

COMMUNITY CHURCH OF BARRINGTON

November 28, 2021



*First Sunday of Advent
Waiting for God's Just and Loving Reign*

ORDER OF SERVICE

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PRELUDE

Simple Gifts – arranged by Mark Hayes
His Eye Is On the Sparrow – arranged by Mark Hayes

Grace Lee

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL to WORSHIP and LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Peer Lykke

One: In Advent we watch and wait for Christ's coming.
We light candles of hope, peace, joy, and love,
remembering the promises of God with prayer.
We light this candle in hope.

Congregation sings while one candle is lit.

Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

One: As we enter this season of waiting, we confess we are not doing very well on our own.

Many: **Come down, O God, and help us.**

One: We thought we had matters in our own hands, fending for ourselves.

Many: **Come down, O God, and save us.**

One: We have lost our way. We sit in darkness.

Many: **Come, shine your light before us.**

**God of promise, God of hope,
Into our darkness come.**

***HYMN**

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

#135

SCRIPTURE: Jeremiah 33:14-16

Peer Lykke

¹⁴The time is coming, declares the LORD, when I will fulfill my gracious promise with the people of Israel and Judah. ¹⁵In those days and at that time, I will raise up a righteous branch from David's line, who will do what is just and right in the land. ¹⁶In those days, Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is what he will be called: The LORD Is Our Righteousness.

Luke 21:25-28

²⁵“There will be signs in the sun, moon, and stars. On the earth, there will be dismay among nations in their confusion over the roaring of the sea and surging waves. ²⁶The planets and other heavenly bodies will be shaken, causing people to faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world. ²⁷Then they will see the Human One^[a] coming on a cloud with power and great splendor. ²⁸Now when these things begin to happen, stand up straight and raise your heads, because your redemption is near.”

One Voice: The word of God, for the people of God.

Many Voices: Thanks be to God.

***GLORIA PATRI**

Please stand as we sing
Glory to the Father, glory to the Son, glory to the Holy Spirit, Three in

#806

One; as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be, world without end. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Alayne McNulty

OFFERING OF GIFTS

Musical Offering

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

arranged by Jan Sanborn

DOXOLOGY

#808

*Praise God from who all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CALL to PRAYER

Christ Be Our Light

Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

JOYS and CONCERNS of the CHURCH

One Voice: Gracious God

Many Voices: **Hear our Prayer**

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

HYMN

I Want to Walk As a Child of the Light

#539

PRAYER for ILLUMINATION

One Voice: May the words of my mouth,

All Voices: **And the meditations of our hearts, be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, our Strength and our Redeemer. Amen.**
(Psalm 19)

SERMON

Waiting for God's Just and Loving Reign

Rev. Carol McVetty

HYMN

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

#433

GREETING ONE ANOTHER

*Flowers on the altar today are the gift of Sarah Dockery
In memory of Bruce Dockery's birthday*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEED TO GET IN TOUCH? Pastor Carol's office hours are Tuesdays from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Pastor Carol can be reached through the church office at 847.381.1294 or she can be reached via email at revmcvetty@gmail.com. The church's pastoral and emergency care duties will also now be handled by Rev. Carol McVetty until the new Pastor begins in mid-January. If you are sick or need to speak with a pastor, don't hesitate to reach out to Pastor Carol.

A CELEBRATION AND GOODBYE FOR REV. ALISSIA THOMPSON Today, we will celebrate the ministry of Rev. Alissia Thompson, who will leave very soon to pastor a church in Granville, OH. Please join us as we send Rev. Alissia off for a new bright future in the Buckeye state!

WELCOME TO GRACE LEE – OUR NEW CHURCH MUSICIAN Be sure to stop and wish a warm welcome to Grace Lee, our new church pianist!

THIS IS PRODUCE SUNDAY – If you were not able to pick up produce for the food pantry and would like to make a donation, please see Glee Huddlestun.

OUR BOOT DRIVE IS IN FULL SWING! Keep them coming! Deadline is **December 5th**.

ADVENT DEVOTIONALS AVAILABLE – Printed copies of an Advent Devotional for this coming week are available on the counter in the tower hallway. "The Season of Almost", by Kate Bowler will help you bring times of prayerful quiet into this season of waiting. Those who have been reading her book for Sunday School will attest to her delightful wit, powerful storytelling, and wise insights. Download weeks 2-4 at katebowler.com/advent.