

THE SEASON OF ADVENT



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chiesa nuova, united church of christ

December 8, 2024
11:00am

GATHER

CHIMING THE HOUR

WELCOME — BIENVENIDO

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Jo Hudson

One: In this season of waiting, our God comes.

All: Come now, Holy God, into our anxious lives, and fill us with Your peace.

One: Come now, so in our watching and wonder, we may encounter You, as we await the birth of our Redeemer.

All: Come now, present Spirit, help us to walk with our siblings in Your path of peace.

SONG OF PRAISE

O COME, O COME EMMANUEL

Tune: Veni Emmanuel - 15th- century "Processional"

O come now Wisdom from on high
And order all things far and nigh
To us the path of knowledge show
And cause us in Your way to go
Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel
Shall come to you O Israel

O Come, o come great Lord of might
Who to Your tribes on Sinai's height
In ancient times, did give the law
In cloud and majesty and awe
Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel
Shall come to you O Israel
Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel
Shall come to you O Israel

PRAY

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

REV. MONICA BRADLEY

One: Let us pray.

All: Holy One, You witness the sorts of lives we lead. Asked to share the Gospel of Peace, we fall strangely silent. Invited to pray in every moment, we grumble about our lives. Have mercy on us, O God. Fill us with Your peace so we might lighten the shadows of others. Transform us with the tender mercy of our Redeemer Jesus Christ, through the power of Your Holy Spirit we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

One: Hear the Good News, we have spoken of our lives, that more times than not, we have missed the mark, yet, still, You forgive us..

All: We are held in God's heart, and are forgiven! Thanks be to God! Amen!

ATTEND

SONG OF PREPARATION

SHINE ON US

Words and Music by Michael W. Smith and Deborah D. Smith

Lord let the light
Light of Your peace shine on us
Lord let the light
Light of Your peace shine on us

That all may be saved
That all may have life
To find our way in the darkest night
Let Your peace shine on us
Let Your peace shine on us

*GOSPEL

Luke 3. 1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John, son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. John went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord; make the paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.' "

MESSAGE

More Than Words: "Hope Filled"

Rev. Dr. Jo Hudson

RESPOND

SONG OF PREPARATION

EVEN SO, CHRIST JESUS, COME

Words and Music by Steve Bell

Even so Christ Jesus, come
Oh divine and glorious One
Though we live as Your body
here on earth
Even so, Christ Jesus, come
Even so, Christ Jesus, come

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OFFERING

Invitation

Offering God our Gifts

The Silence Is Kept

The Lord's Prayer (using "kin-dom" and "sins")

One: Let us pray.

All: Our God in heaven, holy be Your name. Your kin-dom come. Your will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Yours is the kin-dom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

SONG OF RESPONSE

EVEN SO, CHRIST JESUS, COME

Holy Spirit breath of life

Light a path through darkest night

In Your care we confess

our deepest sigh

Even so, Sweet Spirit, come

Even so, Christ Jesus, Come

HOLY COMMUNION

The Story

The Invitation

The Blessing

The Sharing

We serve communion by intinction – at the ushers' guidance, you are invited to come forward where you will be served a piece of bread. You are invited to then dip the bread in the cup, which contains grape juice, and receive the two elements together. Gluten-free bread is also available to the far right. All are welcome.

SONG OF COMMUNION

COME, EMMANUEL

Words and Music by Twila Paris

Come and speak to us	Once mercy found us,
Come and renew us	Still You astound us
Come and live through us Emmanuel	Hold and surround us Emmanuel
Grace to implore us	Living inside us
Ever before us	Faithful to guide us
Come and restore us Emmanuel	Cover and guide us Emmanuel
Come Emmanuel, come Emmanuel	Come Emmanuel, come Emmanuel
Come Emmanuel, come Emmanuel	Come Emmanuel, come Emmanuel

Love that begins us,
Pardons and wins us
Come and reign in us Emmanuel
Come and speak to us,
Fill and renew us
Come and live through us Emmanuel
Come Emmanuel, come Emmanuel
Come Emmanuel, come Emmanuel
Emanuel, Emanuel

The Thanks

DEPART

COMMUNITY REMINDERS

✦ **BLESSING**

✦ **SONG OF DEPARTING**

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COME, O LONG-EXPECTED JESUS

Words and Music by Charles Wesley

Come O long-expected Jesus
Born to set Your people free
From our fears and sins release us
Grant us Your true liberty
By Your own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone
By Your all sufficient merit
Raise to us Your glorious home

✦ SHARING THE PEACE — COMPARTIENDO LA PAZ

One: The hope of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

One: La Esperanza de Cristo esté con vosotros.

All: **Y tambien contigo.**

✦ SENT

WORSHIP



JUSTICE & JAZZ SUNDAY VESPERS CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Sunday, December 15, 5:00pm

Worship with us at Justice & Jazz Vespers on Sunday, December 15 at 5:00 pm in the sanctuary at 6464 E Lovers Lane, Dallas, 75214. (St Paul's UCC) for a special **CHRISTMAS CONCERT**, with our outstanding, Sound of Justice Jazz ensemble, a special Jazz Singers ensemble,

and a reception following the service. As always, the service will begin at 5:00 pm and conclude by 6:00 pm, unless the Spirit gets ahold of us and we stay a brief few minutes longer. The service, as always will feature local jazz musicians, Sounds of Justice, and an inspirational message of justice. You won't want to miss this special Christmas event

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newchurch OPEN AND AFFIRMING (ONA) STATEMENT

We are the **newchurch** — the Chiesa Nuova, United Church of Christ — who gather and are gathered as an intentional, Christian community seeking to follow in the Way of Jesus. We are a community of faith witnessing to God's love and grace for persons of every race, gender, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, nationality, ethnicity, marital status, physical or mental ability, political stance and theological perspective. As agents of reconciliation and wholeness, we pledge to stand against all forms of discrimination and to embrace all who are disenfranchised from church and community. Together in our diversity and empowered and guided by the Holy Spirit, we are committed to "do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God" (Micah 6:8)

Did You Know...

Chiesa (/ˈkjɛzə/) Nuova (/ˈnwo.vo/) is "New Church" in Italian. We include the Italian translation in our name to honor Saint Francis of Assisi, whom we claim as the Patron Saint of **newchurch**.

HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING ...

- 12/8**
11:00 am **Second Sunday of Advent Worship**
Onsite & Online, Fellowship Hall
- 12/11**
6:33 pm **Wednesday, Online Book Club**
Zoom
- 12/12**
7:00 pm **Thursday, Onsite Dinner & Book Club**
email info@thenewchurch.com for location
- 12/15**
11:00 am **Third Sunday of Advent Worship**
Onsite & Online, Fellowship Hall
5:00 pm **CHRISTMAS CONCERT**
Justice & Jazz Vespers, Sanctuary
6:00 pm Christmas Reception, Fellowship Hall
- 12/18**
6:33 pm **Wednesday, Online Book Club**
Zoom
- 12/19**
7:00 pm **Thursday, Onsite Dinner & Book Club**
email info@thenewchurch.com for location
- 12/22**
11:00 am **Fourth Sunday of Advent Worship, COOKIES & SONGS**
Onsite & Online, Fellowship Hall
- 12/24**
6:33 pm **Tuesday, CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT & COMUNION WORSHIP**
Onsite & Online, Fellowship Hall
- 12/29**
11:00 am **1st Sunday of Christmas — Sunday of Service**
Online Only Worship
Mission Outreach to the Unhoused in Downtown Dallas
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