Johnson (1922-1987)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

THE WORD

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION AND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 85

(See scripture text at the end of this bulletin)

Kirsten W. Morgan

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
All: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

“Righteousness and Peace Shall Kiss”

The Rev. Dr. Thomas E. Evans

THE RESPONSE

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*From the Confession of 1967 of the Presbyterian Church*)

God’s sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the mortal mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinners like us. The power of God’s love to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purposes of God’s love.

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP AND INVITATION TO OFFERING

Debra N. Seraphim

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

SANCTUS

John Merbecke (c.1510–c.1585)

THE LORD’S PRAYER

INSTITUTION

HOLY COMMUNION

Leader: The gifts of God for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please take Communion now.)

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Paul Manz (1919-2009)

“E’en So Lord Jesus, Quickly Come”

Peace be to you and grace from Him Who freed us from our sins, Who loved us all and shed His blood that we might saved be. Sing holy, holy to our Lord, the Lord, Almighty God, Who was and is and is to come; sing holy, holy Lord! Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein, rejoice on earth, ye saints below, for Christ is coming, is coming soon! E’en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come, and night shall be no more; they need no light nor lamp nor sun, for Christ will be their all!

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

HYMN

“Come, Thou Redeemer of the Earth”
(See music at the end of this bulletin)

Puer nobis nascitur

THE SENDING

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Nun komm der Heiden Heiland”
Keith S. Tóth, *organist*

Nicolaus Vetter (1666-1734)

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

VENI EMMANUEL LM with refrain

Latin, c. 12th century

Stanzas 1-2 trans. John Mason Neale, 1851; alt. 1854
Stanza 3 trans. Henry Sloane Coffin, 1916Adapt. Thomas Helmore, 1854
Accomp. John Weaver, 1988

1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som
2. O come, Thou Day - spring, come and cheer Our spir - its
3. O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind All peo - ples

cap - tive Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
by Thine ad - vent here; Dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of
in one heart and mind; Bid en - vy, strife, and dis - cord

here Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
night, And death's dark shad - ows put to flight. Re-joyce! Re-joyce!
cease; Fill the whole world with heav - en's peace.

Em - man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

COME, THOU REDEEMER OF THE EARTH

Music: PUER NOBIS NASCITUR, L.M.; Trad. or M. Praetorius; harm. G.R. Woodward, 1902
Text: *Veni, Redemptor gentium*, St. Ambrose; tr. J.M. Neale, as per *The English Hymnal*, 1906

1. Come, Thou Re - deem - er of the earth, Come, tes - ti - fy — thy won - drous birth:
2. Thy cra - dle here shall glit - ter bright, And dark - ness breathe a new - er light,
3. All laud e - ter - nal Son, to Thee; Whose ad - vent sets — thy peo - ple free

All lands ad - mire, all times ap - plaud: Such is the birth that fits our God.
Where end - less faith shall shine se - rene, And twi - light nev - er in - ter - vene.
Whom with the Fa - ther we a - dore, And Ho - ly Ghost, for ev - er - more.